



# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: **PRIDE SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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.

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#### Welcome

### Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song: "I Can See Clearly Now" (Johnny Nash)

I can see clearly now the rain is gone I can see all obstacles in my way Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind It's gonna be a bright Bright sunshiny day It's gonna be a bright Bright sunshiny day

Oh, yes I can make it now the pain is gone All of the bad feelings have disappeared Here is that rainbow I've been praying for It's gonna be a bright Bright sunshiny day

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies I can see clearly now the rain is gone I can see all obstacles in my way Here is that rainbow I've been praying for It's gonna be a bright Bright sunshiny day It's gonna be a bright Bright sunshiny day

## ✤ The Gathering of the Community

*Priest:* We are the body of Christ! The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing, Justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, risk taking body of Christ!

*All:* We are the body of Christ!

*Priest:* Baptized in one Spirit; we are members of one body.

*All*: Many are varied in gender, colour, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful Body.

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

*All*: For only together can we find wholeness.

Priest: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

*All*: For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice.

Priest: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

All: Let us worship God. Alleluia!

## **Glory to God**

## The Collect of the Day

Priest: God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works.
You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation.
In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us.
This we ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **First Reading**

## Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Kings

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. *All:* Thanks be to God. 1 Kings 21.1-10, 15-21a A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 16 (George Black)

Refrain



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said, "You are my God, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lïps. Ref.

O God, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless my God who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after nïght. **Refrain** 

O God, I have set you always before me;

because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Refrain** 

### Second Reading: Vows from a Gay Wedding (Joseph O. Legaspi)

What was unforeseen is now a bird orbiting this field. What wasn't a possibility is present in our arms. It shall be and it begins with you.

Our often-misunderstood kind of love deems dangerous. How it frightens and confounds and enrages. How strange, unfamiliar. Our love carries all those and the contrary. It is most incandescent.

So, I vow to be brave. Clear a path through jungles of shame and doubt and fear. I'm done with silence. I proclaim.

It shall be and it sings from within.

Truly we are enraptured with Whitmanesque urge and urgency.

I vow to love in all seasons.

When you're summer, I'm watermelon balled up in a sky-blue bowl.

When I'm autumn, you're foliage ablaze in New England.

When in winter, I am the tender scarf of warm mercies.

When in spring, you are the bourgeoning buds.

I vow to love you in all places.

High plains, prairies, hills and lowlands.

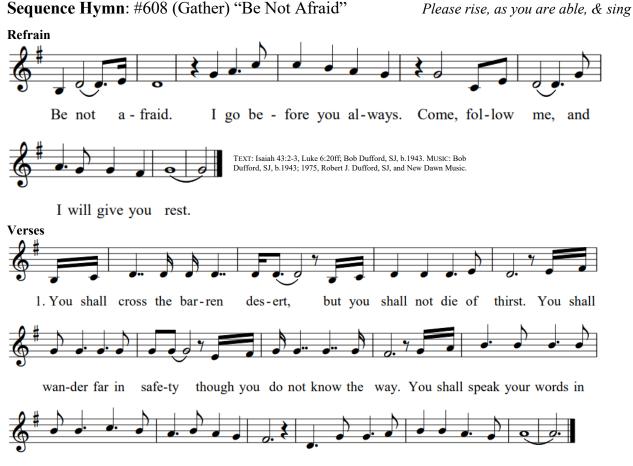
In our dream-laden bed,

Cradled in the nest of your neck. Deep in the plum.

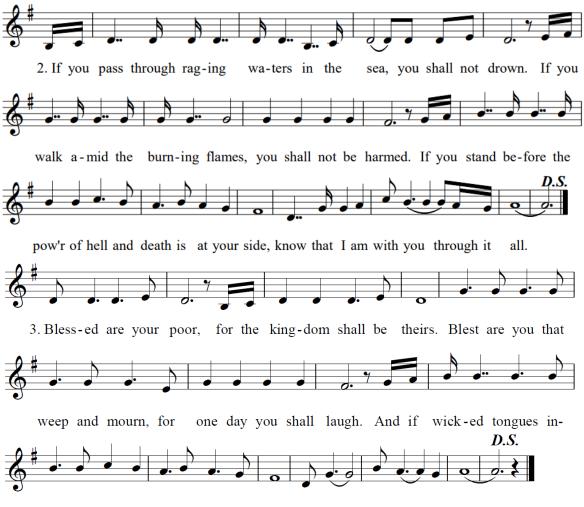
It shall be and it flows with you. We'll leap over the waters and barbaric rooftops. You embrace my resilient metropolis. I adore your nourishing wilderness. I vow to love you in primal ways. I vow to love you in infinite forms.

