NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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★ Call to Worship

Priest: Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace.

People: Amen.

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Priest: Creator, you made all people of every land.
We dwell on many traditional lands as we gather this day
and we acknowledge with respect
that our church rests on the traditional land
of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations,
including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation,
the first people of this land.
We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.
Creator let us be of good mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land
and those who have been displaced.
With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in your name,
your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Prelude: "Into the Maze" (*R. Carlos Nakai, transcribed and performed with permission by Sandi Hill*)

Gathering Prayer - Sandra Campbell

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not

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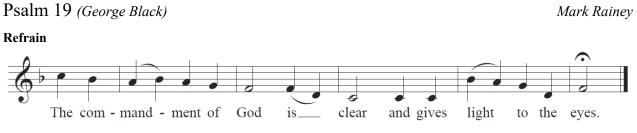
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heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader:The word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 40.25-31 A moment of silence is observed



The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the firmament shows your handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. **Refrain**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **Refrain**

In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **Refrain**

The law of God is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of our God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of our God are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes. **Refrain** The fear of God is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of our God are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. **Refrain**



How can I tell how often I offend?

cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound,

and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation

of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O God, my strength and my redeemer. Refrain

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

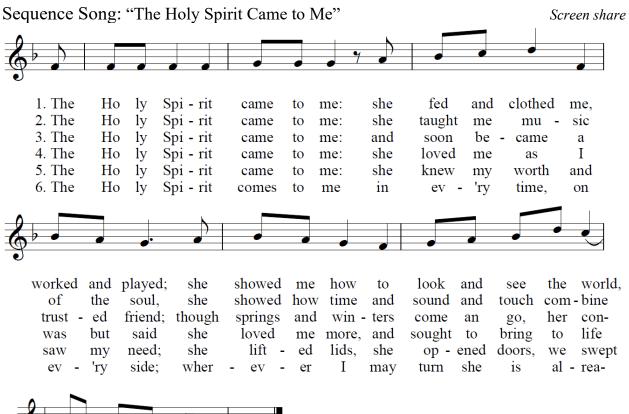
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader:The word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

Philippians 4.4-9 A moment of silence is observed

Sharon Kirby





(TEXT: Patrick Michaels, MUSIC: David Buley. Used by permission)

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The Gospel

Susan Haig

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1.1-18

Homily: Leigh Kern

(Click here for an introduction to Leigh)

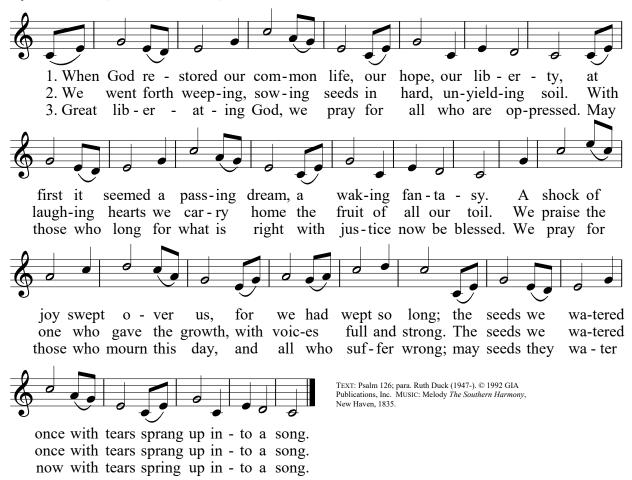
We pause for music and meditation.

Lullaby Drum Song: - Sandra Campbell

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<u>Click here for an introduction to Sandra</u> and click here to learn more about the significance and symbolism of the Drum

Hymn: #583 (Common Praise) "When God Restored Our Common Life"



Smudging: - Sandra Campbell

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Pamela Thomson

Click here to learn more about the significance and symbolism of Smudging

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God:

- *All:* Teach us and show us the way.
- *Leader:* We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: And together we ask that it:

All: Teach us and show us the way.

Leader: We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence,

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Leader: And we ask that they:

All: Teach us and show us the way.

Leader: We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards,

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Leader: And we ask that it:

All: Teach us and show us the way.

