



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
HOLY EUCHARIST

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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

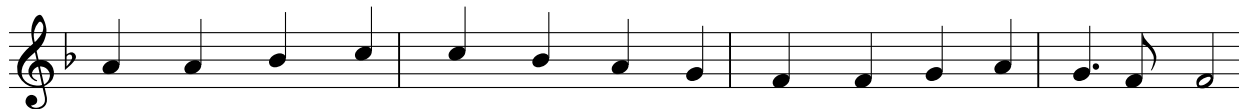
## Land Acknowledgement

## Opening Hymn: #714 (Gather) “God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle”

*Please rise as you are able & sing*



1. God, whose pur- pose is to kin- dle: Now ig- nite us with your fire;  
2. God, who in your ho - ly gos- pel Wills that all should tru - ly live,  
3. God, who still a sword de- liv - ers Rath - er than a plac - id peace,



While the earth a - waits your burn- ing, With your pas- sion us in- spire.  
Make us sense our share of fail - ure, Our tran- quil - li - ty for- give.  
With your sharp- ened word dis - turb us, From com- pla - cen - cy re- lease!



O - ver- come our sin- ful calm- ness, Stir us with your sav- ing name;  
Teach us cour - age as we strug - gle In all lib - er - at - ing strife;  
Save us now from sat - is - fac - tion, When we pri - vate - ly are free,



Bap- tize with your fi - ery Spir- it, Crown our lives with tongues of flame.  
Lift the small- ness of our vi- sion By your own a - bun - dant life.  
Yet are un - dis- turb- ed in spir- it By our neigh- bour's mis - er - y.

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## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

**Gloria in excelsis deo,  
Gloria, Alleluia!**

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

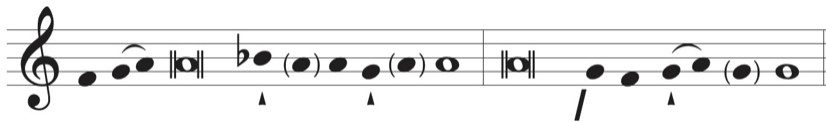
*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Jeremiah 2.4-13

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Psalm 81.1, 10-16** (*Plainsong*)



SING WITH – joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jäcob.

**I am your God,**  
**who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \***  
**“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”**

And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \***  
**to follow their own devises.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in mÿ ways!

**I should soon subdue their enemies \***  
**and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate me would cringe before me, \*  
their punishment would last for ever.

**But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \***  
**and satisfy them with honey from the rock.**

## **Second Reading**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Please rise as you are able and sing*

## **The Gospel**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

**Homily:** Andrew Kuhl

*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, add your petitions and thanksgivings, silently, aloud, or in the chat box.

Repeating the words of the psalmist who wrote, ‘the Lord is our helper’, our response is, ‘we will not be afraid’.

*Leader:* We pray for the church, that by your living water she would find renewal and courage to be truthful, resisting falsehood and fear. Help the church to find the courage to confess her faults and abuses involving children, women and Indigenous people. In your mercy, make right and make whole.

Thank you, Lord that you are ever faithful, that you never fail nor abandon us. Help us to be good examples of Jesus Christ in the world - yesterday, today and always.

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

*Leader:* The Lord is our helper

*All:* **We will not be afraid.**

*Leader:* Help us to keep loving each other as brothers and sisters.

Help us to extend welcome and hospitality to strangers. Save us from our fear of the outsider.

Help us to be trustworthy in relationships.

Help us to remember those in prison as if we were in prison with them.

Help us to advocate for the mistreated as though we feel their pain in our own bodies.

Help us to share generously and sacrificially with those in need.

Help us to invite into our lives the people who can never repay us.

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

*Leader:* The Lord is our helper

*All:* **We will not be afraid.**

*Leader:* We pray for the countries ravaged by famine, civil unrest and war: Ukraine, Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, Israel-Palestine, Haiti, and Ethiopia.

May your peace come and the killing stop.

We pray for the countries torn apart by gang warfare and drug cartels: Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Help us to forgive the people we struggle to forgive.

