NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 AT 9:30 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. If you would like to stay up to date with our news and events, please feel free to subscribe to our eNewsletter by going to <u>theredeemer.ca/newsletters</u>.

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Smudging & Drum Song

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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. 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.

Opening Prayer

Priest: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

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 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:Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.Isaiah 40.25-31All:Thanks be to God.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 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:Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.All:Thanks be to God.

Philippians 4.4-9 A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #736 (Gather) "Many Are the Lightbeams" Please stand, as you are able & sing



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The Gospel

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

Deacon: 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.

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

Homily: Jim Boyles

We pause for a time of meditation

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.

Please be seated

John 1.1-18

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,

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

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,

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

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. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- 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 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.





have the light of life."



in my pres - ence there will be no dark-ness. I am the light of the world." I have come to light the path be - fore you. I am the light of the world." you, my friends, are called to share God's glo - ry. You are the light of the world."

✤ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

- *Priest:* Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

Priest: God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.
We say thank you, now and forever.
From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North.
We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.
With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing:



Priest: O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction.

> Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

> On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

> After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Priest: In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other.

Surrounded now by our ancestor saints, and all saints and all angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever. May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all. United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, 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:* Whoever comes to me shall not hunger.
- *All:* and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
- *Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.
- *People:* Thanks be to God.



world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.



fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand, as you are able

Priest: Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth,
to give light to our minds strength to our bodies,
and seal us with your Holy Spirit.
We ask this in Christ's name. 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

Departing Song: "Hey Ney Yana" (Text and music: Brooke Medicine Eagle; as taught by Leonard EagleCloud)

The syllables in this song of respect for Creation are vocables, non-lexical syllables meant as vehicles for praise.

The Dismissal

Deacon: In the name of the Light that came into the world go in peace. Alleluia! *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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

Sandra Campbell

Sandra Campbell, Kanien'kehā: ka Wahta, Wakkwā:ho (English translation: Wahta Mohawk First Nation and Wolf clan) is a member of Church of the Redeemer. 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 over 12 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.

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: <u>s.camptunm@yahoo.ca</u>

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) are 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.

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......

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).

On Sunday

Pride Sunday is coming up!

On Sunday, June 26, Redeemer will mark Pride Sunday (with Bishop Kevin Robertson) at our 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM services. And then in the afternoon, will join the Proud Anglicans contingent in the Pride Parade. We hope that many will come and join in the festivities. Besides marchers, we will need volunteers to staff the Proud Anglicans water tent, which ministers to marchers from all groups, from the steps of St Paul's Bloor St. If you can put in a shift at the water tent, please let Chris Ambidge know; or if you'd like to join the marchers (and maybe hand out cards telling the crowd where to find welcoming churches), please speak up – either to Chris directly, or email info@proudanglicans.ca. Thank you and Happy Pride!

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.

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.

In the Community

Honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Each Monday at noon, beginning on Monday, May 30 to the end of June, our bell will toll seven times, every four seconds, to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. By making our bell heard throughout our community, we hope to spread more awareness of this issue during national Indigenous history month. More information is on the church's website (theredeemer.ca).

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 <u>www.theredeemer.ca/donate</u>
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website <u>www.theredeemer.ca/donate</u>
- 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, June 19 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still

Sunday, June 26 – 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Pride Sunday – Sung Eucharist and Confirmations (*Preacher: Bishop Kevin Robertson*)

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