



IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE



SEASON OF CREATION:

WHAT IF, AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE LIVED OUT OUR PRIMARY CALLING
AS CARETAKERS OF CREATION IN EVERY DECISION WE MAKE?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Opening Song: Mi'kmaq Gathering Song (*Traditional Mi'kmaq melody*)

Please rise as you are able & sing

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Creator God,
out of the overflowing of your love
you created all things with rich variety and great beauty,
and entrusted us with responsibility for them;
grant that we might so value all that you have given into our care
that we may strive to sustain its blessings for all people for all time;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from “Embers”, by Richard Wagamese

From our very first breath, we are in relationship., With that indrawn draft of air, we become joined to everything that ever was, is and ever will be. When we exhale, we forge that relationship by virtue of the act of living. Our breath commingles with all breath, and were are a part of everything. That's the simple fact of things. We are born into a state of relationship, and our ceremonies and rituals are guides to lead us deeper into that relationship with all things. Big lesson? Relationships never end; they just change. In believing that lies the freedom to carry compassion, empathy, love, kindness, and respect into and through whatever changes. We are made more by that practice.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 148 *(George Black)*

Refrain:



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hallelujah!

Praise God from the heavens;

sing praise in the heights.

Sing praise, all angels,

sing praise, all you heavenly host. **Refrain**

Sing praise, sun and moon;

sing praise, all you shining stars.

Sing praise, heaven of heavens,

and you waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

Let them praise your name, O God;

for you commanded, and they were created.

You made them stand fast for ever and ever;

you gave them a law which shall not pass away. **Refrain**

O praise God from the earth,

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **Refrain**



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;
Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all sovereigns of the world;
Young men and women,
old and young together. **Refrain**

Let them praise your name, O God,
for your name only is exalted,
your splendour is over earth and heaven.
You have raised up strength for your people
and praise for all your loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near you.
Hallelujah! **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

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

Romans 8:18-26

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #95 (Sing a New Creation) "We're Bound on a Journey"

Please rise as you are able & sing



1. We're bound on a jour-ney a - cross the wide wa-ters; we sail in the
2. Our sail - ing com - pan - ions are all liv - ing spe - cies, we'd have to make
3. God gave us a gar - den so care - ful - ly plant - ed its fruits should sus -



dark to a har - bour un - known. The birds and the beasts and all God's sons and
room if the di - no - saurs came, and nei - ther for them nor for us is it
tain us for ev - er and aye; Oh! nev - er a - gain will we take it for



daugh - ters, our ship is a plan - et and we are a - lone. Take heart and good
ea - sy to - ge - ther so cramped in this shake - a - ble frame. Take heart and good
grant - ed or need - less - ly gam - ble our birth - right a - way! Take heart and good



cheer though the floods are a - ris - ing; we hear the rain fall and we
cheer you poor pan - ther and bi - son, poor wood - louse, and shrew mouse, tho'
cheer while the floods are a - ris - ing; we'll join heart and hand on Mount



hear the storm roar, but be - yond are the hands that the whole world re - lies on: our
tri - als be sore. Our Cap - tain we have to the fur - thest ho - ri - zon, our
Ar - a - rat's shore. This world is for cher - ish - ing, lov - ing and prais - ing our



Mak - er, Re - deem - er and friend ev - er - more.
Mak - er, Re - deem - er and friend ev - er - more.
Mak - er, Re - deem - er and friend ev - er - more.

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The Gospel

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.**

‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”’

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 7.21-27

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

Homily: Hannah Johnston

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

Leader: As we centre ourselves in prayer, we are reminded in our first reading that we are in relationship with God and creation. Please feel free to add your petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Creator God, we give thanks for all the gifts you have given us. Teach us to reverence your creation. Grant us the wisdom to restore your creation and make it a gift for generations to come. Grant us the humility to use your creation justly and equitably with all who call this island home.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our Prayer**

Leader: Ruler God, we pray for the world. We pray especially for those areas that are locked in senseless warfare. We pray for refugees and others displaced by flood, famine, drought, or war. Strengthen the resolve of leaders throughout the world to restore the relationship with creation which has been damaged by our shortsightedness.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

Leader: Good shepherd God, be with your church throughout the world, particularly in places where to believe in you invites loss and persecution. Give us the strength to build our house upon a rock, that we may resist the forces that threaten us and your creation. Gather those who have lost their way. Lead us from the wilderness.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

Leader: Comforting God, we pray for those in our community who are suffering from inadequate housing, food or employment. We remember the sick and those who care for them.