Leader: We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: We ask them to:

All: Teach us and show us the way.

Leader: We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: We ask them to:

All: Teach us and show us the way.

Leader: We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving,

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

Leader: we call upon them to:

All: Teach us and show us the way.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box

- *Leader:* Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speaks to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.
- All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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Priest: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:
All: Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment;
bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Priest: The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings;

the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.
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.

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The Doxology

Priest: 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.

Departing Song: "The Rising" (Bruce Springsteen)

Can't see nothing in front of me Can't see nothing coming up behind I make my way through this darkness I can't feel nothing but this chain that binds me Lost track of how far I've gone How far I've gone, how high I've climbed On my back's a sixty pound stone On my shoulder half mile of line

Come on up for the rising Come on up lay your hands in mine Come on up for the rising Come on up for the rising tonight

Left the house this morning Bells ringing filled the air I was wearing the cross of my calling On wheels of fire I come rolling down here

Come on up for the rising Come on up lay your hands in mine Come on up for the rising Come on up for the rising tonight

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There's spirits above and behind me Faces gone black, eyes burning bright May their precious blood bind me Lord as I stand before your fiery light

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I see you Mary in the garden In the garden of a thousand sighs There's holy pictures of our children Dancing in a sky filled with light May I feel your arms around me May I feel your blood mix with mine (ooh ooh ooh) A dream of life comes to me Like a catfish dancing on the end of my line (ooh ooh ooh)

Sky of blackness and sorrow (a dream of life) Sky of love, sky of tears (a dream of life) (ooh ooh ooh) Sky of glory and sadness (a dream of life) Sky of mercy, sky of fear (a dream of life) (ooh ooh ooh) Sky of memory and shadow (a dream of life) Your burning wind fills my arms tonight (ooh ooh ooh) Sky of longing and emptiness (a dream of life) Sky of fullness, sky of blessed life

Come on up for the rising Come on up lay your hands in mine Come on up for the rising Come on up for the rising tonight

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The Dismissal

Priest:	Let us bless the Creator. Alleluia!
People :	Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
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Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. If you would like to share in this on-going work, please click on the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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Service Notes

Leigh Kern

The Reverend Leigh Kern was born on the territory of the Anishinaabe, affected by the Rideau Purchase (Treaty 27, 1819). Leigh is passionate about creativity, cross cultural and interfaith solidarity, ritual practice, and the healing power of community. She serves on the Vision Keepers Council, which is a council of youth and Elders that advises the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) on subjects related to justice for Indigenous peoples. She also represents the ACC on the Steering Committee of KAIROS.

She received her undergraduate degree with high distinction from the University of Toronto and completed her Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, where she served as a chaplain to people on the streets of New Haven, CT for two years. After her ordination, she served as Assistant Curate and then Associate Priest for three years at Saint James Cathedral, Toronto.

Leigh delights in bringing together diverse communities to pray, sing, listen, and heal ourselves, the Land, the Waters, and all our Relations. Her work has taken her all over, from Standing Rock to the heart of urban centres, and for these opportunities to serve in solidarity, she is extremely grateful.

Sandra Campbell

Sandra Campbell, Kanien'kehā: ka Wahta, Wakkwā:ho (English translation: Wahta Mohawk First Nation and Wolf clan). Since 1992, Sandra has been an Indigenous Traditional Counsellor, specializing in addictions, family & child welfare, elderly care, federal corrections, supporting Survivors of Indian Residential School, Day Schools, Sixties Scoop, homelessness, and other traumatic impacts of colonialism. Since 1995, Sandra has been an Auntie in the Toronto Indigenous community and has been a Women's Traditional Drummer. For ten years Sandra has served as the Social & Pastoral Care Worker at Toronto Urban Native Ministry. Sandra is a Master of Divinity Student at Wycliffe College and in discernment for ordination with Archbishop Mark MacDonald of the Indigenous Anglican Church of Canada.

During COVID-19, Sandra has been on the frontlines, providing emergency support work to those on the streets of Toronto. In the first weeks of the pandemic she led an initiative, where volunteers created dozens of personal protective equipment for vulnerable community members. She has organized food security and participated in organizing frontline community testing for the vulnerable. She has provided spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological support to people bearing tremendous suffering during this pandemic.

