



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ASCENSION SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022 AT 11:15 A.M.

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### WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant, and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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**MASKING** — During worship we continue to wear masks at all times while in the building. Masks need to cover the nose, mouth, and chin. If you need a mask, we have them available at the entrance to the church.

Those who are leading worship may, while speaking, remove their mask if they are properly distanced from others. During communion, after receiving the bread you may remove your mask when you have stepped away from the station.

We do this both to continue to care for one another and in compliance with the guidelines and policies of the Diocese of Toronto and the Bishop's Office.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

# Opening Hymn: #373 (Common Praise) "This Is The Day the Lord Hath Made"

Please stand, as you are able & sing



- 1. This is the day the Lord hath made, its hours to God are known; let 2. To-day Christ rose and left the dead, and Sa tan's em pire fell; to-
- 3. Ho-san na to the a-noint-ed King, to Da vid's ho ly Son! Help
- 4. Ho-san na in the high est strains the church on earth can raise; the



and praise sur - round the throne. earth be glad, heaven re - joice, let tri - umph spread, and all saints his his won-ders tell. day the de - scend and bring us. Lord: sal - va - tion from thy throne. which he heavens in reigns shall give him no - bler praise. high - est

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1647-1748), alt. MUSIC: Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749.

### **▼** The Easter Greeting

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Priest:* May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Gloria: #686 (Common Praise)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



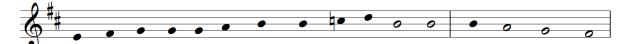
heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks,



we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: New Plainsong, David Hurd (1950-). 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

### The Collect of the Day

Priest: Holy God,

send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one; your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

First Reading

Please be seated

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Acts 1.1-11

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

### Psalm 47 (Peter Hallock)

#### Refrain



God is gone up with a shout the Lord with the



sound of the ram's horn.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy. For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth. **Refrain** 

#### Refrain



God is gone up with a shout the Lord with the



sound of the ram's horn.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. Refrain

For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne. Refrain

# **Second Reading**

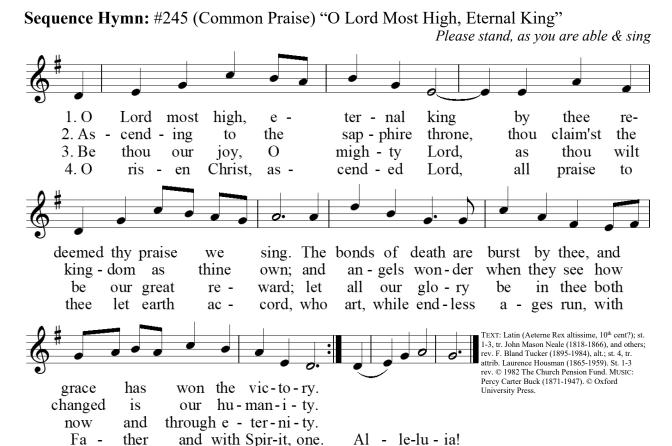
*Reader:* A Reading from from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Ephesians 1.15-23

A moment of silence is observed



# The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 24.44-53

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Ann Jervis

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

# The Prayers of the People

Leader: On this day, the Feast of the Ascension,

we are reminded of the words to that great hymn which begin with "Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour".

You are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings silently, aloud, or in the chat box during the pauses.

Your response are the words to the last line of the first verse of that hymn.

'Risen, Ascended, Glorified!'

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,

we pray for your church throughout the world. We, your people, were blessed and equipped for ministry

by our Lord Jesus Christ on that feast of Ascension.

Give us the strength and joy to be the church, to spread your good news,

to witness to your justice, your love, your forgiveness in this parish

Leader: and throughout the world.

We pray for all who have recently been baptized, received, or reaffirmed their commitment to You.

or realitimed their communication for

We pray for all who have been ordained,

and give thanks for Angie Hocking, as she prepares for the vocational diaconate.

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

Leader: We pray to you Lord

All: Risen, ascended, glorified.

Leader: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, we pray for the world.

We pray for peace in war torn parts of the world.

We pray for the victims of war, for prisoners and refugees.

We pray for the people of the United States,

caught in the terrible grip of gun violence, as they mourn yet another

Leader: group of victims of a mass shooting. Yet they are not a group of victims.

They are individual children of God, known to You and their families.

