



SEASON OF CREATION:
WHAT IF LIVELY GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF CREATION
WAS PARAMOUNT IN EVERY DECISION THE CHURCH MAKES?
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IN EARTH'S LIFE WE LIVE

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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Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome

Moderator

Land Acknowledgement

Andrew Kuhl

Opening Hymn: #435 (Gather) “Sing to the Mountains”

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain:



Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic-es, lift your hearts.



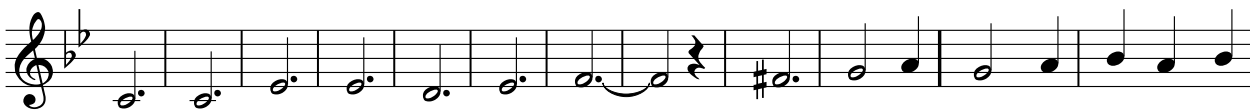
This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth re - joice.



1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea.



You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song.



2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry.



3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.



He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

Priest: Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Karen Turner

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

to lose myself
inside this soft world -
to instruct myself
over and over

in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,

the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant -
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab,

the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help

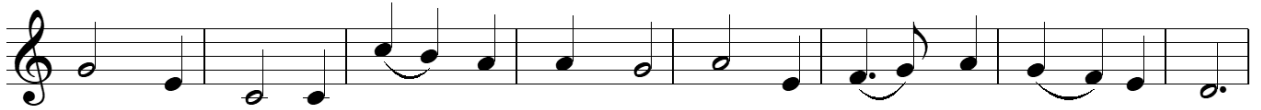
but grow wise
with such teachings
as these -
the untrimmable light

of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #428 (Common Praise) “God who Gives to Life its Goodness”

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1. God who gives to life its good-ness, God cre - a - tor of all joy,
2. God who fills the earth with beau - ty, God who binds each friend to friend,



giv-er of all hu-man free-dom, God who bless - es tool and toy: teach us
giv-er of all hu-man tal - ent, God who wills that cha - os end: grant us



now to laugh and praise you, deep with - in your prais-es sing, till the
now cre - a - tive spir - its, minds re - spon-sive to your mind, hearts and



whole cre - a - tion dan-ces for the good-ness of its King.
wills your rule ex-tend-ing, all our acts by love re-fined.

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The Gospel

Margaret Rodrigues

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of

them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 17.11-19

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

Homily

Nate Wall

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: Chorale from Cantata 29 *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir*
(*J.S. Bach / Johann Gramann*)

Redeemer Music Team

Sei Lob und Preis mit Ehren
Gott Vater, Sohn, Heiligem Geist!
Der woll in uns vermehren,
Was er uns aus Gnaden verheißt,
Daß wir ihm fest vertrauen,
Gänzlich verlassen auf ihn,
Von Herzen auf ihn bauen,
Daß unsr Herz, Mut und Sinn
Ihm tröstlich solln anhangen;
Drauf singen wir zur Stund:
Amen, wir werden's erlangen,
Glaubn wir aus Herzens Grund.

*Let there be glory, praise and honour
to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
who wants to increase in us
what he promised to us in his mercy,
so that we firmly trust in him,
rely completely on him,
in our hearts build on him,
so that our heart, courage and mind
may depend on him for comfort;
therefore we sing at this hour:
Amen, we shall achieve this,
we believe from the bottom of our heart.*

The Prayers of the People

Sylvia Keesmaat

Leader: Creator God,
we gather in gratitude
for the delights that we experience
in creation.
For the scent of the pine trees,
the sparrow's song in a city park,
the chickadee's sidelong look,
the scent of flowers on the evening air,
the light streaming through the window.

here we pause to offer thanks for the ways that creation offers delight

For all your gifts.

All: **We offer thanks.**

Leader: Creator of all lands and nations,
we rejoice in the diversity of mountains,
rivers, valleys, deserts, lakes and forests
that have birthed the many creatures
and peoples of this world.
We savour the many songs, dances and languages
that celebrate your world and its creatures.
We grieve over those places where your earth
and your creatures
are being destroyed:

Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine, the tar sands,
and all the mines feeding the hunger of our technology.

here we pause to offer lament for the places where creational destruction is happening

Show us how to halt this destruction,
that these places might offer up praise to you once again.

For all your gifts.

All: **We offer thanks.**

Leader: Creator of abundance,
we offer up our thanks
for the ways your creation sustains us:
for the savoury tastes that feed our hunger,
the comforting textures that surround our skin,
the rough walls that protect us from wind and cold.
We pray for those who do not have access
to the abundance of creation,
for those tasting only emptiness,
those without adequate clothing or shelter,
those whom the wind and rain too intimately embrace.

here we pause to offer our lament for those who suffer want

Increase our gratitude,
so we might extend creation's bounty to all.

For all your gifts.

All: **We offer thanks.**

Leader: Creator who entered into
our bodily life,
we are grateful for all the ways
we can enjoy your creation:
beautiful colours, moving sound,
comforting touch, evocative scents.
We pray for those for whom bodily life
brings only pain,
for those who experience grief
in the sounds and scent of loss,
those who lament the loss of other creatures,
and of their loved ones.

here we offer prayers for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, and those grieving

So work your healing in us all,
that all of our life
might break forth in praise.

For all your gifts.

All: We offer thanks. Amen.

The Peace

Andrew Kuhl

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: "Abundant Life"

Redeemer Music Team



1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild flow'rs grow-ing, for
2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and wea-ry, wait for morn-ing, when
3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-a-ting a



we are part of all that is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing, with
chil-dren have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing, God
fu-ture free from want or fear, life's good-ness cel-e-bra-ting, that



o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion, that
calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bour, that
new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vites our shared en-dea-vour, that



all may have a-bun-dant life In ev-'ry earth-ly na-tion.
all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bour.
all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

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The Lord's Prayer

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

Hymn: #662 (Common Praise) “The Trees of the Field”

Redeemer Music Team

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a section marked '§'. The lyrics are: 'You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The moun-tains and the hills will break forth be-fore you. There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy. You shall go'. The score includes a 'Last time' section and a 'To beginning at §' section.

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The Dismissal

Margaret Rodrigues

Priest: Go forth with a grateful heart for all that you have been given. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Donation

Ministry Updates

Worship and Spirituality

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

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

What if ... We All Became Farmers for a Day?

This all-ages activity takes place at the Common Table Urban Farm, located on the grounds of the Church of Our Saviour, 1 Laurentide Drive in North York on **Saturday, October 15 from 1-4 PM**. Rain or shine, join Andrew Kuhl, Katy Waugh, Sylvia Keesmaat and the Common Table farm staff to help turn the compost; prepare garden beds for winter; plant garlic, do artwork; and walk a labyrinth! Registration is open on www.theredeemer.ca.

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.

**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

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

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 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!

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).

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

Bishop's Company Cabaret

The annual Bishop's Company cabaret is coming soon. Among the featured groups that are part of the entertainment are some familiar faces and voices - The Redeemers (theredeemers.ca). Join in on **Friday, October 14 starting at 8 PM**. Visit www.toronto.anglican.ca/events for more information and a registration link.

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>).

WORSHIP WITH US
SUNDAY SERVICES DURING SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday, October 9

What if lively gratitude for the gift of Creation was paramount in every decision the church makes?

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

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