The Toronto Urban Native Ministry (TUNM) is a unique Indigenous chaplaincy, working out of its office at The Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Toronto. TUMN supports both Traditional Indigenous Spiritualties alongside Christian Spiritual practices. Importantly, TUNM facilitates the reconciliation process mediating between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples fostering the concept of inclusion and principles of decolonization. Sandra can be reached by email at: s.camptunm@yahoo.ca

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The Drum

The drum is significant to many First Nations. The gift of the drum is our connection to the Creator.

There are various teachings about the drum, but the main teaching is to give the community the opportunity to come together in prayer and song of thanksgiving. The first drum was given to a girl during her vision quest for peace during the time when there was grave hardship during wartime. It was the responsibility of the drummer or drummers to be the channel (s) of peace for the community.

The drum carrier has a responsibility of taking care and feasting the drums every season. The drum is alive because our connection with the Creator is alive. Depending on the song, it is customary to stand when an honour song is sung to show a sign of respect to the covenant with the Creator that the drum is the connector and bringer of peace.

When a drum starts drumming with four honour beats, the purpose is to request that the Creator stop and bend an ear for the beginning of the prayer song. During this period, the Creator will listen and send the Spirit (Spirit helpers) to give visions, answers, or messages to all of Creation.

Usually the songs throughout the ceremony (service) is to give thanks for peace and prosperity by giving thanks and praises for the bountiful gifts that Creator gave while traveling in a peaceful loving way of life. At the end of the service the drum song is given to thank the Creator for providing the community the opportunity to share and move in our lives in a good way.

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Smudging

This is the ceremonial process of burning sage in an abalone shell or container. The smoke that comes up from the burning medicines is called "smudge" where we draw the smoke over our bodies in sacred reverence and gratitude. It sets our intention while connecting to the Creator while visiting within the Creator 's creation

May your hands be cleansed, that they can create beautiful things. May your eyes be cleansed, that you might see the signs and great wonders of God's world. May your ears be cleansed, that you bravely hear the truth. May your throat be cleansed, that you might speak rightly when words are needed. May your feet be cleansed, that they might take you where you are most needed to be. May your heart be cleansed, that you might hear its messages clearly. May the people and this holy worship space be washed clean by the fragrance smoke of this sage. May that same smoke, when spiralling to the heavens, carry our petitions to our Creator. Now that we are of one mind and of the people......

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Ministry Updates

Proclaiming our Pride

We invite you to take part in recording our Pride Procession for the Zoom service on Sunday, June 27. This is an opportunity for parishioners to join a liturgical procession that will begin in the heart of the Village – at the corner of Church and Wellesley - then journey toward the provincial legislature, through Queen's Park, and arrive at the steps of the Redeemer. We will practice safe distancing and ask everyone to be masked while we are together.

We will meet at the TD Bank on the south-west corner of Church and Wellesley, next to the ATMs in the shade at 1PM on Wednesday, June 23. Please let us know if you would like to be part of this Opening Rite for Pride Sunday by contacting Ann (insert my email address), so that we ensure we have enough streamers and flags for all.

Please join us in Proclaiming our Pride!

Guest Preacher: The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson

For next week's Pride Sunday service (June 27) our area bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson, will be joining us to preach and to continue our sesquicentennial celebrations.

Our Assistant Curate's Ordination

Our assistant curate, Andrew Kuhl will be ordained a deacon in the Church of God on **Sunday, June 27 at 4:30 PM.** The service will be livestreamed from the Cathedral through the <u>diocese's Facebook page</u>. Please hold Andrew in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination and plan to join the service virtually to celebrate with him.

