



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Opening Hymn: #806 (Gather) "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"



- 1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For giv en, loved, and free, In 2. I come with Chris-tians far and near To find, as all are fed, The
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share Each proud di vi sion ends. The 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres-ence, al ways near, Is
- 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres-ence, al ways near, Is 5. To geth er met, to geth er bound, We'll go our dif frent ways, And



TEXT: Brian Wren, b.1936, 1971, Hope Publishing Co. TUNE: LAND OF REST, CM; American; harm. By Annabel M. Buchanan, b.1888, 1938, 1966, J. Fisher and Bro.

awe and won - der to re-call His life laid down for me. new com-mu - ni - tv of love In Christ's com-mu - nion bread. love that made us makes us one, And strang - ers now friends. in such friend-ship bet - ter known; We see and praise him here. his peo - ple in the world, We'll live and speak his praise.

▼ The Gathering of the Community

Steven Mackison

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

People: And also with you.

Priest: When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:

People: To find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.

Collect of the Day

Priest: God of mercy,

keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,

who prayed even for his enemies.

In our words and actions help us to follow his example,

so that we may transform hatred into love and selfishness into generosity;

through Jesus Christ, our great reward. Amen.

▼ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Richard Van Delft

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 45.3-11, 15

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 37.1-12, 41-42 (George Black)

Refrain



Trust in God and do good, set-tle down and be at peace.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in God and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in God, who will give you your heart's desire. Refrain

Commit your way to God and put your trust in the Holy One,

and God will surely bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light

and your just dealing as the noonday. Refrain

Be still before the Most High and wait patiently for God.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. Refrain

For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. Refrain

But their deliverance of the righteous comes from God;

who is their stronghold in time of trouble.

God will help them and rescue them;

save them from the wicked and deliver them,

because they seek refuge in the Most High. Refrain

Second Reading

Jean Bubba

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50

All: Thanks be to God. A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil" (John Bell)



ours, vic-t'ry is ours through him who loved us. us.

The Gospel Susan Haig

The Lord be with you. Priest: All: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. All:

Jesus said, 'but I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold

even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 6.27-38

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Susan Haig

We pause for a moment of meditation.

Statement of Faith

All: I believe in Christ's humble spirit giving birth to the holy, apostolic and universal church, which is among us and beyond us, before us and after us.

I believe in a church comprised of sinners and saints, imperfect and in need of grace, yet blessed - the body of Christ. I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Loving God, you know our hearts, our desires and our secrets,

And yet you love us to the end.

May your gentle Spirit lead us to a still place,

where we open our hearts and wait patiently for you.

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

Leader: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Leader: Merciful and gracious God,

we look at our world today and our hearts are often filled with grief at the pain and suffering we see.

We know that you are with us in our lament,

but then you prompt us to turn our gaze a little, to also see the beauty and abundance and generosity of our lovely planet, and the millions of loving hearts who work ceaselessly to heal and repair the pain.

Enable each of us to hold our grief and gratitude together,

as we bring before you the many things this morning for which we are thankful.

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

Leader: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Leader: God of holiness and compassion,

we pray earnestly for the church in the world.

Your followers around the world have heard the gospel of Christ clearly this morning and we pray for grace for the church to follow.

Jesus, teach your children how to love our enemies.

How to do good to those who hate us. How to bless those who curse us.

O Christ, if your church could do to others what we would have them do to us, surely we would not be far from your Kingdom.

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

Leader: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Leader: God of justice,

who calls us to the costly peace that is rooted in justice, you know there is turmoil and conflict in our nation today.

We pray for our Canadian leaders in all levels of government,

Leader: and for those who are called to maintain order and to protect the rights and safety of all, as they strive to bring a wise and compassionate end to the disruptive, COVID-weary protests happening across the country.

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

Leader: We also think of conflict and suffering we are aware of in the rest of the world.

We pray for the leaders of all the nations, that the concern of each one will ultimately

be the common good, justice, peace and equity.

We each bring to you places of conflict and suffering that are on our hearts today.

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

Leader: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Leader: Loving God,

it is not your will that any should suffer or be lost.

and comforting presence for those who mourn.

