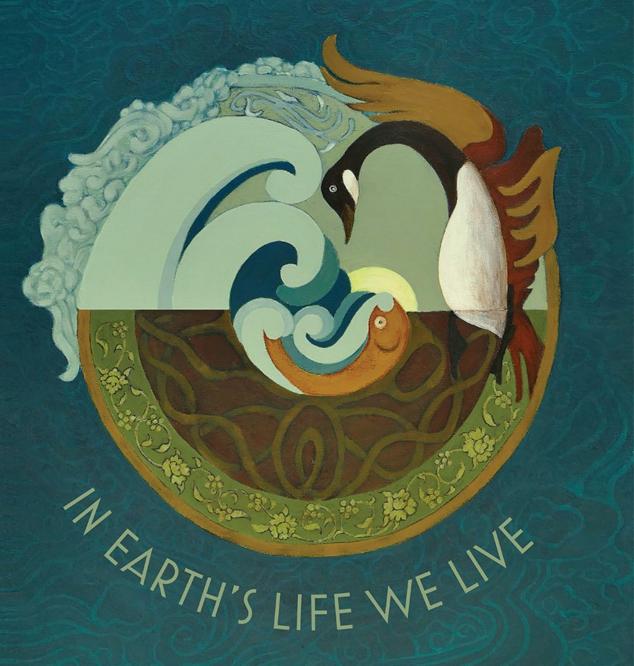


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We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich 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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Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome

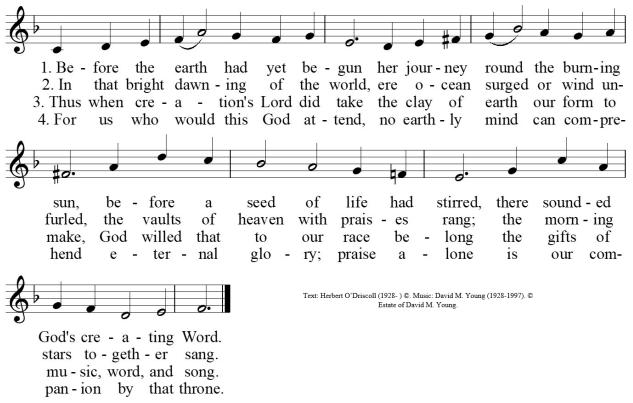
Land Acknowledgement

Moderator

Steven Mackison

Opening Hymn: #409 (Common Praise) "Before the Earth Had Yet Begun"

Redeemer Music Team



★ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Steven Mackison

- *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.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Lord God,
Creator and sustainer of all life,
you call us to care for all you have brought into being.
Help us to respond to your call to be keepers and healers of the Earth,
that through sacrifice, we may mend our relationship with creation,
and renew our relationship with you.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✤ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Catherine Emerson

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Esdras

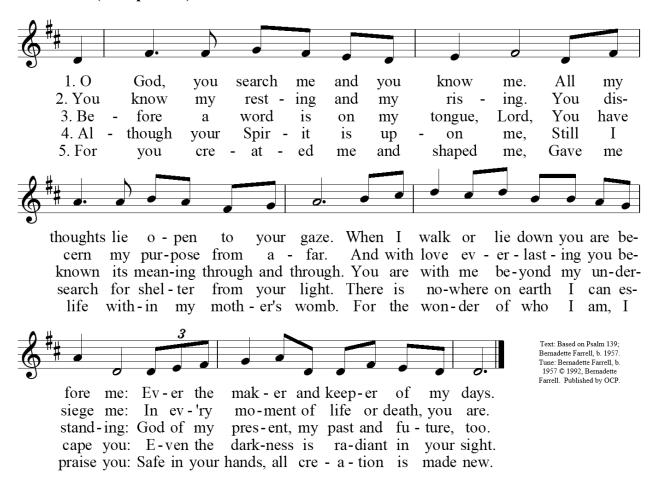
The Lord knows everything that people do; God knows their imaginations and their thoughts and their hearts. The Lord said, "Let the earth be made," and it was made, and "Let the heaven be made," and it was made.

