

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
HOLY EUCHARIST

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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: “Come All You People”

Please rise as you are able and sing

✠ 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: Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Jeremiah 18.1-11

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18 (*George Black*)

Refrain:



When-ev-er I walk or rest, you know where I have been.

God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways. **Refrain**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O God, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **Refrain**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. **Refrain**

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them. **Refrain**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to
be like yours. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Philemon 1.1-21

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.**

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 14.25-33

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

Homily: Susan Haig

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: We pray for the flourishing of God’s gifts to God’s Church, saying:
Source of our hope,

All: **in your mercy hear us.**

Leader: Eternal God, you give us gifts that we may work together
in the service of Jesus, your child:
bless the leaders of your Church,
that they may be firm in faith,
and humble before you.

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

Source of our hope,

All: **in your mercy hear us.**

Leader: Bless those who teach,
that they may increase our understanding,
and be open to your word for them.

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

Source of our hope,
All: in your mercy hear us.

Leader: Bless those who minister healing,
that they may bring wholeness to others,
yet know your healing in themselves.

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

Source of our hope,
All: in your mercy hear us.

Leader: Bless those through whom you speak,
that they may proclaim your word in power,
yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

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

Source of our hope,
All: in your mercy hear us.

Leader: Bless those who work in your world today,
that in the complexity of their daily lives
they may live for you, fulfil your purposes,
and seek your kingdom first.

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

Source of our hope,
All: in your mercy hear us.

Leader: Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts
and those who are powerless in this world's eyes,
that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

Source of our hope,
All: in your mercy hear us.

Leader: Make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.

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

Source of our hope,

All: in your mercy hear us. 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: #128 (Sing a New Creation) "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

All sing



1. Je-sus Christ is wait-ing, wait-ing in the streets; no one is his neigh-bour,
2. Je-sus Christ is rag-ing, rag-ing in the streets, where in - jus - tice spi - rals
3. Je-sus Christ is heal-ing, heal-ing in the streets, cur - ing those who suf - fer,
4. Je-sus Christ is danc-ing, danc-ing in the streets, where each sign of ha - tred
5. Je-sus Christ is call-ing, call-ing in the streets, "Who will join my jour-ney?"



all a - lone he eats. Lis-ten, Lord Je-sus, I am lone - ly too.
and real hope re - treats. Lis-ten, Lord Je-sus, I am an - gry too.
touch-ing those he greets. Lis-ten, Lord Je-sus, I have pit - y too.
he, with love, de - feats. Lis-ten, Lord Je-sus, I should tri-umph too.
I will guide their feet." Lis-ten, Lord Je-sus, let my fears be few.



Make me, friend or stran-ger, fit to wait on you.
In the King-dom's caus - es, let me rage with you.
Let my care be ac - tive, heal-ing just like you.
On sus - pi - cion's grave-yard, let me dance with you.
Walk one step be - fore me; I will fol - low you.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

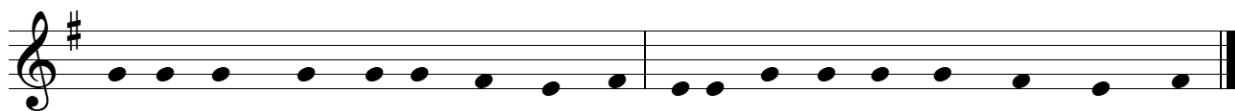
The Great Thanksgiving



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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: #726 (Common Praise)

All sing

Cantor

All

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 be in your presence. 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

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: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei *(John Bell)*

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: #556 (Common Praise) "O For a Closer Walk With God"

All sing



- 1, O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven - ly frame,
2. What peace - ful hours I once en - joyed! How sweet their mem - ory still!
3. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest:
4. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
5. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;



a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb.
But they have left an ach - ing void the world can nev - er fill.
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
help me to tear it from thy throne and wor - ship on - ly thee.
so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800). Music: Melody Scottish Psalter, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: #502 (Common Praise) “You are Salt for the Earth”

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the ci - ty of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vour of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain:



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace;



bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the ci-ty of God!