There are those among us who are suffering illness, sorrow and fear, addiction, poverty and homelessness. As your beloved community, we ask you to join us as we come alongside those who suffer, and we bring before you now those who are on our hearts today. We pray for those who have died, and ask your strengthening

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

Leader: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

Leader: God of all comfort,

who through your Spirit gives strength and peace to your children, in this season of cold and weariness that points ahead to relief and resurrection, we trust again your promise to hear us when we lift our hearts to you in prayer, and in steadfast faith we pray these things in the name,

and for the sake, of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #706 (Gather) "Never the Blade Shall Rise"

Verse 1



1. Un-less a grain of wheat falls to the earth, falls to the earth and dies, it re-



mains on-ly a grain of wheat and nev-er the blade shall rise.

Refrain



For the grain of wheat pro - duc-es much fruit, but on-ly if it dies. Un-less a



grain of wheat falls to the earth, nev-er the blade shall rise

Verse 2



2. The one who loves the world-ly life los-es the life so lived, while the



one who hates the life in this world pre-serves it to life e - ter-nal.

Verse 3



3. If an-y-one would serve me, come and fol-low me; come and fol-low me;



where I am, there will my ser-vant be.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Merciful God,

accept all we offer you this day.

Lead us to love you with all our heart,

and to love all people with your perfect love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: Worship and praise belong to you,

maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,

brings a harvest out of sorrow

and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,

debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,

sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven

singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are



full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

MUSIC: Land of Rest; American trad.; adapt. Marcia Pruner (19??-); harm. John Campbell (1950-).

Priest: Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,

for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness

spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through that dark struggle

death was swallowed up in victory,

that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,

recalling the night of Israel's release,

the night in which the sons of Egypt died,

your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples

he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

Priest: We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him,

we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers, sisters, and siblings living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, All:

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

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,

I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people

and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion

– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.

There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.

You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood, that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

Communion Hymn: "Ihr Habt nun Trautigkeit"

Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit; aber ich will euch wieder sehen und euer Herz soll sich freuen und eure Freude soll neimand von euch nehmen.

And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Sehet mich an: Ich habe eine kleine Zeit Mühe und Arbeit gehabt und habe großen Trost funden.

Ye see how for a little while I labor and toil, yet have I found much rest.

Ich will euch trösten, wie Einen seine Mutter tröstet. *As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.*

Sara Schabas, Soprano. MUSIC: Johannes Brahms (from Ein Deutsche Requiem) TEXT: John 16:22 / Ecclesiasticus 51:27 / Isaiah 66:13

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Gracious God,

in the eucharist we celebrate your love

for us and for all people.

Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts,

we may show your love in our lives,

and know its fulfilment in your presence.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #584 (Common Praise) "The Church of Christ in Every Age"



- 1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by change but
- a cross the street, the vic-tims of 2. A - cross the world,
- ser vant church a rise, a car-ing church that
- a lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the 4. For he
- mis sion but to serve in full o - be-dience to 5. We have no our



led, must claim and test its her - i - tage, and keep on ris - ing for shel - ter for bread to eat, and crv and nev - er live in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hube part - ner blood, and how to share our bread and feed the teach us stary - ing Lord: all, with - out to care for re - serve, and spread his lib - er-



TEXT: Fred Pratt Green (1903-). 1971 Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: Melody Essex trad.; adapt. And arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

- from the dead.
- til they die.
- man i ty. mul - ti - tude.
- at ing word.

Dismissal Susan Haig

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Priest:

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Regathering...again

As you know, the Diocese has allowed congregations to regather for in-person worship since the beginning of February. We decided to take a cautious approach and see how this wave of the pandemic was trending. Given the easing of provincial restrictions, we have decided to re-introduce in-person worship in the Church, effective March 1, 2022. Ash Wednesday will be our first offering, resuming our tradition of a 12:15pm and 6:00pm service. Both services will be on Zoom as well.

Our Sunday worship will revert to our last regathering guidelines: 9:30 am and 11:15am services in-person and on Zoom, each retaining their liturgical distinctiveness. Evening services will resume as well, with worship at 7:00pm. Masking and distancing protocols will be in place and registration via Constant-Contact will again appear in e-news. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Faith Formation

At Church of the Redeemer, we offer a variety of faith formation programs. For our youngest members and their families, we offer Pyjama Prayers on Zoom on Friday Nights at 6:45 PM. This is a time of story, songs, and prayers at the end of a week. For children (JK-Grade 6) we offer Church School Sundays at 9:30 AM on Zoom, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun.

Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather on Zoom at 9:30 AM, we gather to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

Marginalia is our adult faith formation program. It brings people together for learning and conversation sometimes with special guests and speakers. For information about upcoming sessions contact Nate Wall (<u>nwall@theredeemer.ca</u>).

Women & the Bible (Feb. 21)

"Complicated" might be the best word to describe women's relationship with the Christian Bible. The Bible's words inspired the suffrage movement and made possible the 20th century idea of universal human rights. But the Bible has also been used to defend and entrench even the worst kinds of patriarchy. With the help of some special guests, this Marginalia series will explore the Bible's legacy when it comes to women and womanhood.

Catechesis 2021

Maybe you are new to Redeemer and have lots of questions about Christianity or Anglicanism. Or maybe you've been here for years and have lots of questions about Christianity or Anglicanism. Either way, Catechesis is the place for you!

Join us via Zoom for 6-8 weeks of meetings. We will explore core elements of the faith such as:

- Telling the Salvation Story
- Who is Jesus?
- How to be the Body of Christ

Each session will involve a short presentation, followed by group discussion/debate. We will strive to create a safe, respectful place where questions and doubts are welcome!

How can you get involved? We are looking for inquiring Catechumens and Discerning Sponsors! Please <u>register by February 24</u>. For more information, please contact <u>catechesis@theredeemer.ca.</u>

Worship and Spirituality

During the Week

Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings is sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is <u>on our website</u> (theredeemer.ca).

Prayer on Wednesday

Each Wednesday morning, a simple order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time during the day to read scripture, to reflect and to offer prayers. The order of service for this coming Wednesday will be posted on the <u>website</u> (theredeemer.ca).

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.

On Sunday

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

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Intercessions

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

In the Community

Lent-in-a-Bag

Last year we introduced Lent-in-a-Bag – a resource to help parishioners journey together through Lent – even though the pandemic had us stuck in our homes. This year is a little different, since some of us will return to in-person worship. However, we want to offer Lent in a bag to those who will join us on Zoom. Similar to last year, each bag will contain several resources and symbols to enhance your Lenten observance. There will also be a small, sealed, pyx with ashes from our own spent palm crosses. You are invited to apply these during our Ash Wednesday liturgies and use the other resources contained in the bag to deepen your experience during the forty days of Lent.

Lent-in-a-Bag – How can I receive one?

Bags will be available for pick-up at the church on Saturday, February 26 between 11am and 1pm. For those who prefer delivery to take-out, just contact the church office (office@theredeemer.ca) and one of the clergy will deliver it to you.

Save the Date for Mardi Gras

Join the online Mardi Gras party on **Tuesday, March 1** at 6 PM. There will be many of the things we love about our annual celebration - music and activities - and a few new things, too. To get you started, a Mardi Gras party is not complete without pancakes. Didy Erb - maker of many Redeemer Mardi Gras pancakes - has shared **this recipe** so that we all have the best pancakes for our party. A Zoom link will be in eNews next week!

Remember Your Booster

All members of the community are encouraged to book a COVID-19 booster vaccination as soon as you are eligible. Information is available on the <u>City of Toronto website</u>. When we love our neighbour, we wear a mask and get vaccinated!

The Common Table

The pandemic has caused many services to close, meaning low-income folks or people experiencing homelessness have limited access to resources. Clothing and hygiene supplies are particularly hard to come by and, with the changing of the seasons, we are in urgent need of winter wear. To donated needed resources, please contact Paul Wasswa (pwasswa@theredeemer.ca), The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. A list of the items we need is updated regularly and posted on The Common Table's page of the website. We ask that you donate only the needed items as storage space is limited. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for inkind donations.

Support Us

Last year was one where hopes for a return to life as it once was, seemed within reach and still not yet. Through it all, we have worshiped, learned, served and celebrated together. In the midst of on-going uncertainty, there is still much to be grateful for. As the calendar year starts anew, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry. If your givings need to remain the same or be reduced - thank you for your continuing donations. Your gifts make a difference. If you have the capacity to increase your givings or to give for the first time, we are grateful.

Here are the ways you can offer your financial support:

- update your Pre- Authorized Remittance information or sign up for PAR. There is a form on the church website www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer, Richard Heystee, for more information on how to do this.
- by cheque or cash on the collection plate when we gather for worship in the church.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.