We give thanks for your creation. Help us to honour and respect the beauty, resources, and bounty you have set before us,

that we may share your gifts as equal members of your human family.

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

Leader: We pray to you Lord

All: Risen, ascended, glorified.

Leader: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,

we pray for this country and this community.

We pray for Justin, Doug, John and all who legislate on our behalf.

We give thanks for all who have offered themselves for public office in this province's upcoming election.

We pray for our indigenous siblings.

Open our hearts and minds to the opportunity for healing and reconciliation that is set before us. We pray for those who are in need, the under housed, the under fed, the under employed. We pray for those who are sick or in distress.

Give strength to those who care for them.

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

Leader: We pray to you Lord

All: Risen, ascended, glorified.

Leader: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,

we remember those near and dear to us who have died.

May their souls rest in peace, and may they rise with you in glory. Be with those who mourn. Give us the strength and the words

to reach out to them and be their shoulder to cry on, the arms to hug them, the ears to listen, their partners in prayer.

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

Leader: We pray to you Lord

All: Risen, ascended, glorified.

Leader: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,

we give thanks for all the blessings we have received.

The blossoms we see and smell, the sand between our toes,

the symphony of sound from birds in the tree,

ice cream cone dribbling down our chin, a cool drink on a deck or patio,

the scream of delight from a child on his first solo bike ride,

Leader: lovers walking hand in hand.

The psalmist says, 'God has gone up with a shout!'

Yet we know first-hand that God is in the midst of us.

These and all our prayers we offer to you in the name of your risen, ascended, and glorified son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

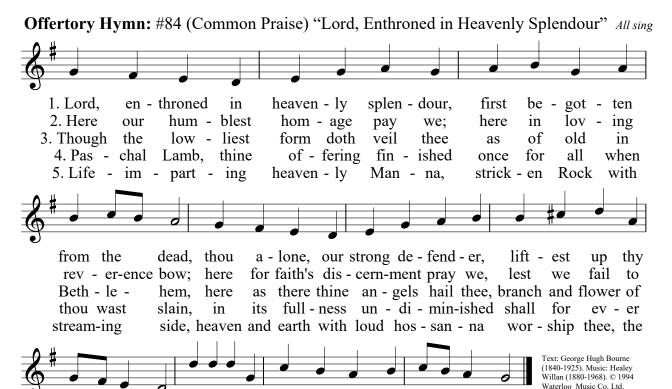
All: Amen.

#### The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

During the singing of the hymn, we gratefully offer back to God some of what we have been given, symbolically in the bread and wine brought to the altar and in the money we give. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, please place your offering on the plate as it is passed to you.



-ple's head. Al-le-lu-ia, Je - sus, true and liv -ing bread! peo thee now. Al-le-lu-ia, thou art here, we ask know not how. Jes se's stem. Al-le-lu-ia, we in wor - ship join with them. re - main. Al-le-lu-ia, cleans-ing souls from ev more ery stain. who died, Al-le-lu-ia, risen, as-cend-ed, glo-Lamb ri - fied!

### **▼** The Celebration of the Eucharist

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: Eternal God,

our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving



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



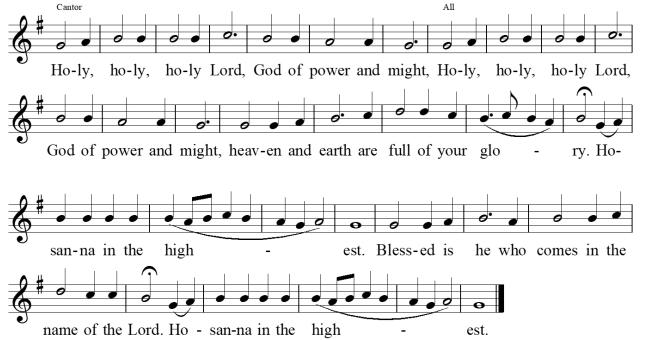
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus All sing



Music: Byzantine; arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word

spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

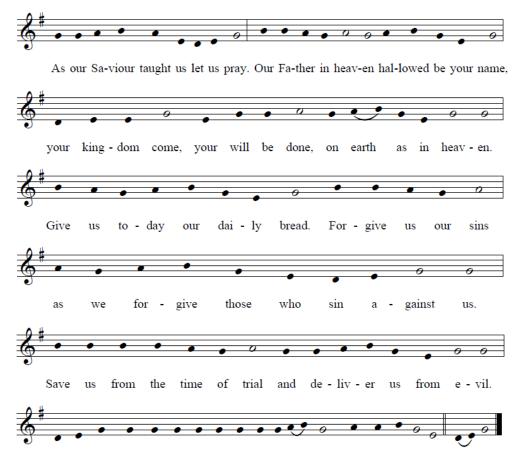
All: we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

### All: Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

### The Breaking of the Bread

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

All: 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.

