



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 AT 9:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

✠ The Penitential Rite

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray. 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.**

Priest: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ

as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: We have been wounded.

People: **O God, heal us.**

Priest: We stumble in the darkness.

People: **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

Priest: We forget that we are your home.

People: **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Priest: Eternal Spirit,

People: **living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you. In the very secret of our hearts you know all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us; that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Act of Penitence

The Priest and Deacon move to the basin, pour the water into it, and the Presider says,

Priest: God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal. Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Asperges

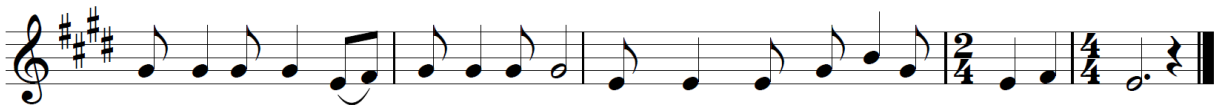
During the Asperges, members of the congregation are sprinkled with water.

For those participating on Zoom, please sprinkle yourself and other members of your home with water.

Song: “Mercy, O God” (*Francis Patrick O’Brien*)



Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us. Send down your mer-cy to set us free.



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The Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Please be seated

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 55.1-9

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 63.1-8 (George Black)

Refrain



I will feast at a rich ta - ble, my _ lips sing of your glo - ry.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
My soul thirsts for you,
my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory. **Refrain**



For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **Refrain**

When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **Refrain**

Second Reading

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “Homeward Bound”

Refrain

Bind me not to the pas - ture; chain me not to the plow. Set me
free to find my cal - ling and I'll re - turn to you some - how.

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and follows the lyrics. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the second line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Verses

1. In the quiet misty morning
When the moon has gone to bed,
When the sparrows stop their singing
And the sky is clear and red,
When the summer's ceased its gleaming,
When the corn is past its prime,
When adventure's lost its meaning,
I'll be homeward bound in time
2. If you find it's me you're missing,
If you're hoping I'll return,
To your thoughts I'll soon be list'ning,
In the road I'll stop and turn.
Then the wind will set me racing
As my journey nears its end,
And the path I'll be retracing
When I'm homeward bound again.

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’

He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 13.1-9

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Susan Haig

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: As we gather in prayer, you are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings, silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

We repeat the words of the prophet Isaiah who says,
‘Seek the Lord while he may be found’, and your response is,
‘call upon him while he is near.’

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, remembering especially those churches who preach a gospel of peace in war torn parts of the world, proclaim truth to power, call for justice in unjust parts of the world, and seek reconciliation with those whom we have harmed.

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For the world. We pray especially for political leaders throughout the world, for the United Nations and other multilateral bodies that seek to bring people together for the common good, for peace throughout the world, for the welfare of your creation, and for this fragile earth.

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For those preparing for baptism, for our catechumens, their teachers and sponsors, especially Rebecca, Nora, Sarah, Madeline, Murray, John, Deb, Georgi, Karen, Ruth and Peter, Peter, Susan, Richard, Nate, Craig, Andrew, and for those preparing for ordination, especially Ali McIntosh and Angie Hocking.

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For all who have been called to new leadership in this parish,
for those who have finished their duties in faithful service to you.
For our clergy and staff.

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners,
and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For those who have died, that they may be remembered.
For those who mourn, that they may be comforted.

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended,

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,

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

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All: **Call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: We ask all these prayers in the name of God who is always near,
who hears us when we call, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

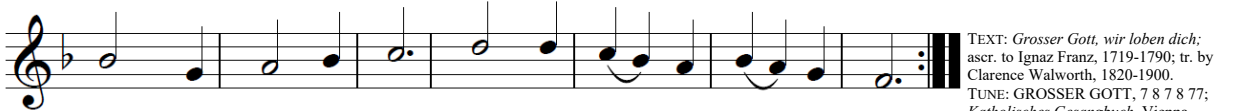
Offertory Hymn: #524 (Gather) "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee,



All on earth thy scep-ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee; In - fi -
Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the
While in es - sence on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee, And a -



TEXT: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*;
ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. by
Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900.
TUNE: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 7 7;
Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna,
c.1774.

