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Archbishop & Metropolitan and the Bishop of the
Diocese of New Westminster: The Most Reverend John Stephens



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist August 23rd, 2026
10:00 am

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us in-person and online today.

The Gathering of the Community

A Land Acknowledgement for Use at St Clement's

please stand

Written by Jenn Ashton, Indigenous Ministry Leader

Led by: Lucy Makina

At St. Clement's Church, we appreciate that we currently reside, work, and worship in the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

We recognize, support, advocate for and are grateful to Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now and for those who were forcibly removed from their homelands.

By offering this land acknowledgement, we work to hold ourselves and others more accountable to the needs and rights of Indigenous peoples, here and everywhere.

I, as part of St. Clement's, gratefully and respectfully carry these thoughts today and every day to be reminded of the importance of teaching, culture and contributions of the original caretakers of this land.

The Opening Hymn: Be Thou My Vision CP 505

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my good Shepherd; thine own may I be,
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Lord of the heavens, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Text: Irish hymn (8th cent); tr. Mary Elizabeth Byne (1880-1931); vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

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Music: Melody Irish trad.; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958), alt. Arr. © Oxford University Press.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Presider Living God,
All you accept our stumbling faith,
our misplaced answers,
our false horizons,
and through them you build a way of peace.
Empower and enable us
to bind the wounds of the world
and loose the bonds of oppression,
so that all may confess the grace
that is your work alone;
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. Amen.

The Children's Talk

The Venerable Peggy Trendell-Jensen

please sit

**Hear God's Word, a flame that lights our path each day.
See God's Word, reflected in our lives.
Live God's Word, throughout each day, in work and play.
God's own Word, keeps us alive.**

(Music: Lynne Graham: Lyrics: Lynley Lewis) This music can be listened to here:
www.youtube.com/@lynleylewismusic

A reading from the Book of Exodus (1: 8-2:10)

Julianna Machell

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get

you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 *Inclusive Language Psalter. Anglican Church of Canada (2016).*

The presider reads the un-bolded verses and the people read the bolded ones

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
- 2 **if the Lord had not been on our side,**
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **then would the waters have overwhelmed us**
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the Lord**
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the name of the Lord,**
the maker of heaven and earth.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (12: 1-8)

Ian Thomas

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: Honey in the Rock - African American Traditional

please stand

Refrain: Honey in the rock for all Gods children

Honey in the rock, honey in the rock

Honey in the rock for all Gods children

Feed every child of God

If religion were a thing that money could buy....Feed every child of God

The rich would live and the poor would die...Feed every child of God

The tallest tree in Paradise.....feed every child of God

Some just call it the tree of life.....Feed every child...

Refrain

When I'm happy I'll shout and sing...
And make the heavenly spirit ring.....

One of these mornings bright and fair,....
Gonna take my flight in the middle of the air...

Refrain

The Gospel

Please all stand for the Gospel as you are able

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16: 13-20).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

the song continues

One of these nights about twelve o'clock, (Feed every...)
This whole world's gonna reel and rock. (Feed every...)

If we're gonna be fair, we gotta open the door; (Feed every...)
We gotta house the homeless and feed the poor. (Feed every...)

If chains hold us down, we gotta break the lock, (Feed every...)
Then we'll taste sweet honey in the rock. (Feed every...)

Refrain

The Sermon

The Venerable Peggy Trendell-Jensen

please sit

sermon notes

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed

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Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

***All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Community

Lynne Graham

please stand, sit, or kneel

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy.
God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

**All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Please offer peace to one another with a nod, bow, handshake or hug.

The Offertory Hymn: I am Here in the Heart of God

Music that Makes Community- paperless

Erin McGaughan

The Celebration of the Eucharist

please stand

The Prayer over the Gifts

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Presider Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**All Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 735

(Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.) X2

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Music: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx
(1937-). Arr. © 1985, 1989 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Presider Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick
and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross,
opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my
body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us in the language closest to your heart,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread for ever.**

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in you, as you live in us.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

please sit

If you are not physically receiving Communion, you are invited to offer this prayer...