Help those who struggle to forgive us - to forgive us.

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

*Leader:* The Lord is our helper

*All:* **We will not be afraid.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world, for its outcast and abandoned. Do not fail nor abandon them, Lord.

Heal the sick, encourage those who despair, and embrace the lonely.

Heal the racial and socio-economic injustices that divide us.

Heal the land we have defiled.

Use us for good.

We pray for upcoming elections, both municipal and within political parties.

Raise up people who truly care.

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

*Leader:* The Lord is our helper

*All:* **We will not be afraid.**

*Leader:* We remember those who have died, thinking of the good that came from their lives. We pray for those who mourn loved ones who are no longer with them.

Comfort them in their loss.

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

*Leader:* The Lord is our helper

*All:* **We will not be afraid. 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.*



## Offertory Hymn: #377 (Common Praise) "To the Name of Our Salvation"

All sing



1. To the name of our sal - va - tion, laud and hon - our let us pay,
2. Je - sus is the name we trea - sure, name be - yond what words can tell;
3. 'Tis the name that who - so preach - es speaks like mu - sic to the ear;
4. Je - sus is the name ex - alt - ed o - ver ev - ery oth - er name;
5. There - fore we in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed name re - vere,



which for ma - ny a gen - er - a - tion hid in God's fore - knowl - edge lay,  
name of glad - ness, name of plea - sure, ear and heart de - light - ing well;  
who in prayer this name be - seech - es finds its com - fort ev - er near;  
in this name, when - e'er as - sault - ed, we can put our foes to shame:  
ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing so to write it in us here



but with ho - ly ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.  
name of sweet - ness pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.  
who its per - fect wis - dom reach - es, heav - en - ly joy pos - sess - es here.  
strength to them who else had halt - ed, eyes to blind and feet to lame.  
that, here - af - ter heav - en - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

Text: Latin (*Gloriosi salvatoris*, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Kaspar Ett (1788-1847), *Cantica Sacra*, Munich, 1840; desc. Gerald Manning (1943-) ©.

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* Merciful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

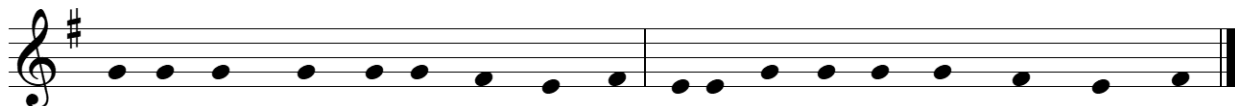
## The Great Thanksgiving



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:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus: #689 (Common Praise)

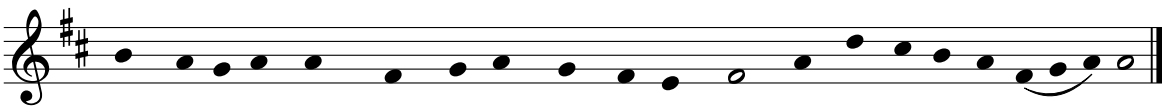
*All sing*



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



hea - ven 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.

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

*Priest:* God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along our journey, lifting us up from the dust even when we have fallen short of your glory. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent angels to whisper your message of love without measure. In every age, you sent your prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; and our hunger

and thirst for justice is your own desire, which you have entrusted to our fragile wills and restless hearts. In the fullness of time, you sent your son to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and the despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave 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 of wine, gave you thanks, and offered it for all, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim this truth:

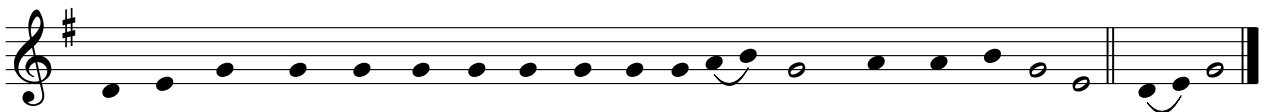
*All:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Priest:* Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom, to pursue love and justice in all the world. Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