- nite thy vast do-main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
- heav'ns with sweet ac-cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
- dor - ing bend the knee, While we own the mys-ter - y.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Gracious God,
we know your power to triumph over weakness.
May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another,
in the name of Jesus the Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en 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.

Priest: Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All: **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread,

People: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Song: #577 (Gather) "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light as shows a feast; Such a
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a joy as none can move; Such a



TEXT: George Herbert, 1593-1633.
TUNE: THE CALL, 7 7 7; Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1872-1958, Stainer and Bell Publications.

truth as ends all strife; Such a life as kill - eth death.
feast as mends in length; Such a strength as makes his guest.
love as none an part; Such a heart as joys in love.

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,
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: #502 (Gather) "Come to the Water"



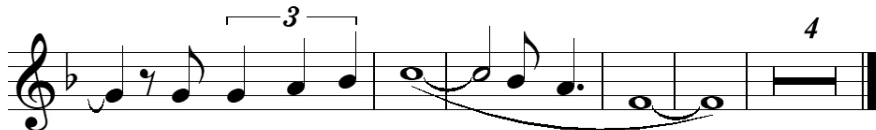
1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the wa-ter.
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the wa-ter.
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the wa-ter.
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the wa-ter.



And let all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord:
 And let all who have noth-ing, let them come to the Lord:
 And let all who are wea-ry, let them come to the Lord:
 Bring the ones who are lad-en, bring them all to the Lord:



With-out mon-ey, with-out price. Why should you pay the price,
 With-out mon-ey, with-out strife. Why should you spend your life,
 All who la-bour, with-out rest. How can your soul find rest,
 Bring the chil-dren with-out might. Eas-y the load and light:



ex-cept for the Lord?
 ex-cept for the Lord?
 ex-cept for the Lord?
 come to the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand, as you are able

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #705 (Gather) “Jesu Tawa Pano”



Je - su ta - wa pa - no; Je - su ta - wa pa - no; Je - su ta - wa pa - no;



ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu

TEXT: Zimbabwean; Patrick Matsikenyeri
TUNE: Patrick Matsikenyeri. 1990, Patrick Matsikenyeri

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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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 to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

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 [on our website](#) (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 [website](#) (theredeemer.ca).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). 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

Prayers for Peace at 7 PM

During all of Lent, there will be a Prayers for Peace service beginning at 7:00 PM in the church, that will also be available on Zoom. Please join us in-person or via the link available in eNews or on the website ([theredeemer.ca](#)).

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

Calling All Pilgrims

The Becoming Pilgrims Committee invites all parishioners contemplating walking the Camino this September to a planning/preparation meeting on **Wednesday March 30** at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be both in the sanctuary of the church and by Zoom. A Camino veteran will speak to us about preparation and planning. Please join us and bring your questions. The link to the Zoom will be available in next week's eNews.

Redeemer Readers

The book for discussion this Lent is *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection* by Samuel Wells, (with optional extras: *Credo* by William Sloane Coffin – a Reader suggestion; and “Silence in the Face of Mystery” by Rowan Williams, a version of the final chapter of Williams’ *Being Human*). The Lent discussion will take place on **March 31 at 12:00 PM**. Please register to receive the Zoom link. The link to register for the discussion is in the Thursday edition of eNews and on the website (theredeemer.ca).

The Common Table

While we are beginning to return to some sort of normal, the past two years of 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 \(pwasswa@theredeemer.ca\)](mailto: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 in-kind donations.

The REDress Project

The REDress Project was created by Jaime Black, a Metis artist. Each red dress that is hung up acknowledges an Indigenous woman or girl who has been murdered or is missing. The Church of Redeemer will once again make this acknowledgment in June, by hanging red dresses on the outside of the church. As Jaime Black has said, “Each dress will become a teacher, educating those who are not aware of the violence against these women and girls. This art gives Indigenous women and girls a voice, as it acknowledges their having been murdered or missing.” In order to accomplish this, the Indigenous Solidarity Working Group (ISWG) is asking members of the Redeemer Community to consider donating red dresses. For anyone who is able to make such a donation, we are asking you to bring your donated red dress, or dresses, to the church, indicating they are for ISWG. Thank you for your consideration and possible donation!

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