Marginalia: Sunday School for Grown Ups

Marginalia meets 9 AM–10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. To join the e-mail lists for any of the coming series, all hosted virtually over Zoom, e-mail Nate Wall, our Scholar-in-Residence, at <u>nwall@theredeemer.ca</u>. In case you're interested, here are some upcoming series:

Between Angels & Beasts: The Book of Daniel: June 6, 13, 20

Set during Israel exile in Babylon, the Book of Daniel weaves tales of political resistance with visions of monsters. The book has something to say about what it means to be human, and about how to hold onto our humanity inside a dehumanizing culture. (Plus it is full of prophetic fever dreams, so there will be something for everyone.)

Lovers in a Dangerous Time: The Song of Songs: July 4, 11, 18

Early Jewish tradition forbid the young from reading Scripture's most erotic book: the Song of Songs. All these years later, without any official prohibition, the Church still tends to leave this book unread. In the middle of this summer Marginalia will explore the Song's drama of love, its celebration of fleshly joys, and the way it tangles God up in the bedsheets of human longing.

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

Staying Connected Next Sunday

After next Sunday's service (June 27), beginning at 1 PM, there will be a Staying Connected meeting with our Incumbent, Steven Mackison. This will be a time to raise any questions or concerns, as well as share some hopes for the future. A link to the Zoom meeting was included in the Friday edition of eNews.

National Indigenous History Month - Bell Ringing

Beginning on Monday, May 31 and every Monday throughout the month of June, the Church of the Redeemer's bell will toll seven times at noon every four seconds to honour the missing Indigenous women and girls across Canada. The number seven is to acknowledge the <u>Seven Grandfather Teachings</u>, while the four seconds is in reference to the four directions of <u>The Medicine Wheel</u>.

By making our bell be heard throughout our community, we hope to spread more awareness of this issue during National Indigenous History Month. Read more <u>here.</u>

Learning@Redeemer: Summer Readers

The days are getting longer, the flowers are in bloom, and it is once again time for Summer Readers. The reading groups will be starting up in July, and Learning at Redeemer is inviting you to join one. This is a great way to be strengthened and challenged in the life of faith. Plus, it will allow you to get to know some of the people whose faces you see in the Zoom boxes on Sundays. At this point, we expect the groups to meet online, but outdoor meetups are possible depending on provincial regulations and the comfort level of the group members. This year's book is Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope by Esau McCaulley. In this book McCaulley draws from the interpretive tradition of the African American church in the States to enrich our understanding of the Biblical text as it relates to some of our most pressing contemporary concerns, including policing, the political witness of the church, and the pursuit of justice.

You can sign up for a group by <u>clicking here</u>. Please contact Karen Chandler (by email: <u>kchandler@theredeemer.ca</u> or by phone: 647-309-1025) to arrange purchase and pick-up of the book. Books are \$20 each, however, if the price is prohibitive, please let us know and we can cover the cost. We can't wait to learn with you this summer!

Season of Creation: Call for Photos

Redeemer Creatives: As you see God's creation over the summer with phone or camera in hand have our Season of Creation themes in mind - AIR - SOIL - WATER. The planning team is collecting your submissions for use in various ways throughout *Season of Creation*. (September 26 - October 16) **Share up to five of your best photos,** and be sure to include your name and contact information along with the photos.

The Common Table Fundraiser: Constantine Yorkville 5K Run

Are you ready to get out of the house and breathe some fresh air? Consider putting on your running or walking shoes to raise money for The Common Table. Once again we're honored to be a participating charity in The Constantine Yorkville 5K Run, and there are a few ways you can help make this fundraiser a success:

• Register as a runner or a walker - you can run or walk either virtually or in person this year

- Support a runner or walker in this year's event
- Pass along information about the event to avid runners and walkers in your life

The run will be on Sunday, Sep. 12 this year. For more information and to register for the run, visit <u>the race website</u>. If you have any questions about the run, please contact Amber Aulen at <u>amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca</u>.

Vaccinations

If you would like assistance, or know of anyone in our community who would benefit from assistance, registering for a vaccination or travelling to and from their appointment, the Pastoral Care Team is here to help. Please contact Susan at shaig@theredeemer.ca.

Pastoral Care Team Checking In

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic.

Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at <u>tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca</u>.

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form <u>here</u>.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available <u>online</u>. This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Future Ministry Updates

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email <u>twilliams@theredeemer.ca</u> by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.