In our separateness and composites. To dust and stars and the ever after. Intrepid travelers, lovers, and family We have arrived. Look. The bird has come home to roost.

A moment of silence is observed



for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.



sult and hate you all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

## The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

## All: And also with you.

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *All:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.".

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

Luke 9.51-62

**Homily:** The Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson *A moment of silence is observed.* 

### The Prayers of the People

Leader: In the many silences of the heart, O God, when feeling is beyond saying, Your faithful people everywhere wait upon Your Spirit.
In the silence of joy – when a baby is born, when a sunset blazes, when a loved one is restored to health, when peace replaces strife –

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

Leader: In our joy, we wait upon you, O God.

## *All:* We give you thanks and praise.

*Leader:* In the silence of sorrow – when love is lost, when pain is too constant a companion, when time brings change that is hard to bear, when death seems victorious –

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

Leader: In our sorrow, we wait upon you, O God.

- *All:* You alone are our rock and our refuge.
- *Leader:* In the silence of anger when justice is postponed until tomorrow, when violence shatters body and soul, when prejudice sets neighbor against neighbor, when no one will listen –

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

Leader: In our anger, we wait upon you, O God.

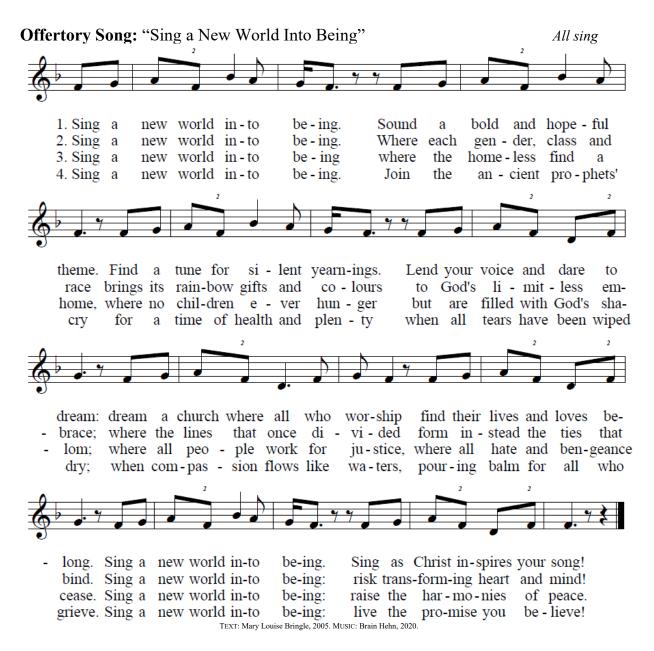
*All:* Teach us the ways of justice and mercy.

- *Leader:* Let us put our trust where it belongs, not in our positions of power or wealth, for such things are lighter than breath.
- All: In our joy, our sorrow, our anger, we trust in God's unfailing love and guidance. We rely upon the blessing of being a community of faith, a church universal. Siblings of many colors, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities, we are one in Christ.
   Together, let us wait upon the God of our salvation. 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.

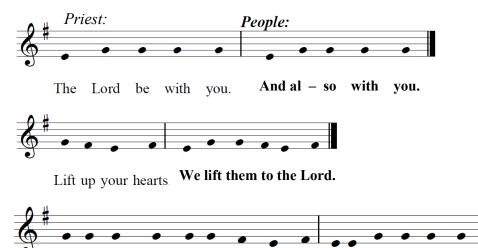


## ✤ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit,
that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

Priest: Holy God of wonder, you created light that shines with the splendour of your glory. Through Noah you made your promise to love all humanity no matter what by revealing the breadth of your compassion in all the colours of the rainbow. Therefore, in union with all you have created under heaven, we raise our voices in this unending hymn:



name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Music: Mass of Remembrance, Marty Haugen, 1987, GIA Publications, Inc. Priest: Holy One,

through your people you revealed your will that loving you alone leads us to love our neighbours. When your people were rejected and neglected you sent prophets to call them back to you and to welcome all at tables where bread, wine, and friendship were blessed.