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:* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*People:* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei (*Healey Willan*)

## 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 gluten-free 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 priest will be pleased to offer you a blessing.*

## Communion Hymn: #67 (Common Praise) “God of all time, ...”

*All sing*



1. God of all time, all sea-sons of our liv - ing, source of our spark, pro-
2. Here in this place, where oth - ers have been build - ing, we come to claim the
3. Spir - it, who draws our fra - gile selves to - geth - er; Spir - it, who turns a
4. Let us not die from pov - er - ty of car - ing; let us not starve, where



tec - tor of our flame, blaz - ing be - fore our birth, be - yond our dy - ing,  
leg - a - cy of faith; take, in our turn, the tell - ing of your sto - ry;  
strang - er to a friend: be at the ta - ble where we greet each oth - er;  
love is to be shared. Come, break us o - pen to re - ceive your heal - ing;



God of all time, we come to sing your name.  
and, though we trem - ble, speak your hope, your truth.  
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.  
your bro - ken bod - y be our wine and bread.

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## Motet: “O Lord, Increase my Faith” (*Orlando Gibbons*)

O Lord, increase my faith  
strengthen me  
and confirm me in thy true faith,  
endue me with wisdom,  
charity, chastity and patience  
in all my adversity.  
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May your holy food strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Doxology

*Priest:* Glory to God,

*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.**

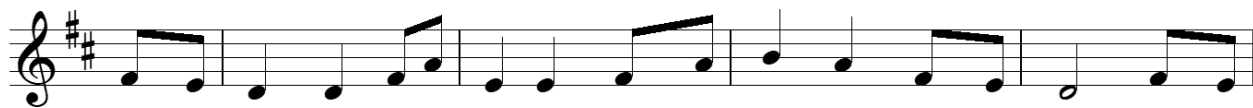
**Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## Announcements

*Please be seated*

## Departing Hymn: "Sing a New World into Being"

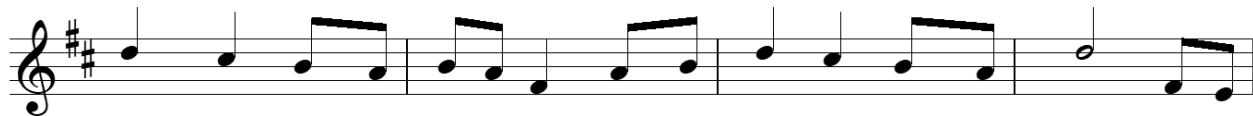
*Please rise as you are able and sing*



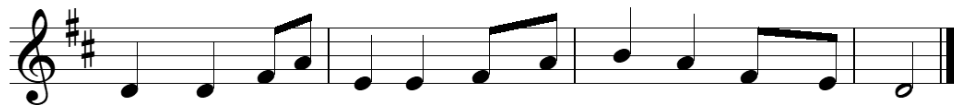
1. Sing a new world in-to be-ing. Sound a bold and hope-ful theme. Find a
2. Sing a new world in-to be-ing where each gen-der, class and race brings its
3. Sing a new world in-to be-ing where the home-less find a home, where no
4. Sing a new world in-to be-ing. Join the an-cient proph-ets' cry for a



tune for sil - ent yearn-ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream: dream a  
rain-bow gifts and col - ours to God's lim - it - less em-brace; where all  
chil-dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled in God's sha - lom; where all  
time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry; when com-



church where all who wor-ship find their lives and loves be - long. Sing a  
lines that once di - vid - ed form in - stead the ties that bind. Sing a  
peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and ven-geance cease. Sing a  
pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour-ing balm for all who grieve. Sing a



new world in-to be-ing. Sing as Christ in-spires your song!  
new world in-to be-ing: risk trans-form-ing heart and mind!  
new world in-to be-ing: raise the har-mo-nies of peace.  
new world in-to be-ing: live the prom-ise you be-lieve!

## The Dismissal

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

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

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## Ministry Updates 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 are sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is [on our website](#) (theredeemer.ca).