At God's word the stars were fixed in their places, and God even knows how many there are. The Lord searches the abyss and its treasures, and has measured the sea and its contents, confining the sea in the midst of the waters. By God's word the earth is suspended over the water, and the heaven is spread out like a dome and made secure upon the waters; God has put springs of water in the desert, and pools on the tops of the mountains, so as to send rivers from the heights to water the earth.

God formed human beings and put a heart in each body, and gave each person breath and life and understanding and the spirit of Almighty God, who surely made all things and searches out hidden things in hidden places.

Reader:Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.All:Thanks be to God.

2 Esdras 16.54-62 A moment of silence is observed Psalm 139 (Paraphrase)



Second Reading

Catherine Emerson

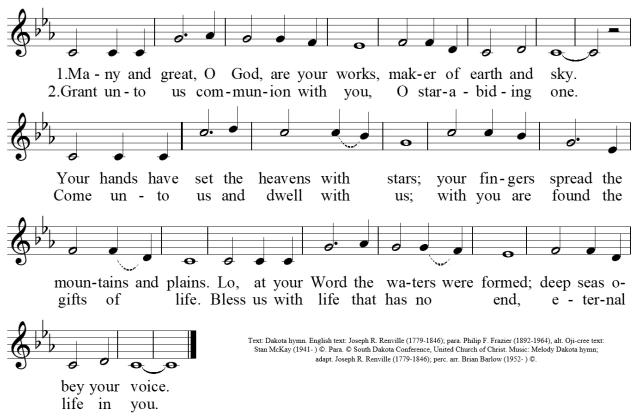
Reader: A Reading from "Embers", by Richard Wagamese

On a windy day in summer many summers ago, a hawk hurtled straight down at me. Ten feet above my head, she spread her wings and stopped in mid dive. I heard the whoosh of her wings against the sound of the wind and the exhalation of my own breath. Three things collided in an instant: wind, hawk, breath. There was no separation.

We were connected. Joined by air. In the flash of that sacred moment, I understood what it is to be alive: to be connected, to be aware of that connection, to be grateful for it. To breathe is to take in the wind of all breath. To exhale slowly is to open myself and glide over everything I feel.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #407 (Common Praise) "Many and great, O God, Are Your Works" Redeemer Music Team



The Gospel

Susan Haig

- *Priest:* The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Jesus said:) 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5.13-16

Homily

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: "Secrets of the Stars" (Pattengale Kenneth / Ryan Joseph Edward / Joarosz Sarah) Redeemer Music Team

The only time I ever heard the voice of God Was in the silence of the night In the arms of the one I love Staring at the ceiling up above Like it contained the secrets of the stars

Anytime I ever woke up in a dream I saw my shadow there, staring back at me Moving through the walls and wondering As all the world rose up inside of me

And I long to hear the melody That one time played inside my mind And to love another helplessly So breathing feels like putting out a fire

Anytime my life flashes in front of me I see a child there, as if on a screen Standing in the shadows, flickering For a moment I know what it means

All this time I lived inside a memory Daylight creeping in through a crack in the weathered seam Severing the ties and trembling Losing our voices in the wind

And I long to hear the melody That one time played inside my mind And to love another helplessly So breathing feels like putting out a fire

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Precious are these quiet moments.

We are grateful for the fruits of the harvest, for the joy we experience when justice prevails and for your word which brings life to all things.

Abigail Young

This is your doing Lord, too wonderful for words.

All: Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.

Leader: Your creation is being battered by hurricanes and drought, made worse by our misuse of resources.
 Forgive us Lord.
 Strengthen those who are rebuilding from the devastation of hurricane Fiona.
 Bring rain to the farmers experiencing drought in British Columbia and California.

All: Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.

Leader: We pray for the courageous women in Iran whose lives are being threatened in their quest for freedom and equal rights. May the bravery of people like Masha Amini inspire lovers of freedom throughout the world: in China, in North Korea, in Afghanistan and wherever freedom is restricted or denied.