In Jesus of Nazareth, you embraced all persons in their human dignity, and you forgave us for our failure to see your image in all genders, all sexualities, and in the beautiful diversity in which you fashioned us.

Through your beloved and chosen one you suffered in solidarity with the rejected, and you inspire us, in this moment, to celebrate love in all its wonderful forms, filling us with pride and gratitude for being born as we are, and for being made new in your endless grace.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in the remembrance of me. As we are made one body in you, so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Priest*: Send now your life-giving Spirit upon this gathering of queer and straight, wondering and wonderful. *Priest:* Shine in us and reveal the arc of your love in the colours of our varied lives.

> Sanctify this bread and wine so that, as we are blessed in Christ here and now, we may have the courage and strength to reach out to those feeling unloved, to advocate for those still facing rejection, and to seek justice, reconciliation, and healing for all.

Unite us at this table of grace, so that each of us knows that we are cherished by you, and called to love each of your beloved.

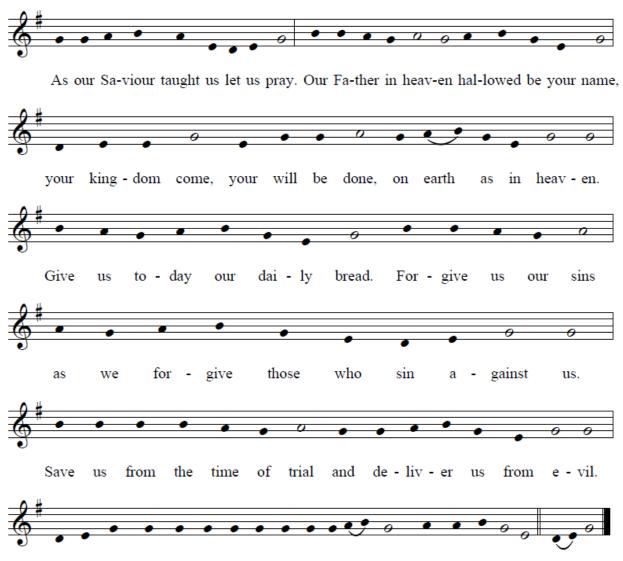
God of diversity, receive our offering as Jesus received each of us, with gratitude and joy.

Feed us with hope that we may continue our journey of loving whom we love and seeking your justice until all creation shines with your praise.

Creator of all, we pray to you Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

### All: Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer** 



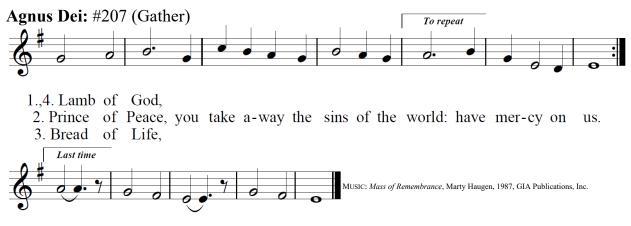
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

#### 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.



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.

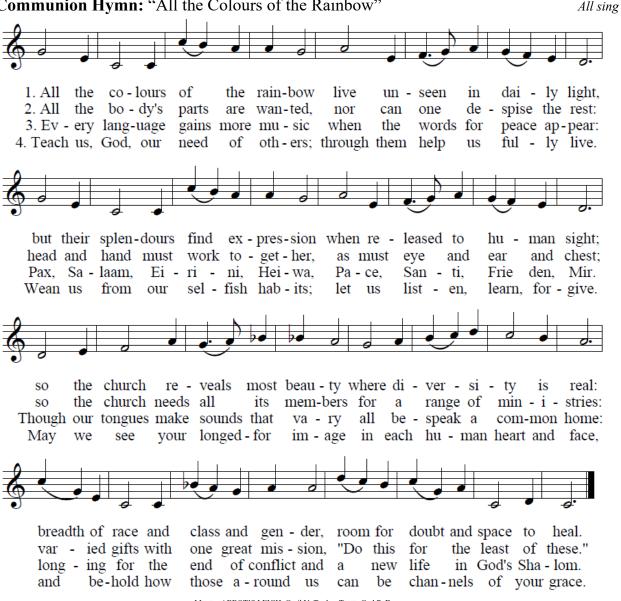
There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

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. Communion Hymn: "All the Colours of the Rainbow"



MUSIC: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor. TEXT: Carl P. Daw.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

*Please rise, as you are able* 

Priest: Nourishing One,

All: your gifts renew us in body, spirit, and mind. Through this taste of love, may the Spirit send us with a faith that is brave. Let no institution or narrow thinking hold us back; make us people who boldly pursue collective justice and tend gently to the world's pain. 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.