Text and music: Marty Haugen (1950-). © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Dismissal

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

[Online Donation](#)

Ministry Updates

Worship and Spirituality

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life

A memorial service and celebration of life for Nancy Langmuir will be held at Redeemer on **Thursday, September 8 at 2 PM**. All are welcome.

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. Looking ahead, this group will take a two-week break on September 20 and 27, returning October 4. If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian (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

Floral Dedications

Floral dedications provide a wonderful way to express our personal thanksgiving and remembrances. If you would like to provide chancel flowers, please email the necessary information to the church office (office@theredeemer.ca).

Prices range from \$150 for chancel flowers if there is only one dedication on a Sunday, or \$75 if there are multiple dedications.

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.

Sunday Worship Leadership

If you have been a part of a worship team or guild in the past – or would like to join in for the first time – we would love your help on Sunday morning. You'll be given the training you need so that you are comfortable in the role!

Greeters – for those who enjoy welcoming all who come through our doors for worship (and the tourists who wander in during the service).

Readers and Intercessors – help to tell the stories of faith by reading scripture or call the community to prayer by leading the prayers of the people – either in the church building or online through Zoom.

Communion Minister – as we gather for the Eucharist, offer the bread and the chalice of wine to the gathered community.

Hospitality – you know the joy of pouring a cup of coffee and ensuring the snacks are plentiful.

Rota Support – if you enjoy the challenge of matching up calendar dates and available worship leaders, Marjorie and Susan welcome your scheduling help as we expand the roles on the rota.

Please contact Susan Graham Walker (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca), Part-time Interim Administrator to volunteer or for more information.

In the Community

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.

Hymn Book Giveaway

We have a surplus of Gather and Common Praise hymn books and invite members of the community to take a copy of either (or both) home. They will be available through September at the back of the church or can be held by emailing Susan Graham Walker (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca). Donations are always welcome.

Open Doors During the Week

As we begin to establish some new and renewed patterns, one piece of our common life we would like to rekindle is having our church building open during the weekday. We have an opportunity to be a place of prayer, stillness, or curiosity about what the church looks like for the neighbour, the sojourner, or the seeker who passes by our open doors. Having members of the community available to offer a word of welcome is an important part of our presence. If you have a couple of hours available during daytime hours and are interested in learning more about how you can be part of this, please contact Part-time Interim Administrator, Susan Graham Walker (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca).

Marginalia

Marginalia – church school for grown-ups and the place where we at Redeemer meet to learn, ponder, and debate the puzzles of the Bible and the Mysteries of Faith – returns!

Sunday morning at 9:30 AM in the church:

September 11 and 18: Six Rules for Reading the Bible

October 9 and 23: The Theology of Food: Wisdom From Leviticus

November 27 and December 11: Kingdom Come: Praying the Future with Jesus

Contact Nate Wall (nwall@theredeemer.ca) for more information.

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) or Henry Krol (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) or Alison Colvin (acolvin@sympatico.ca).

How We Gather

With the quieter days of summer, there is an opportunity to set 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.

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) 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!) Children and youth programs start at 9:30am and families are encouraged to join the 10:30 service. 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).

Blessing the Backpacks

Bring your backpack, bookbag or tote to church on **Sunday, September 11** for our annual blessing of the backpacks. All ages are welcome to bring a bag to participate, if you are starting new work or newly into retirement, if you are returning to the office or to school. Bring your bag on Zoom or in person to be blessed!

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, Susan Haig – shaig@theredeemer.ca, Andrew Kuhl 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) 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.

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, 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 through 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) by Tuesday at 5 PM. Thank you.

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
- 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

Interim Administrator On-Site

Susan Graham Walker, the Part-time Interim Administrator, is on-site most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 12 PM. Please don't hesitate to connect by email (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca) or text (647-215-8814).

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, September 4 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still

Sunday, September 11 – 9 AM

Sunday Worship on Zoom

Sunday, September 11 – 10:30 AM

Sung Eucharist in the Church

Sunday, September 11 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still