THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 2022 AT 9:00 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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Thank you for joining us today.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #481 (Common Praise) "May the Grace of Christ Our Saviour" Redeemer Music Team





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Moderator

★ The Gathering of the Community

- *Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- People: And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Living God, burning wild and unconfined: free us from the fear of death and take away the limits which bind our imagination and choke our compassion, so that we may feel your pleasure in all that brings us life; through Jesus Christ, risen and ascended. Amen.

✤ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Pauline Walsh

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

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

Haggai 1.15b-2.9 A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 17.1-9 (George Black)

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Hear my plea of innocence, O God;

give heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not come

from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice. Refrain

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me. I give no offence with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips. **Refrain**

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall nöt stumble. I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words. **Refrain**

Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings, From the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17 A moment of silence is observed Gospel Acclamation: #195 (Sing a New Creation) "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" Redeemer Music Team



The Gospel

Steven Mackison

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*All:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

Reader:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

We pause for music and meditation

Meditation: "Adonai, Adonai" (Srul Irving Glick)

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Adonai, Adonai	The Lord, the Eternal
Eil rachum v'chanun,	Is gracious and compassionate,
erech apayim, v'rav chesed veemet,	Patient, abounding in lovingkindness
	and faithfulness,
notzeir chesed laalafim,	Assuring love for a thousand generations
v'nakei.	Forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin,
	And granting pardon.

 \sim Excerpt from "Triumph of the Spirit", text: Exodus 34

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In the Hebrew scripture we read that God invites the prophets and the people to look upon the state of the temple. In the midst of the chaos, God offers them hope. He promises to build something new and splendid, with all the resources at his disposal. As we gather in prayer, we have lots on our mind. However, we pray to the God that offers us hope. You are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings silently, aloud or in the chat during the pauses.

God of Hope

All: Show us your marvelous loving-kindness

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world. In the words of the psalm, 'let our eyes be fixed on justice'. Give us the courage to live out our baptismal vows. Open our eyes to injustice and oppression. Where we have erred, show us the

Henry Krol

Luke 20.27-38

Susan Haig

path. Where we are silent, give us the words to speak the truth. Give us the patience and courage to work for reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings. *A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.* God of Hope

All: Show us your marvelous loving-kindness

Leader: We pray for the world. As we approach Remembrance Day, we give thanks for all who served and gave their lives for the cause of peace. We pray for organizations and people who champion peace in their communities, countries, and around the world. Open the eyes of our political leaders and institutions to the hope and prosperity that comes from peace. Be with those who will be attending COP 27 in Egypt as they negotiate solutions to the climate crisis that affects us all and defiles your beautiful creation.

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

All: Show us your marvelous loving-kindness

Leader: We pray for our country. We pray for moderation in our political discourse. We are reminded that we are blessed with one mouth, but two ears. Open our ears to listen for words of hope, reconciliation, understanding and cooperation.

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

All: Show us your marvelous loving-kindness

Leader: In our own community, we give thanks for the opportunity to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure in this worship community. We give thanks for the opportunity we have to learn their stories, to build community with the homeless, the jobless, the hungry, the lonely, the refugee. Be with the sick and those who are in distress. Bless those who care for them.

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

All: Show us your marvelous loving-kindness

Leader: We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died. May their lives be celebrated and remembered.

Comfort those who mourn.

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

All: Show us your marvelous loving-kindness

- *Leader:* These and all our prayers we offer to the God of Hope, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.
- All: Amen.

The Peace

Andrew Kuhl

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn: #577 (Gather) "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" Redeemer Music Team



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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

Priest: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion – not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste – but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.

There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how. You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The 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

Closing Hymn: #169 (Sing a New Creation) "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. 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

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 (<u>office@theredeemer.ca</u>).

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.

The Common Table - Can You Help with Winter Clothing?

Spread the word! The Common Table needs donations of warm winter boots, clothes and gear. It's one thing to walk to your favourite coffee shop in cooler weather; it's another to spend most of the day or all night outside. Some of the most common questions from participants are:

"Do you have winter boots?"

"Have the long johns come in yet?"

"Can I get a pair of gloves?"

"Any winter coats available?"

Thanks in advance for your donations! We appreciate it!

For information about how to drop off winter gear, contact the Common Table (commontable@theredeemer.ca).