Fraction Anthem: "O King of Glory" (Healey Willan)

O King of glory, Lord of Sabaoth, Who didst this day ascend in triumph, far above the heavens.

leave us not comfortless, but send upon us the promise of the Father, even the spirit of truth. Alleluya.

# 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.

### The Communion



All in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you need a glutenfree wafer, please indicate when you arrive at the communion station. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left and the clergy will be pleased to offer you a blessing.

# Communion Hymn: #563 (Common Praise) "In God Alone"

All sing



Mon â-me se re-pose en paix sur Dieu seul; de lui vient mon sa - lut. In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.



Oui, sur Dieu seul mon â - me se re-po-se, se re-pose en paix. Mon On - ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

**Motet**: "God is Gone Up" (Gerald Finzi/Edward Taylor)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:

The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:

Sing Praises out,

Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!

Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in.

Me-thinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of Glory down him to attend, And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their Music, making every string More to enravish as they this tune sing.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Please rise, as you are able

Priest: Eternal Giver of love and power,

your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom.

Confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through 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: #247 (Common Praise) "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"



- 1. Hail the day that sees him rise,
- him high tri-umph waits; 2. There for
- 3. High est heaven its Lord re ceives, al le lu-ia! yet he loves the earth he leaves;
- lifts his hands a bove. 4. See! He
- 5. Still for he in - ter - cedes; 118
- 6. Lord, though part ed from our sight,

to his throne a - bove the skies; lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; See! He shows the prints of love; his pre - vail - ing death he pleads, far a - bove the star - ry height,



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, he hath con-quered death and sin; al - le - lu-ia! though re - turn - ing to his throne, al - le - lu-ia! still he calls the Hark! His gra-cious lips be-stow near him-self pre-pares our place, grant our hearts may thith - er rise,

en - ters now the take the King of bless-ings on he the first fruits seek-ing thee

All sing



TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

high - est heaven! glo - ry in.

world his own. Al - le - lu-ia!

church be - low.

of our race.

bove the skies.

# Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! Priest:

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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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 outside of the church, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun. Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather in the church at 9:30 AM to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

Summer Readers at Redeemer is starting in June! This year they will be reading *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. In the book, questions of who Jesus is and who Jesus is for you are explored. Current social research suggests both believers and nonbelievers are becoming less comfortable with creeds and dogmatic statements. But Jesus, she insists, is not bound by dogma. Please register (<a href="https://conta.cc/38i0P4z">https://conta.cc/38i0P4z</a>) by June 3 and email the office (<a href="https://conta.cc/38i0P4z">office@theredeemer.ca</a>) if you need assistance buying a copy of the book.

# 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 website (theredeemer.ca).

# On Sunday

### Be Still

Continued uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and the spectre of war unabated in the world has added to the frenzied and hectic rhythm of our daily lives. It is time to Be Still.

Beginning June 5, our usual Sunday evening program will be replaced by a time of quiet reflection in the church. We will open the doors from 5:00-8:00 PM and offer those who enter an opportunity to be still, to pray, and to give over their cares to God. Candle lighting and quiet background music will provide the ambience to make this a time of spiritual rest and refreshment. Please join us in this intimate, silent, sharing of the cares that weigh on all our hearts.

#### **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 (theredeemer.ca). These will be added in the Zoom chat in the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

# In the Community

### 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.

- update your Pre- Authorized Remittance information or sign up for PAR. There is a form on the church website <a href="https://www.theredeemer.ca/donate">www.theredeemer.ca/donate</a>
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer (treasurer@theredeemer.ca) for more information on how to do this.
- by cheque or cash on the collection plate when we gather for worship in the church

# **WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday, May 29 – 4:00 PM** 

Ordination of Angie Hocking to the Sacred Order of Deacons (No 7:00 PM service)

Sunday, June 5 – 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Sung Eucharist

**Sunday, June 5 – 5:00-8:00 PM**Be Still

Sunday, June 12 – 7:00 PM Rock Eucharist: Beach Boys