#### Tuesday Meditation

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin gathers for 30 minutes in the chancel at **12:15 PM** for a peaceful mid-week reflection. If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian ([lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com](mailto:lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com)).

#### 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

#### 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 included but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a [prayer request form](#) on the website (theredeemer.ca). These will be offered silently by one of the priests during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

## **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.

**From 5 to 8 PM on Sunday evenings** the doors of the church will be open to offer those who enter an opportunity to be still, to pray, and to give over their cares to God during this time of spiritual rest and refreshment.

## **In the Community**

### **Mid-Year Financial Review/Staying Connected**

The mid-year financial review will be **today at 2 PM**. Join in through Zoom to hear an update on how the revenues and expenditures are compared to the budget that was approved at Vestry. That will be followed by details of our Fall Engagement plans for Fellowship, Formation and Worship. The Zoom link was in Friday's eNews.

### **Zoom Coffee and Conversation**

After the services, the connection on Zoom will be kept open for a post-service coffee time. We will pause for about five minutes to allow time to grab a cup of coffee, tea or a cool beverage and return for a time of conversation.

### **Coffee Time at the Church**

All who attend worship services in the church building are invited to linger for a time of conversation and coffee in the narthex – the space at the back of the church – immediately following the service.

### **Temporary Housing Needed for a Refugee Family**

There is hopeful news that the family Redeemer is sponsoring may arrive as soon as three months from now! At this time, the Refugee Committee is looking for **temporary housing (up to six weeks)** for a family of eight—two parents and six boys, the youngest a baby. As you know, housing is so expensive in Toronto. If you own or know of an empty house or apartment or condo that could be used to house this family for a few weeks, this would be extremely helpful. If you have an idea for housing, please contact Alison Colvin ([acolvin@sympatico.ca](mailto:acolvin@sympatico.ca)) or Henry Krol ([henrykrol@yahoo.com](mailto:henrykrol@yahoo.com)).

### **The Redeemer Refugee Committee**

We are always looking for new members. We help to orient newcomers by greeting them at the airport, finding language training for adults, registering children in school, furnishing housing, and much more. If you would like to be part of our wonderful committee, please contact Henry Krol ([henrykrol@yahoo.com](mailto:henrykrol@yahoo.com)) or Alison Colvin ([acolvin@sympatico.ca](mailto:acolvin@sympatico.ca)).

### **How We Gather**

Recently we have been setting up the seating in the church in different ways. We have had the seats formed similar to pews. For the next few weeks, we are trying a semi-circular formation. Feedback as always is welcomed. For those in the building, can you see and hear well? How is your ability to worship enhanced? For those who join the service through Zoom, does the way the church is set up change how



you experience the service? To share your thoughts, please speak with one of the priests or send an email to [communications@theredeemer.ca](mailto:communications@theredeemer.ca).

## **Welcome Postcard**

As a result of the communications consultation last month a new postcard has been developed. It is a small print run and will be evaluated in a few months. Comments are welcome by email ([communications@theredeemer.ca](mailto:communications@theredeemer.ca)) if you have thoughts you'd like to share.

## **Children, Youth and Families**

As we come to the end of the summer, our volunteers are beginning to get ready for the fall for our Children, Youth, and Families Ministries! We have resources available in church for children and all families are invited to participate in worship together.

Our regular Church School and Youth Group gatherings will return on Sunday September 11 as we celebrate the new beginnings of the school year with a blessing of Backpacks! (Bring your bags to church!) If you have children or youth who are school aged, feel free to contact Andrew Kuhl to get on our contact list!

Over the summer, Pyjama Prayers (on Zoom) has been taking a break while we dream and plan for new forms of family ministry in the fall. Ideas have been percolating so keep your eyes open for an email for some feedback in the coming week! If you are a family with young children interested in programming, please contact Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **Blessing the Backpacks**

Bring your backpack, bookbag or tote to church on **Sunday, September 11** for our annual blessing of the backpacks.