## The Blessing

- *Priest*: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- All: The maker of heaven and earth.
- Priest: Blessed be the name of the Lord,
- *All*: From this time forth for evermore.
- *Priest*: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen.

Departing Song: "I'm Coming Out" (Nile Rodgers-Bernard Edwards)

I'm coming out I want the world to know Got to let it show I'm coming out I want the world to know Got to let it show

There's a new me coming out And I just have to live And I want to give I'm completely positive I think this time around I am gonna do it Like you never knew it Oh, I'll make it through The time has come for me To break out of the shell I have to shout That I am coming out I'm coming out I want the world to know Got to let it show I'm coming out I want the world to know Got to let it show

I've got to show the world All that I want to be And all my abilities There's so much more to me Somehow, I'll have to make them Just understand I got it well in hand And, oh, how I've planned I'm spreadin' love There is no need to fear And I just feel so good Every time I hear

I'm coming out I want the world to know Got to let it show I'm coming out I want the world to know Got to let it show

### The Dismissal

*Deacon:* May God's gifts of love transform and enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving. Alleluia!

*People:* May God's presence among us provoke such longing for God's realm That we will never be satisfied until the whole earth knows God's justice, peace, and love. 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. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via 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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## 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**

#### **Becoming Pilgrims in the Pride Parade!**

Our first local pilgrimage will be the Pride Parade, which will be held this afternoon! Walkers from the Redeemer will join other Proud Anglicans who are walking in the parade. We will gather in front of St. Paul's Bloor Street in order to join the Parade. Pilgrims who desire to walk in the Parade with Proud Anglicans must RSVP at <u>www.proud anglicans.ca</u>. More information regarding the Parade is available on the <u>proudanglicans.ca</u> website.

#### 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 (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

## In the Community

#### **Becoming Pilgrims – Upcoming Pilgrim Walks**

The Becoming Pilgrims Committee invites you to our next three local pilgrimage walks. After the pilgrimage through the Pride Parade, the second local pilgrimage will be a "Beat the Bounds" walk along our traditional parish boundaries. It will start at **1:30pm on Sunday, July 10, 2022.** This walk will be led by Andrew Kuhl and Susan Haig. We will gather in front of the Redeemer. The walk will be less than 5 kilometres in length, and end at the Duke of York pub, where pilgrims can enjoy a pint and spend some time socializing with other Redeemer pilgrims.

Our third local pilgrimage will be along the waterfront and around the boardwalks located on the Toronto Islands. This walk will start **at 9:30am on Saturday, July 23, 2022**. We will start our walk by gathering at the Distillery District on Parliament Street (near Mill Street). We will walk south to the Martin Goodman Trail, and make our way west to the Toronto Ferry Terminal. From there, we will take a ferry across to Toronto Islands and complete our pilgrimage. Once the pilgrimage is completed, those who desire to do so may stay for lunch on the Island.

We are looking forward to walking and praying with you!

#### **Garden Eucharist**

Our Garden Eucharist returns next **Saturday**, **July 2 at 4:00pm** and is at Yonge & Eglinton, a sevenminute walk from the Eglinton subway station. There is street parking if you drive. If you haven't yet come to one of our outdoor services we would love to see you! Communion is given, our singers sing the open air, and you won't be in an enclosed space. Contact Susan Haig (<u>shaig@theredeemer.ca</u>) for directions if needed.

#### 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 26 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still

Wednesday, June 29 – 6:00 PM

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, The Ordination to the Priesthood of The Reverend Andrew Kuhl

Sunday, July 3 – 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Sung Eucharist

Sunday, July 3 – 5:00-8:00 PM Be Still