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Music during Communion

will be decided by Patti Powell

The Prayer after Communion

please stand

Presider Living God,

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All **increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending

Community Announcements

please sit

Blessing and dismissal

The Closing Hymn: Hamba Nathi (Xhosa) S. African

please stand

Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu

Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu

Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu

Hamba nathi mkhululi wethu

Mkhululi, Mkhululi, Mkhululi wethu (4x)

Go with us Lord and set us all free...(4x)

And set us, and set us, and set us all free (4x)

You are holy, you show us the way (4x)

you show us, you show us, you show us the way (4x)

Intercessory Prayers for any concerns happen after the service, with an intercessory team, in the chancel (behind the Ambo or place where people speak from). Please wait until there is a chair free, to leave privacy for the person ahead of you.
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Pastoral Care

Helen will be away on an extended study leave from June 1st till August 31st. In her absence, please contact Deacon Peggy for pastoral concerns.

A BIG welcome to Reverend Emilie Smith who is with us until September and to her wife Patti Powell who is our music director this Sunday and next Sunday!

Hello all St. Clement's Parents and Children,
St. Clement's continues to cherish members of all ages including children. Presently, during the summer months of July and August, there is no Sunday School, but we will have activities for your children to entertain themselves with such as busy boards and books for the younger kids and more challenging activities for the older ones. The sidespeople at the back of the church can help you with this. Anyone who has questions/thoughts about or would like to help with the Children's Ministry at St. Clement's is encouraged to contact Beth.

For all other matters while Helen is away:

To arrange a home communion or healing prayer visit, please contact one of the deacons or lay pastoral visitor Jason. Wardens Lucy and Donna are available for queries related to parish governance. Please continue to direct questions related to music to Lynley, parish administration to Beth, and Indigenous ministry concerns to Jenn.

The Reverend Emilie Smith will cover the rest of this summer's Sunday duties. Our established roster of St Clement's preachers will continue throughout the summer and will include Deacon Peggy, Jenn Ashton, and Allison Williams.

Please note: Emilie is available for Sunday supply only. General inquiries related to pastoral care, weddings, or funerals can be directed to "clergy at stclementschurch.ca"

***Editing Challenge: If you can find 2 mistakes in the bulletin, come find Beth Bailey and you will get a candy (that goes for adults too)

What's On This Week and Beyond

- Today** **After service: Coffee, tea and goodies** are downstairs in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday** **3 pm Power Hour Prayer** on zoom- contact Lynne Graham.
We give thanks and pray for the world and our community. All are welcome. Everything is confidential.
- Wednesday** **10.30 am Bible Study.** Contact Dave Parry for more information.
7.30 pm Bible Study- contact Lynne Graham.
- Thursday** **9.30-12.30 pm Wild Things Gardening.** We tend to the gardens of St Clement's. All are welcome. Please bring gloves and tools. Contact Elizabeth.
6 pm Praise Singalong in St Clement's Sanctuary. Come out to sing along to your favourite praise songs with your friends with YouTube videos.
- Friday** **7.30 am The ROMEOs** meet at Cora's Restaurant, cnr Marine Dr. and & Fell, for breakfast and Bible Study. (*Retired Old Mean Eating Out*)
10.30 Knitwits Knitting Club- contact Sylvia Enga.
- Friday Aug 28-30 Until All are Fed Diocesan Youth Movement Retreat at Camp Artaban.** Jason Rajan, Beth Bailey, Kuzi Makina and Izzy Williams will be attending.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Rom 12:9-21; Mt 16:21-28

Ministry Connections

Priest	Helen Dunn	on extended study leave for June, July and August
Deacon	Peggy Trendell-Jensen	604-619-5576; "peggy at stclementschurch.ca"
Deacon and Indigenous Ministry Leader	Jenn Ashton	"Jenn at stclementschurch.ca"
Retired Deacon	Elizabeth Mathers	604-339-6581
Lay Pastoral Visitor	Jason Rajan	"Jason at stclementschurch.ca"; 604-644-5089
Admin Assistant	Beth Bailey	604-988-4418
Music Director	Lynley Lewis	"music at stclementschurch.ca"
People's Warden	Donna Burdick*	778-988-9001
Rector's Warden	Lucy Makina	"lucy at stclementschurch.ca"
Treasurer	Sharon Walker	604-929-2276; "sharon.walker1184 at gmail.com"
Children/Sunday School	Beth Bailey	"beth at stclementschurch.ca"
Envelope Secretary	Mary-Anne Taylor	"mabt at shaw.ca"; 604-616-6593
Building Coordinator	Joanne Graham	"joannedavid05 at gmail.com"