We give thanks for our Refugee committee, our pastoral care team, our Common Table leadership team and for all those who in their small corner, are doing their bit to make your created world a better place.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

Leader: Weeping God, who cried at the tomb of Lazarus, we ask for your presence in times of loss. We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died.

Give us the ear to listen, the shoulder to lean on, the memories to share with those who mourn.

During this pause, please add your prayers silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our Prayer

Leader: Hopeful God, we thank you for the signs of hope you lay before us in troubled times. In the words of the Psalmist, 'We wait for your loving kindness O God, in the midst of your temple'. Be with us as we live our lives in unity with your creation and in a right relationship with you and your creation.

All: **Amen**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, we invite you to:

- Place your gift in the offering plate
- Use the tap and give kiosk at the door
- Visit theredeemer.ca/donate
- Use this QR code



Your support allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of Bloor and Avenue Road - now, and in the future.

Thank you for joining us today.

Offertory Hymn: #663 (Gather) "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

All sing



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a bright and warm-ing flame, So the
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are pil - grims on the way. We are
3. As a green bud in the spring-time Is a sign of life re - newed, So may



church is meant for mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Not to
seek - ers; we are giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our
we be signs of one - ness 'Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues. As a



preach our creeds or cust - oms, But to build a bridge of care, We join
gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would show that Christ is light. In a
rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a storm is past and gone, May our



hands a - cross the na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bours ev - 'ry - where.
hum - ble, lis - t'ning Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - dian - ce Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

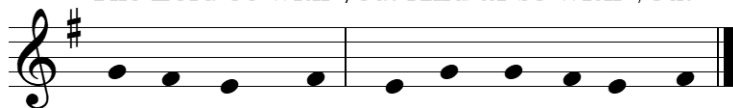
Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything on heaven and earth is yours.
"All things come from you, and of your own do we give you". **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: We thank and praise you almighty Father.
In wisdom you guide the course of the world
and cherish us with tender care.
We thank you that we can come in the name of Jesus your Son,
the first born of creation.
In him all things, visible and invisible, were created and hold together.
We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit
to make us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.
And so with the wonders of creation
and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth
we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

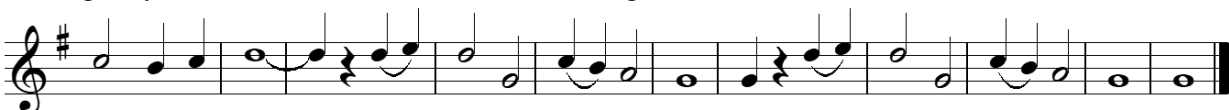
Sanctus: #201 (Gather)



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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Priest: God of all creation,
send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth,
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ:
bread broken and wine poured, Body given and Blood shed.

On the night before he offered himself,
Jesus recalled with his disciples the wonder of your creation
and the covenant you made with your chosen people.
Then he took bread, gave you thanks,
blessed it and broke it, saying:
'Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body,
which will be given up for you.'
In the same way he took the cup
and giving you thanks and praise,
he gave the cup to his disciples and said:
'Take this all of you and drink from it,
this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.'
So we proclaim the mystery of faith."