Indigenous Solidarity Working Group

Mapping the Ground We Stand On is a program developed by our PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) to help us grow in our understanding of the Indigenous peoples' history and engagement with this land.

We're offering this program on **Saturday**, **November 12**, **from 1 to 4:30** in the lower hall at the church. Suzanne Rumsey will share leadership with our Indigenous friends Andrew and Esther Wesley. Andrew is a longtime Honorary Assistant priest here. Esther for many years managed the national Aboriginal Healing Fund.

You'll find a 7 minute video about the program here: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3Og9FbyFM4</u>. Watch for cameo appearances of some Redeemer parishioners!

Please register for this event.

The Spirit Garden

The Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action # 82 calls for the installation in provincial and territorial capitals of a monument to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities. Under the leadership of Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, a monument called The Spirit Garden will be installed at Nathan Phillips Square in 2023. The Spirit Garden will be a place for teaching, learning, sharing and healing. For information visit <u>https://www.councilfire.ca/spirit-garden.html</u>.

The Diocesan Council has approved a gift of \$ 300,000. Through FaithWorks, parishes and members of parishes are invited to contribute to The Spirit Garden. Here is the link to FaithWorks: https://contact.toronto.anglican.ca/sslpage.aspx?pid=393.

In a short video, Bishop Andrew Asbil is encouraging parishes and members of parish to make a gift in support of The Spirit Garden. To view Bishop Asbil's talk about The Spirit Garden, here is the link: https://fb.watch/cCKff5EAbP/.

At both services on **Sunday, November 13**, Bishop Asbil's talk will be shown following the services. Individuals in some parishes are contributing to The Spirit Garden by giving up a day's pay or a day from their pension plan.

Supporting The Spirit Garden is another way of participating in the healing and reconciliation journey.

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>.

Arctic Matters

Creation Matters@Redeemer invites the parish to a Zoom presentation elucidating aspects of climate change on Wednesday, November 16 at 2:30 PM.

Declan Taylor, a former Redeemerite and current student of environmental studies at the University of British Columbia, will share photos and experiences from his 3-month sojourn in the high Arctic where his team studied the effects of climate change on photosynthesis. Photosynthesis affects the food we all eat, and Creation Matters @ Redeemer believes that sharing images of this stunning, magnificent landscape might connect us southerners more deeply with the climate issues faced by the Inuit. Please <u>register</u> for this online event.

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.

An Update from the Refugee Settlement Committee

Every day brings us closer to when Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons will arrive in Canada. The uncertainties at our end are nothing compared to the wait for the family. Sleeping outdoors in makeshift tents in dangerous and over-crowded circumstances is a stressful way to raise a family, and we will all be enormously relieved when they finally arrive.

We are still seeking housing, furniture, and supplies, so as to be prepared as soon as we hear an arrival date. The Redeemer community has been generous in supporting this ministry, for which we and previous newcomers have been very grateful. Here are ways in which you can help now.

- If you hear of any housing possibilities, please contact Alison Colvin (<u>acolvin@sympatico.ca</u>) or Henry Krol (<u>henrykrol@yahoo.com</u>) committee co-chairs.
- Please look at the **revised list** of furniture and household supplies needs <u>here</u> and contact **Susanna Jacob** (andorrajosej@gmail.com) with any offers.
- Mary Horan (<u>horangang@gmail.com</u>) has been collecting clothing for the family. If you can provide hats, mitts, jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies, long sleeved shirts, T shirts, or new socks, contact her for sizes.

Settling such a large family in a new country requires funding. You can donate through Canadahelps.org and the **Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada campaign** page. Canadahelps.org will provide an immediate tax

receipt. <u>https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118863729RR0001-church-of-the-redeemer/p2p/welcomingAbdikadir/</u>

As always, thank you for your generosity and open-hearted support of Redeemer's refugee settlement.

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 (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>).

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 <u>www.theredeemer.ca/donate</u>
- 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

Advent Course

Join Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat for a Bible Remixed Advent Course "The Secret Life of Hope: Reading the Beatitudes" on Monday evenings beginning **November 28**, via Zoom.

Are the Beatitudes a fantasy vision of an impossible world, or a glimpse into the radical world of God's new community? All are welcome; pay what you can. More information is available at **<u>Bible Remixed</u>**.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, November 13

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Sunday, November 20 (The Reign of Christ)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM - Transgendered Day of Remembrance - in the Church and through YouTube