*if you'd like to talk to Donna, please do so between 5 and 6 pm any day except Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ministry Lay Leaders this Week

Altar set-up and clean-up	Charlotte Nelson
A/V Technician	Sean Faivre-Duboz
Counters	Ian Harvey and Audrey Yong
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeanette and Larry Terrace
Eucharistic Bread	Wilna Parry
Intercessory Prayers	Sally Hinnell and Sylvia Enga
Land Acknowledgement Leader	Lucy Makina
Prayers of the People	Lynne Graham
Readers	Julianna Machell and Ian Thomas
Servers	Lucy Makina and Christopher Yong
Sidespeople	Olivia Creighton and Gordon Graham
Sunday School Teachers	none for the summer
Tea/Coffee hosts	Gordon and Lynne Graham
	*next week Sylvia Enga and Barbel Ismen

Prayers: *The following are for your prayers this week*

In our own Diocese: Pray for John, our Bishop and Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Stephen, our Archdeacon; Helen, our Regional Dean; and for the North Vancouver Anglican churches. Pray for Shane Parker, Primate; Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayers this week we pray for Christ Church Cathedral and Christ Church, Hope. We pray for all students at the Vancouver School of Theology.

For the wider Church: Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa and the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines and for our partner parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo.

In our parish community: Pray for: Helen, our priest; Emilie, our locum, while Helen is away; Peggy, our deacon (and the diocesan Archdeacon for Deacons); Jenn, our deacon and Indigenous Ministry Leader; Elizabeth, our retired deacon; Allison Williams and her parish discernment group; Lucy Makina and Donna Burdick, our wardens; Beth, our parish administrator and children's ministry worker; Lynley, our music director, Sharon Walker, our treasurer; Mary-Anne, our envelope secretary; Sean, our AV tech; Joanne, our building manager; Jason, our lay pastoral visitor and Brianna, our cleaner. In our cycle of ministries, we pray for everyone involved in planning and making music and for our prayer ministries- power hour prayer, leaders of the prayers, intercessory prayers and our prayer chain.

In our parish cycle of prayers: Pray for Sandi Parmelee, Dave and Wilna Parry and for their extended families.

For healing: Pray for Pat Alexander; Stuart Appenheimer; Beth Bailey; Karyn; Delena Bogard; Marie-Claire Concannon; Joanna; Kitty; Margie Dacey; Marion Edwards; Lorna, Duff and Leah Goodwin; Alex Hazell; Barbel Ismen; Olivia; Kate Lunn; Mike Richardson; Kevin Williamson; Ian Thomas; Ray; Henry Bloye; Sandy Hwang; Carol Rowland; Joshua Rankin; Susan Tinker; Leonie (Goodwin); David Smith; Donna Burdick; Becky Barnes; Philip Yong; Steven Seegerts; Caroline Reilly and for their families, caregivers and medical staff.

For outreach: Pray for all newcomers to Canada: Honada & family, Bukhari and Balqiisa, Neema Grace, Malis and his family, Fatemeh, Nasrullah and Mursal, Nasrin & family; Shahla & family, for Bunyamin & family. Pray for protection and safety for those waiting to come: Tsaw Hsar Gay, Lu Kay Paw, Alexander and Ly Gler from Myanmar; for Samir, Rounak and Shalom; Farzad, Mükerrrem and Junia; for Banat's family members in Pakistan and all displaced persons as they seek a place to call home. We pray for all people in war-torn countries where ongoing conflict, displacement, disease and starvation are common including the DRC, Congo (and Ebola virus outbreak), Lebanon, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, Ukraine, the USA, Gaza and Syria. We pray for all those affected by the consequences of climate change. We pray for the community groups which use our building.

Come out to Hear About Reverend Emilie's Environmental Justice Work and Adventures!

On Sunday August 30th after church, Reverend Emilie Smith will be speaking to us about her environmental justice work and her adventures. For example, she attended the COP 30 in Belém, Brazil in 2025 and she chose to take the road-less-traveled-and-more-environmental route which took her three and a half months to get there!