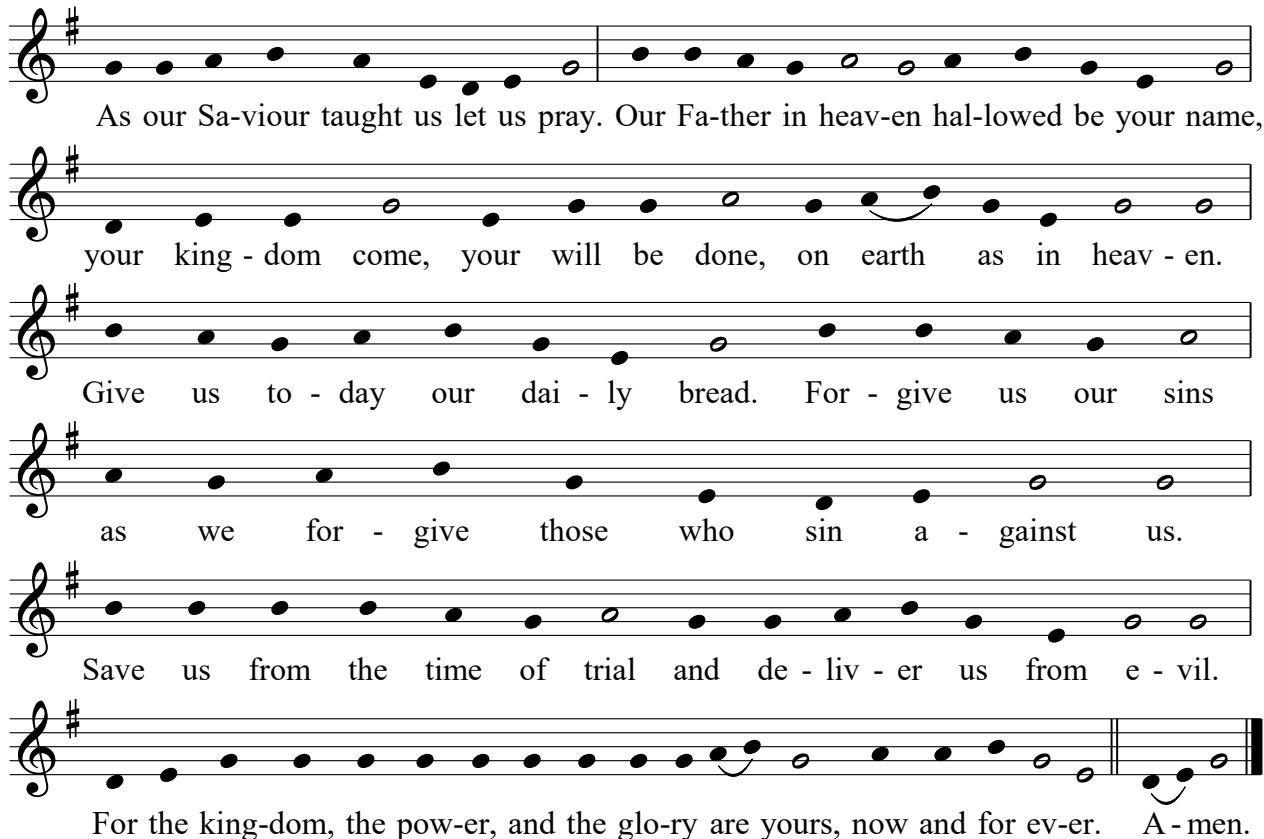
All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we celebrate the goodness of the earth,
our companionship in this world
and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives.
We offer the cup of our humanity
matured over the unnumbered centuries of the struggle
that has gone into making this world;
our living and dying, fears and hopes, futility and fidelity.

Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil,
those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on,
we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command:
through him with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-losed 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.**

Agnus Dei (*William Byrd*)

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: #837 (Gather) "Taste and See"

All sing

Refrain:



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Taste and see,



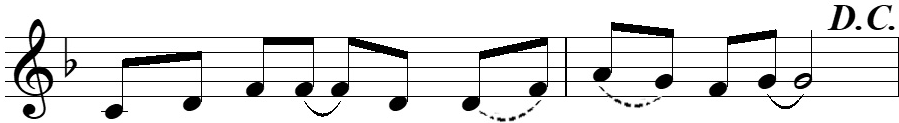
taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.



1. I will nev - er stop thank-ing my God with my words of praise. My
2. Join the sing-ing in praise of our God; tell the world of the Name. I
3. Look to God and be ra - diant with joy; you will nev - er know shame. The
4. God of jus - tice, rain down on the poor, giv-ing hope to their days. Come



soul will boast, will boast in the Lord. The
cried to the Lord: "Have mer - cy on me." God
weight of your bur - den is light to the Lord. With
vis - it your peo - ple, each child of the earth; come



low - ly will hear me and be lift - ed in praise.
calmed all my fears and then set me free.
ten - der com - pas - sion God will call you by name.
vis - it us now and bring us to a new birth.

