



THE FOURTEENTH 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: #572 (Common Praise) “Let There Be Light”

Please rise as you are able & sing



1. Let there be light, let there be un - der - stand - ing,
2. o - pen our lips, o - pen our minds to pon - der,
3. per - ish the sword, per - ish the an - gry judge - ment,
4. hal - low our love, hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs,
5. thy king - dom come, thy spir - it turn to lan - guage,
6. let there be light, o - pen our hearts to won - der,



let all the na - tions gath - er, let them be face to face;
o - pen the door of con - cord o - pen - ing in - to grace;
per - ish the bombs and hun - ger, per - ish the fight for gain;
hal - low their ho - ly free - dom, hal - low - ed be thy name.
thy peo - ple speak to - geth - er, thy spir - it nev - er fade;
per - ish the way of ter - ror, hal - low the world God made.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

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.**

Haitian Kyrie: (arr. D. Cowling)

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God of the dirtied hands, the wandering feet:
you seek out the lost before they ever turn to you.
Take us with you into the abandoned places
to find a new community outside our fortress walls;
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 Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse — a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. “For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

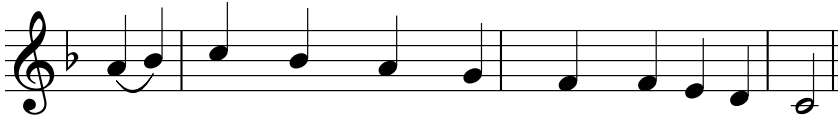
Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 14 (*George Black*)

Refrain:



Our God looks down from heaven up-on us all.

Fools have said in their hearts, "There is no God."

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good. God looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. **Refrain**

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one. Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upōn God? **Refrain**

See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but God is their refuge.
Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when God restores the fortunes of the people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

1Timothy 1.12-17

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

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: “Heaven is Singing for Joy”

Please rise as you are able & sing



1. Heav-en is sing-ing for joy, al-le - lu - ia, for in your life and in
2. Heav-en is sing-ing for joy, al-le - lu - ia, for in your heart and in
3. Heav-en is sing-ing for joy, al-le - lu - ia, for your life and



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mine is shin - ing the glo-ry of God.
mine a-bides the one love of our God.
mine u-nite in the love of our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

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 all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 15.1-10

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

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: Let us pray to God who loves us, holding the mixture of our experiences, feelings, and lives. In the pauses, please add your own prayers silently or aloud. We will respond to the words, “God of love” with the words,

All: **“Hear our prayer”.**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church. As we explore new patterns of worship, as we return to programs, as we continue our ministry, we hold the excitement and the anxiety, the joys and the sorrows, the hopes and the griefs.

In the silence we offer our prayers silently or aloud

Draw us together as your body, and help us bear faithful witness to you,
God of love,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for students and teachers, and all who return to the classroom this fall. At the start of the new school year, we hold the joys and the worries, the excitement and the anxiety.

In the silence we offer our prayers silently or aloud

Give them inquiring minds, the gift of wonder, and a sense of your presence in
all their learning and their playing.

God of love,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for workers and retirees, for those in a change and those continuing in their work. We hold the ways their work satisfies and is a struggle, for those without work and those looking for work.

In the silence we offer our prayers silently or aloud

May they find joy and challenge, opportunity, and ways to live into their vocations.

God of love,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray for the world, for those who have been harmed by violence, and for those who live in peace; for those currently experiencing violence, and those who bear its weight many years later.

In the silence we offer our prayers silently or aloud

Bring your Kingdom's healing, peace, and compassion for all.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those in any kind of need, in sickness or in health, in wealth or in poverty, in body, mind or spirit.

In the silence we offer our prayers silently or aloud

Comfort those in need, support those who support others.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who have died, and those who grieve them. Both recently and those lives who continue to touch ours to this day.

In the silence we offer our prayers silently or aloud

Draw them into the warmth of your presence with all the saints.
God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, we are grateful for the ways you sustain us. Be with us as we journey forward, form us to be your people. We ask all these things, in Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #372 (Common Praise) “Praise to the Holiest in the Height”

All sing



1. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the depth be praise,
2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
3. O gen - erous love! that flesh and blood, which did in Ad - am fail,
4. and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and blood re - fine,
5. who in the gar - den se - cret - ly, and on the cross on high,
6. Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the depth be praise,



in all his words most won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways.
a sec - ond Ad - am to the fight and to the res - cue came.
should strive a - fresh a - gainst the foe, should stive and should pre - vail;
God's pres - ence, and his ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine;
should teach his fol - lowers, and in - spire to suf - fer and to die.
in all his words most won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways.

Text: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing.