All: Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.

Leader: We pray for the coming municipal elections, that people who truly care for people would be elected and would serve their constituents well. We pray for the implementation of good public policy to relieve those who are homeless and poor.

All: Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.

Leader: We pray for peace within our families, our churches and neighbourhoods. Bring unity to the places where misunderstanding and anger have us divided.

We pray for peace in countries ravaged by war - in Ukraine, in Ethiopia, in Yemen and wherever violence has taken hold.

We pray for the countries experiencing deep distress especially Haiti and the Philippines.

We pray for the world's Indigenous peoples, that their cries for justice would be answered.

All: Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill...that they recover. We pray for those who are alone...that they find community. We pray for those who recently have lost loved ones...that your comfort would come.

We pray for these, acknowledging that you care for all people everywhere. Not as someone far away, but here among us, as close as the air we breathe.

This is your doing Lord, too wonderful for words.

All: Help us to be faithful to what you have entrusted to our care. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Steven Mackison

- *Priest:* We have wounded your love.
- All: O God, heal us.
- *Priest:* We stumble in the darkness.
- *All:* Light of the world, transfigure us.
- *Priest:* We forget that we are your home.
- *All:* Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Priest: Eternal Spirit,

All: living God,

in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you. In the very secret of our hearts you know all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us; that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

Priest: O God of mercy, you forgive our past sin, you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life, you shape us for glory.
O God of mercy, we thank you. Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People:* And also with you.

Steven Mackison

Hymn: "My God Made a World that Changes" Redeemer Music Team 1. My God made world that chan that а ges, 2. My God made world of for ests. of а 3. My God made world of won ders. and а world 4. One day God's blight, plants may change to and shifts and lifts; tilts God made a world of and my God made des - erts and swamps and fields; my tun - dra and God made the God down in the hu man race; set us world may decrea - tures cease to grow; а warm - ing moun-tain ran - ges, seas and con - ti nen - tal drifts: mv buttes and hard Ca na - dian is-lands, streams and shield: mv midst of cre - a - tion, we can take or re-fuse our where place: mv

God made the void and com- ets, and deep black- holes in space; my God made a world of crea- tures, of ea - gles and snakes and shrews; of God gave us minds to think with; God gave us griev-ing God will start a-new, to make a chang-ing world; my

all that

God loves

so:

God will say "It is good!"

then a

scend in-to night, de - stroy - ing

God made suns and moons and beet - les and cows and fish and gave us the right to choose or lose, and God said, "It is good!"

God will cre - ate and re - new and re-make, and

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Steven Mackison

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: Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment, giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Transform our hearts that we may shine as your light in dark places; Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. And this all, in love for you. Amen.

The Doxology

Steven Mackison

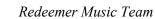
Priest: Glory to God,

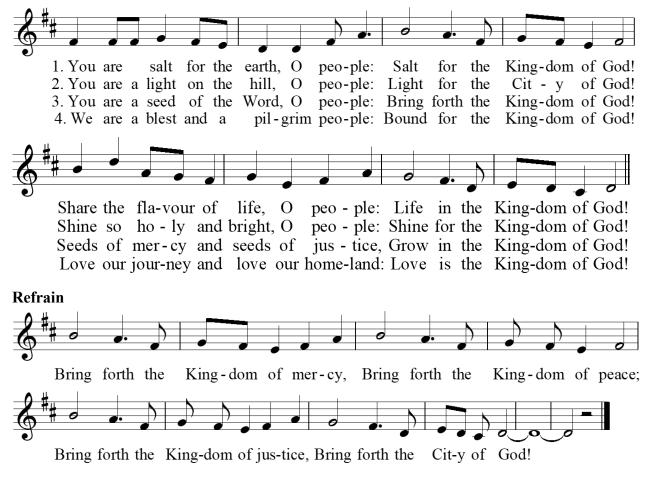
All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Steven Mackison