## **Blessing the Pilgrims**

On **Sunday, September 18** we will offer a blessing to our Pilgrims. They will be heading off to Spain and walking the Camino starting later that week, and we will send them off with our prayers.

## **How Are You Doing?**

Our clergy are available to meet with you to talk and for prayer as is helpful to you. You can contact them through the church office (416-922-4948) or by email (Steven Mackison – [smackison@theredeemer.ca](mailto:smackison@theredeemer.ca), Susan Haig – [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca), Andrew Kuhl [akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **Pastoral Care Calls**

Volunteers from the pastoral care team continue to call members of the Redeemer community to check in with them. Please contact Tony Crosbie ([tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca)) if you know someone who would benefit from a call from one of the pastoral care team.

## **5K Run in Support of The Common Table**

Are you looking for a fun and active way to support The Common Table? Join our team for the **Constantine Yorkville 5K Run**. The Common Table is once again honoured to be included in this premiere event taking place on **Sunday, September 11**. This is a great opportunity for you to support our work and for us to increase our visibility in the neighborhood. Let's get moving!

- **Register** as a runner or a walker. You can run or walk either in person or virtually this year.
- **Support** a runner or walker in this year's event.
- **Pass along information** about the event to avid runners and walkers in your life.

For more information and to register for the run, visit the race website at <https://www.yorkvillerun.com/#about>. If you have any questions about the run, please contact Amber Aulen at [amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:amber.aulen@mail.utoronto.ca).

### **Join the Redeemer Pilgrims Team for the Yorkville Run!**

Calling all pilgrims, walkers and runners! Joan Robinson and her wonderful guide dog Dani are inviting members of the community to be part of the **Church of the Redeemer Pilgrims Team** for the Constantine Yorkville 5K Run and help raise funds for the Common Table. When you register at [www.yorkvillerun.com](http://www.yorkvillerun.com), choose Church of the Redeemer Pilgrims as your team and the Common Table as your favourite charity.

Joan and Dani have been together since March 2022. Joan says “She loves to guide and together we explore the city. Running down a woodland trail is one of her favourite experiences!” With that kind of energy on the team, it will be a great experience for everyone.

### **The Common Table Summer Schedule**

The program is closed until September 5.

### **De-escalation Training**

Join staff and volunteers of the Common Table and Bloor-Yorkville businesses for a free, city sponsored two-hour De-Escalation Training webinar. Sign up for one of the dates here - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/city-of-toronto-economic-development-amp-culture-30949674731>

### **Bulletin Announcements**

If you have an announcement you would like included in an upcoming bulletin, please send it to Marjorie Wrightson ([mwrightson@theredeemer.ca](mailto:mwrightson@theredeemer.ca)) by Tuesday at 5 PM. Thank you.

### **eNews Publication Schedule**

To enhance our communications, the **Our Common Life** weekly e-newsletter now arrives in your inbox each Wednesday evening. The **Our Common Worship** weekly e-newsletter will continue to arrive on Friday evening. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for sending submissions to Ann Cope ([aecope@interlog.com](mailto:aecope@interlog.com)) for Our Common Life is Tuesday at noon.

### **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. If you have not already done so this year, 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 – [www.theredeemer.ca/donate](http://www.theredeemer.ca/donate)

- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website – [www.theredeemer.ca/donate](http://www.theredeemer.ca/donate)
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer ([treasurer@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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

## **Beyond Our Walls**

### **Bible Remixed – Fall Course Offering**

“Love Goes All the Way Down: Discovering the Old Testament God” is an online course offered by Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat from September 25 – October 30 on Zoom. This course is for those with a “God of Wrath” upbringing, and the homophobia, sexism, racism and judgementalism that such a theology creates. We will explore how this tragic misreading of the text has suppressed the compassionate character of the Creator throughout the story. Registration and further information are available online at <https://www.bibleremixed.ca/>.

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday, August 28 – 5:00-8:00 PM**

Be Still

**Sunday, September 4 – 9:30 AM & 11:15 AM**

Sung Eucharist

**Sunday, September 4 – 5:00-8:00 PM**

Be Still