Sanctus: #216 (Sing a New Creation)



The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score begins with a key signature change from G major to E-flat major (three flats) for the first line, then returns to G major for the subsequent lines. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord; Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord; Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord; Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord; Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: Moosonee Service, David Buley, 2010. © 2010 Rublemusic Co.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honour your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Priest: Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

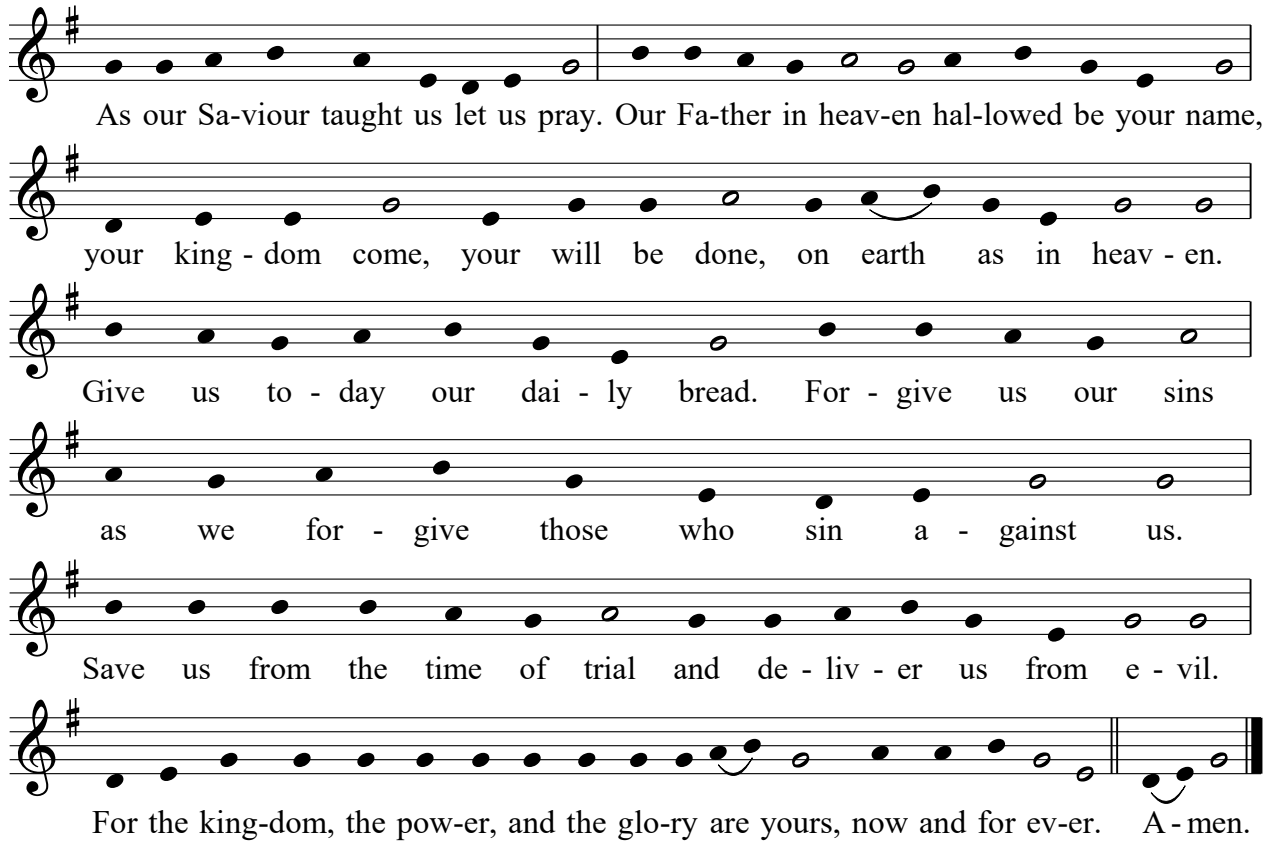
Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

People: **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Hymn: #611 (Common Praise) “Our Father, we have wandered ...”

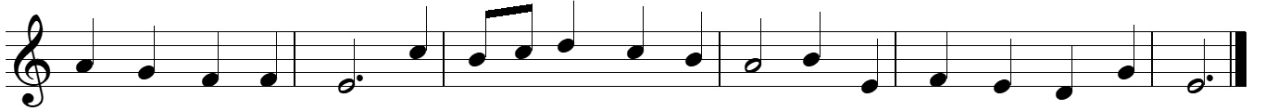
All Sing



1. Our Fa-ther, we have wan-dered and hid-den from your face; in fool-ish-ness have
2. And now at length dis-cern-ing the e-vil that we do, be-hold us Lord, re-



squan-dered your leg-a-cy of grace. But now, in ex-ile dwell-ing, we
turn-ing with hope and trust to you. In haste you come to meet us and



rise with fear and shame, as, dis-tant but com-pel-ling, we hear you call our name.
home re-joic-ing bring, in glad-ness there to greet us with feast and robe and ring.