Hymn: #658 (Gather) "Bring Forth the Kingdom"





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The Dismissal Preamble

Leader: What is it you wish to know, oh mortal one? Do you think you must ascend to the highest heaven or descend to the deepest pit? Do you not know that Wisdom has pitched a tent in your midst? Ask the four-legged, and they will mentor you, or the winged-of-air, and they will school you; Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Jean Bubba

Who does not know that the Gracious Host has done this? In the Blessed One's reach is the heart of every creature, the breath of every living thing. Brother Sun declares the Beloved's glory. His voice goes out o'er all the earth, his words to every inhabited place. Sister Moon and stars pour forth speech to brighten the night in splendour and counsel. Now hear the blessed promise of old, made new in your hearing:

The Dismissal

Susan Haig

Priest: May you go out in joy and be led back in peace, the hills bursting in song, the trees in applause! 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 <u>on our</u> 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 (<u>lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com</u>).

Prayer on Wednesday

Each Wednesday morning, a simple order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time during the day to read scripture, to reflect and to offer prayers. The order of service for this coming Wednesday will be posted on the <u>website</u> (theredeemer.ca).

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 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 (<u>shaig@theredeemer.ca</u>) or Andrew Kuhl (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>).

On Sunday

All Souls Requiem Eucharist

As part of the All Souls Requiem Eucharist on **Sunday**, **October 30**, we continue the tradition of reading aloud the names of those faithful departed whom we loved and no longer see. If you would like to add names to the list of those to be remembered, please send an <u>email to Ann (liturgyanimator@theredeemer.ca</u>) or add the names to the list that is available in the church at the welcome centre (west wall below the screen).

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 \$200 for chancel flowers if there is only one dedication on a Sunday, or \$100 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 <u>prayer request form</u> on the website (theredeemer.ca). These will be offered silently by one of the priests during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

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.

Staying Connected

The next Staying Connected meeting will be on Sunday, October 30 at 2 PM through Zoom.

Dr Mike Daley Presents: The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Renowned public speaker and musician Dr Mike Daley presents The Simon and Garfunkel Story with Jill Daley (violin/piano) and Will Reid (vocals) on **Sunday, November 13 at 7:30 PM** at Redeemer. Mike is known across the GTA for his highly entertaining and informative talks on popular music history, richly illustrated with images and lyrics. You'll learn about how Simon and Garfunkel got together, the key to their unique harmony blend, their fascinating recording history and their musical legacy today. <u>Tickets are available on Eventbrite</u>.

Season of Creation 2022

The All Beings Confluence

Season of Creation 2022 sees the return of silk panels from the *All Beings Confluence* that we first experienced in 2019. As Grant Jahnke noted in an article he wrote from the Gathering that year, "*All Beings Confluence* is a community-based, interactive arts project that was directly inspired by Carolyn McDade, a composer, social activist and environmentalist whose music has sustained and nourished many over the decades. *All Beings Confluence* is an ever-expanding installation created by many individuals. It consists of a series of long, narrow sheer panels, each representing a single living Being – perhaps a grasshopper, a bird, a tree, or blue-green algae that first provided our planet with oxygen. The completed panels are installed to fill a whole area and a single panel is never seen by itself. It is always "in community" with other Beings. Everyone is invited to walk amongst them – they move gently with the air currents, merging into different patterns & combinations of colour and light. For a brief moment we can feel ourselves as part of the vast, complex and interconnected community of creation." (From the Summer 2019 Gathering. Source: <u>https://allbeingsconfluence.wordpress.com/</u>. Used with permission.)

Earlier this year the Church of the Redeemer was gifted with 24 of "the Beings." Some of these are present in the sanctuary throughout our Season of Creation.

Start Here

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

October 12, 19 and 26 (Registration open on the website – www.theredeemer.ca)

Beliefs: Word | Water | Table

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:

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

Registration is open at <u>www.theredeemer.ca</u>. Contact Nate Wall (<u>nwall@theredeemer.ca</u>) for more information.

Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

On Saturday, November 12, 1 to 4:30 PM, ISWG is offering an in-person event with the PWRDF program Mapping the Ground We Stand On. Here's a description:

"This *reconciliation for education resource* invites participants to walk on to the northern part of Turtle Island (Canada) and discover the Indigenous Peoples who have been here for thousands of years".

More information including the link to register to come.



An Update from the Refugee Settlement Committee

Refugee sponsorship is full of uncertainties. When will they arrive? Uncertain. Where will they live? Uncertain. Exactly what will they need? Uncertain. What is certain is that Abdikadir, Asho, and their six sons will need housing, furniture, household supplies, and clothing when they do arrive in Canada.

All signs point to their coming in the near future, and we are reaching out to you, the Redeemer community, to assist in this ministry. If you are aware of any possible **housing for this family of eight**, please contact committee co-chairs <u>Alison Colvin(acolvin@sympatico.ca)</u> or <u>Henry Krol(henrykrol@yahoo.com</u>).

Several of you have offered **furniture and other supplies**, for which we are grateful. We are not able to provide storage space at this time but will pick up your donations once we have found housing. <u>Here is a preliminary list</u> of needs. Please <u>contact Susanna Jacob</u> (andorrajosej@gmail.com) if you have items that might be suitable.

One urgent and clear need is for **cozy winter jackets and warm casual, easy-care clothing**. Mary Horan is collecting clothing for the family. Please contact her if you can offer jackets in these sizes: Women's XL or XXL, for boys 7-8 and 4-5 years, and warm baby clothing for 7-24 months. Donations in kind, for instance, new socks, are also needed.

Other urgent needs are for a **baby car seat** for Ayub (6 months) and a booster or car seat for Abdirizak (4 years). Please <u>contact Mary Horan (horangang@gmail.com</u>) if you can provide either of these important items, needed when the family arrives at the airport and for the future. Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya is prone to flooding, as well as dust storms and the drought that is devastating eastern Africa. Arriving in their new home at the beginning of a Canadian winter will subject Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons to new weather challenges. Let's make their arrival as welcoming as possible. Thank you for whatever you can do to support these newcomers.

Children, Youth and Families

We have resources available in church for children, and all families are invited to participate in worship together. Please find these resources in the back pew on the west side of the church!

Our regular Church School and Youth Group gatherings have returned. 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!

Pyjama Prayers is coming back in the upcoming weeks (!) with a few changes as we enter this new program year. If you are a family with young children interested in programming, please contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

Hilary Keachie

Hilary has been our pastoral associate for children, youth and families for more than three years. For the past year, she has been on parental leave. She recently confirmed that she will not be returning to Redeemer at the end of her leave because she and her family have moved to Port Hope. She will be with us on **Sunday**, **October 30** so that we can offer thanks for her ministry amongst us.

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 – <u>smackison@theredeemer.ca</u>, Susan Haig – <u>shaig@theredeemer.ca</u>, Andrew Kuhl <u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>).

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 (<u>tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca</u>) 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 (<u>mwrightson@theredeemer.ca</u>) 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 <u>www.theredeemer.ca/donate</u>
- 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 (<u>sgwalker@theredeemer.ca</u>) or text (647-215-8814).

Beyond Our Walls

Diocesan Outreach and Advocacy Conference

The annual diocesan Outreach and Advocacy Conference will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 29 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM**. The theme is "Pointing our Feet Toward Right Relationship" with Bishop Riscylla Shaw as the keynote speaker. Registration will open after Labour Day. See the poster on the <u>conference web page</u> (https://www.toronto.anglican.ca).

WORSHIP WITH US – SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, October 23

Harvesting the Season of Creation

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM - Season of Creation Rock Eucharist and through YouTube

ALL SAINTS

Sunday, October 30

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

ALL SOULS

Sunday, October 30

7 PM – Requiem Eucharist in the Church, on Zoom and through YouTube