Text: Psalm 34:1-3; Francis Patrick O'Brien (1958-). Tune: Francis Patrick O'Brien (1958-). © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

Motet: "The Blue Bird" (*C.V. Stanford/Mary Coleridge*)

The lake lay blue below the hill
O'er it, as I looked, there flew
Across the waters, cold and still
A bird whose wings were palest blue

The sky above was blue at last
The sky beneath me blue in blue
A moment, ere the bird had passed
It caught his image as he flew

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: Creator God, you set the tree of life
at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church;
grant that we who have been nourished at this table
may ever strive to work for the good of all creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

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

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

Announcements

Please be seated

Departing Hymn: #584 (Gather) "Healing River"

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
2. This land is parch - ing, this land is
3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and



wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this
burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren
flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish, let the tall stalks



land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
ground. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your



wa - ters, And wash the blood from off the sand.
wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
wa - ters, O heal - ing riv - er, from out of the skies.

Text: Fran Minkoff. Tune: Fred Hellerman; arr. by Michael Joncas, b. 1951. © 1964, Appleseed Music, Inc.

The Dismissal

Priest: Go out into the world rejoicing,
and live in the power of the Spirit
that renews all things. Alleluia!

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

Ministry Updates

Hannah Johnston

We welcome Hannah Johnston as our preacher this morning. She has shared some of her story with us.

I was born and raised in the UK, but spent 5 years living and working in New York City, before moving to Canada in 2019. I have a BA in Theology, Ministry & Mission from St. Mellitus College, a Church of England (Anglican) seminary in London, UK, and a Masters in Divinity from Trinity College, University of Toronto.

I spent five years working for St. Lydia's Dinner Church in Brooklyn, where I fell in love with the practice of worship taking place around a meal. In 2017 I was a member of the Leadership Development Cohort of The Reformation Project, an organization which helps Christians to think theologically about human sexuality, and supports churches in moving towards more affirming theologies of LGBTQ+ people.

Before leaving the UK, I worked for a small but diverse Anglican church on a public housing estate in London, where I was involved in InterfaithCommunity Organising, working together with Jewish and Muslim congregations on issues of social justice.

I previously worked for several years in the fashion industry as a stylist/personal shopper, and I also have a background working with affordable housing tenants and assessing welfare benefits.

I am committed to making church inclusive and fully affirming of LGBTQ+ people, creating fun and caring communities, empowering women, and working with people of other faiths.

I love hot weather, interesting ideas and conversations, wine, and anything with melted cheese. I have a deep and enduring passion for karaoke. I am married to Johnny, and we live in Toronto with two very important cats.

[Return to Order of Service](#)

Worship and Spirituality

During the Week

Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings are sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is on our website (theredeemer.ca).

Tuesday Meditation

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

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 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

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 [email to Ann \(liturgyanimator@theredeemer.ca\)](mailto:liturgyanimator@theredeemer.ca) 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 [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.

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.

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: <https://allbeingsconfluence.wordpress.com/>. 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.

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:

October 16: The Theology of Food: Wisdom From Leviticus (conclusion)

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

Registration is open at www.theredeemer.ca. 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.

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

Beliefs:

Word | Water | Table

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY**

**“Supporting people experiencing homelessness,
poverty and systemic oppression”**

Volunteer Opportunities 8:00 – 12:00 Monday - Friday:

- ✦ Meal Preparation/Kitchen
- ✦ Serving meals
- ✦ Outreach/Relating with individuals/Welcoming guests

“Making a difference in your neighbourhood”

The Common Table/Church of the Redeemer
Northeast corner of Avenue Rd. and Bloor St. West

For further information on how to apply, email:
commontable@theredeemer.ca

THE COMMON TABLE
Redeemer's Drop-in Community



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

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 – 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

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 [conference web page](https://www.toronto.anglican.ca) (<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca>).

WORSHIP WITH US – SUNDAY SERVICES SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday, October 16

What if, as followers of Jesus, we lived out our primary calling as caretakers of Creation in every decision we make?

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Season of Creation Bach Vespers

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

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