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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: #610 (Common Praise) “Before I Take the Body of My Lord” *All sing*



1. Be - fore I take the bo - dy of my Lord, be - fore I share his
2. The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of kind-ness
3. The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for oth - er
4. Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their par - don
5. Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty now my



life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nise the sor - ry things with-
bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I ar - gued out of
folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and si - lence meant to
and I grant them mine that ev - ery con - tra - dic - tion to Christ's
heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you here in bread and



TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell (1949-), 1989 WGRG *The Iona Community* (Scotland).

in: these I lay down.
sight, these I lay down.
hurt, these I lay down.
peace might be laid down.
wine; which you lay down.

Motet: “Dona nobis pacem” (*BWV 232, J. S. Bach*)

Dona nobis pacem

Give us peace

~ A short prayer for peace from the Agnus Dei of the Latin Mass

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this 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**

Blessing of Backpacks

Priest: God of fresh starts and new beginnings,
We bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our bags to you.
As we enter a new school year, we bring our hopes and our fears,
our dreams and our uncertainties to you.

In these bags we carry what we need for the coming days,
Lunches, pens, pencils, notebooks, and more,
And we carry in us, the questions, the feelings, and our expectations
that swirl in times of change.

In the face of this new season,
Prepare the way,
Meet us in strangers and in friends,
Teach us to trust more deeply in you
And shape us into the people you call us to become.

And may the God who journeys with us along the way,
Bless these bags,
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Blessing and Celebration of New Ministry: Welcoming the Rev'd Margaret Rodrigues

Announcements

Please be seated

Departing Hymn: #169 (Sing a New Creation) “Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

Please rise as you are able and sing



Sent out in Je - sus' name, our hands are read - y now to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - ta pa-ra



make the world the place in which the king - dom comes. The
cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal. Los



an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in - to a world of love, of
án - ge - les no son en - via-dos a cam-biar un mun-do de do-lor por



jus-tice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it real-ly free. O,
un mun-do de paz. Me ha to-ca-do a mi ha - cer-lo rea-li-dad; a-



help us to o-bey, and car-ry out your will.
yú-da-me, Se-ñor, a ha-cer tu vo-lun- tad.

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Abingdon Press, admin. Music Services.
Music: Central American trad.; arr. More Voices, 2007. Arr. © The
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The Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless 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.

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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. 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).

Garden Eucharists this Autumn

Our Garden Eucharists at the home of Karen and Michael Visser will continue throughout the autumn, weather permitting. Please join us on these Saturday afternoons:

Saturday September 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday October 22, at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday November 26, at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday December 31, at 1:00 p.m.

More information will be forthcoming as the Garden Eucharist Saturday approaches, but we wanted you to mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) or Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@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.

There are also plenty of ways you can support our Zoom worship service at 9 AM with your gift of time.

Zoom Moderators - you enjoy the technical aspects of how we gather online for worship and help by opening our virtual doors and supporting the musicians, clergy and lay worship leaders. You have grace under pressure to manage when technology throws a curve at you.

Greeters - you welcome the community as we arrive before the start of the service and engage with those who linger afterwards for fellowship.

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.

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

EarthSong

Save the date – **Sunday, October 2 at 7 PM**. This service will launch our 2022 Season of Creation and will be both in the church and on Zoom. Details to follow.

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 (Registration open on www.theredeemer.ca)

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.

Start Here

Wednesday evenings at 7 PM a new series where we discover how Christianity is a house accessible by more than one door.

September 14, 21 and 28 (Registration open on www.theredeemer.ca)

Beliefs:

Word | Water | Table

October 12, 19 and 26

Practices:

Fast | Pray | Love

November 9, 16 and 23

Problems: Bible | Scandals | Narrowness

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).

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 **today** 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 9:30 AM 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 **today** 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.

An Invitation from the Spanish Pilgrims

Most of the pilgrims will be departing for Spain on Monday September 19. As we prepare and as we walk the Camino, we ask for your prayers and support. We would also like to invite you to share your burdens and cares, or hopes and dreams with us, to let us carry them with our own to the tomb of St. James in Santiago.

You can do this in two ways: first by emailing Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) and letting her know what it is you would like the pilgrims to carry or to pray about. The other option is to write them on a small piece of paper, enclose it in a small envelope, and place it into the blue Camino knapsack that will be at the front of the church on the lectern at the

10:30 Sunday service on the 11th and 18th of September. Be assured that your message will be confidential.

Pilgrims walk for themselves and they walk for others. Let us do that for you!

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.

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. Do you struggle with popular depictions of the Old Testament "God of Wrath"? 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/>. You can also share information about this on social media by sharing the links on the Bible Remixed Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bibleremixed>

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, September 11 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still

Sunday, September 18 – 9 AM

Sunday Worship on Zoom

Sunday, September 18 – 10:30 AM

Sung Eucharist in the Church

Sunday, September 18 – 5:00-8:00 PM

Be Still