If you don't know what COP is, here is a quick summary from COP Conferences (1995–2025): Full List of UN Climate Change Summits and Key Outcomes.

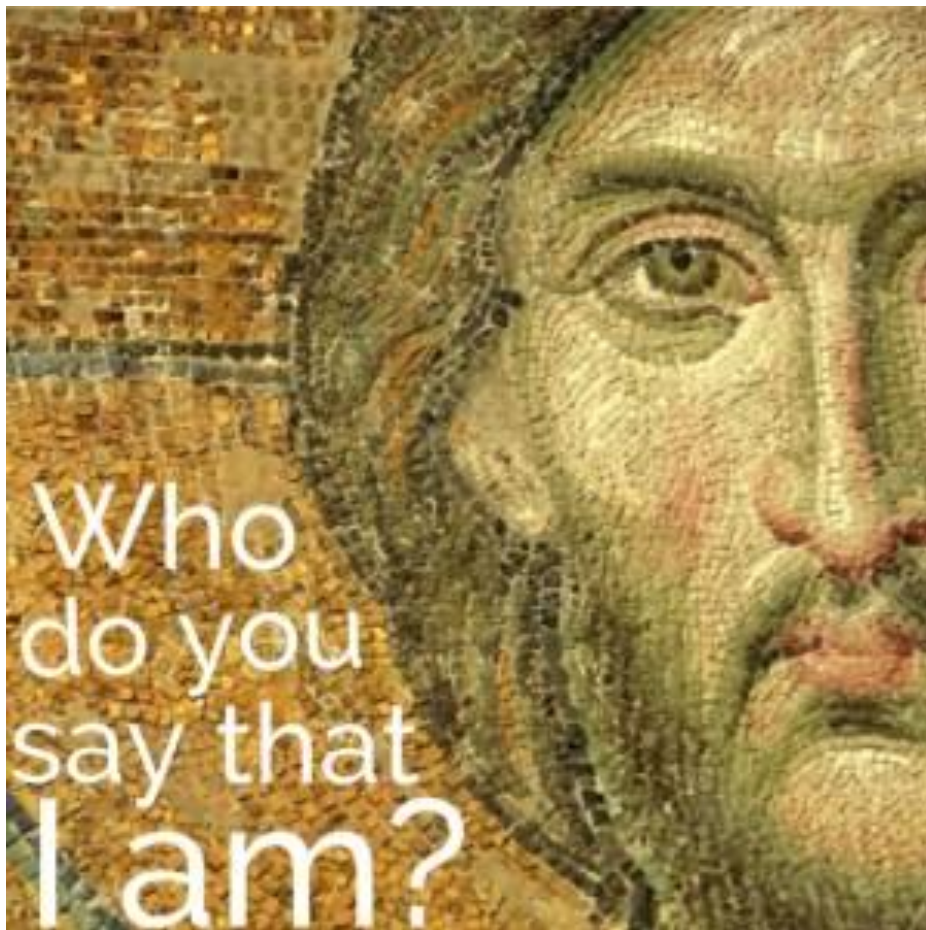
The **Conference of the Parties (COP)** serves as the **supreme decision-making body of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**.

Every country that has signed the Convention, known as “Parties”, takes part in these meetings. The main goal is simple yet vital: to assess how nations are performing in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to make decisions that ensure the **effective implementation of the Convention**.

At each COP, member countries review reports on **national emissions and climate actions**, discuss progress, and adopt new measures to strengthen climate governance. The COP also handles administrative and institutional arrangements to ensure the Convention’s objectives are met globally.

There have been 30 COP conferences so far, and the 31st one will be held in **Antalya, Türkiye** in November of this year.

If you'd like to attend the even mentioned in the first paragraph (and this is just for St Clement's folks; Emilie will be doing other talks around the diocese soon), please let the office know as there will be a light, catered lunch and Emilie will be baking cakes, so it would be good to make sure that there is enough food. Please include your dietary needs when you reply.



12th Sunday after Pentecost: 27 Aug – Matthew 16:13-20 ~ I'm asking you... – The Peanut Gallery