



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023 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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Welcome

Moderator

Land Acknowledgment

Paige Souter

Opening Song: "Peace Train" (Cat Stevens)

Redeemer Music Team

Now I've been happy lately
Thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun
Oh, I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Someday it's going to come

'Cause out on the edge of darkness
There rides the peace train
Oh, peace train take this country
Come take me home again

Now I've been smiling lately
Thinkin' about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun

Oh, peace train sounding louder
Glide on the peace train
Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah
Come on now, peace train
Yes, peace train holy roller
Everyone jump upon the peace train
Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah
Come on now, peace train

Get your bags together
Go bring your good friends too
Because it's getting nearer
It soon will be with you
Now come and join the living
It's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer
Soon it will all be true

Oh, peace train sounding louder
Glide on the peace train
Ooh-ah, ee-ah, ooh-ah
Come on now peace train
Peace train

Now I've been crying lately
Thinkin' about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating?
Why can't we live in bliss?

'Cause out on the edge of darkness
There rides a peace train
Oh, peace train take this country
Come take me home again

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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

Paige Souter

Deacon: Welcoming God,
make us apostles of your generous love
so that we might offer hospitality
that challenges the world
with your gift of eternal life,
made known in Jesus Christ,
who offered himself for us.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Heather Bennett

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’

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

Genesis 22.1-14

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Romans 6.12-23

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “Jesus See the Traveler” (*Sara Groves*)

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Jesus, see the traveler
On their long hard road
See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler

Lord make soft the strangest bed
Rest the weary feet
Of the mother, of the father
Of the child, have mercy on the traveler

See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler
See the mother, see the father
See the child, have mercy on the traveler

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold

water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 10.40-42

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

Homily: Margaret Rodrigues

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “There is One Among Us” (*John L. Bell*)

Redeemer Music Team



There is one a - mong us whom we do not know; host of high-est hea - ven



pres-ent here be-low.

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The Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: Gathered together by the God who always welcomes us, nourishes and sustains us, let us intercede for the needs of all the human family and creation.

We pray for the universal church, that God may gather it together and safeguard its unity, and perfect it in love.

Please add your prayers for the church silently, aloud or in the chat box

God of Divine Mystery, may the love which passes ceaselessly between You and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all gathered here into your unending life.

Leader: Ever present God,

All: **May we be a welcoming church.**

Leader: We pray for creation which is battered, crying, and in pain, that God would make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth.

Please add your prayers for creation silently, aloud or in the chat box

Leader: Ever present God,

All: **May we be a creation caring church.**

Leader: We pray for those in need in any way, people who are ill and unwell, who are homeless and street involved, and who are hungry and lonely, that God would raise up an abundance of physical and spiritual nourishment.

Please add your prayers for those in need silently, aloud or in the chat box

Leader: Ever present God,

All: **May we be a justice-focused church.**

Leader: We pray for this community gathered at the table of Christ's word and body, and for our personal cares and concerns, that God would build us up and strengthen us in grace.

Please add your prayers silently, aloud or in the chat box

Leader: Ever present God,

All: **May we be a faith-filled church.**

Leader: Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Paige Souter

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

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #592 (Common Praise) "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Redeemer Music Team



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where cries of tribe and
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed thresh - olds,
3. From chil - dren's wound - ed help - less - ness, from men and wom - en's
4. The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the fresh - ness
5. O Jes - us from the moun - tain - side make haste to heal these
6. till all the world shall learn your love, and fol - low where your



race re - sound, a - mid the noise of self - ish strife, O
dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we
grief and toil, from fam - ished souls, from sor - row's stress, your
of your grace; yet long the mul - ti - tudes to view the
hearts of pain. A - mong these rest - less throngs a - bide; O
feet have trod; till glor - ious from your heaven a - bove shall



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Christ, your word of love is found.
catch the vi - sion of your tears.
heart has nev - er known re - coil.
strong com - pas - sion of your face.
tread the cit - y's streets a - gain.
come the cit - y of our God.

The Lord's Prayer

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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

Paige Souter

Deacon: 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

Paige Souter

Departing Hymn: #484 (Common Praise) “In Christ There is No East or West”

Redeemer Music Team



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in Christ no south or
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in Christ meet south and



north, but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
find, whose ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
be; who serves my God in truth and love is sure - ly kin to me.
north; all faith - ful souls are joined in one through - out the whole wide earth.

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The Dismissal

Paige Souter

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Donation

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Ministry Updates

Getting Our House in Order

At our Vestry Meeting last February, we passed a motion to authorize a fundraising campaign with a threefold purpose:

- Provide for much-needed repairs/improvements to the building.
- Replenish funds that were borrowed from our investments to cover equipment replacement needs in 2022.
- Upgrade our space to meet our emerging ministry needs and make the facilities more attractive for rentals.

Kick-Off Challenge

A generous, anonymous, donor has committed to matching individual givings of up to \$5000 by a factor of 1:1.5 – so, for example, if you donate \$1000, the donor will contribute an additional \$1500, and the campaign will receive \$2500 in total. This includes not just donations received, but those pledged as well. For example, If you pledged \$100 a month over 12 months (for a total of \$1200), the donor would pledge an additional \$1800, and the campaign would receive \$3000 towards our goal.

All gifts donated or submitted by a signed pledge by July 31, 2023, are eligible and the donor will match all contributions up to a total of \$100,000 for this period. That means we could potentially raise **\$250,000** in this Kick-off Challenge and achieve 60% of our goal for this campaign.

Donations

If you would like to support the "Getting our House in Order" campaign, [this link](#) will take you to the CanadaHelps page where you can donate online. You can also donate by credit card on PayPal. Donation envelopes are available on Sunday mornings for you to place on the offering plate. Cheques can be mailed to the church – 162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4. E-Transfers are also an option. Please put “Getting Our House in Order” in the message field.

Sunday Morning Parking

The privilege of free parking at the Bedford Street parking lot on Sunday mornings until 1 PM has ended. Please note that on-street parking is free on Sunday morning until 1 PM.

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.

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. 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).

On Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship Teams

It's summertime, and Sunday morning worship teams are easy and fun!

Rather than using a "strict" rota during the summer months, we are inviting anyone who is interested to sign-up on the sheets in the narthex, on the wall beside the kitchen hatch. You can sign up a couple of weeks in advance, or check the sheet on Sunday morning, look for any gaps, and volunteer on the spot! Please click this [link](#) for short (and entertaining!) details about the various roles and for information about the worship teams. If you have any questions, please contact [Mary-Jane Wilson](mailto:mjwdhp@icloud.com) or [Susan Graham-Walker](mailto:sgwalker@theredeemer.ca).

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 clergy during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

Kneelers

A basket with a supply of kneelers will be on the bench just inside the orange doors. If you would like to be able to kneel in prayer before or during the service, please help yourself and return it at the end of the service.

Our Common Life

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

Coffee and cookies are available **before** the 10:30 service. Why not arrive early for conversation over coffee or tea until 10:20? All who attend worship services in the church building are also 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.

Redeemer Pilgrims

Our next local pilgrimage walk will be held on **Saturday, July 8, 2023**.

We will meet at the west corner of the Bloor Street West entrance to High Park (Bloor Street West at Colborne Lodge Drive), steps from the High Park subway stop, at **10 AM**. We will walk south through High Park to the Martin Goodman Trail, and then west along the Martin Goodman Trail, over the Humber River bridge, ending at the Butterfly Conservatory. After a break to rest, we will retrace our steps, and finish our pilgrimage at the Grenadier Restaurant in High Park, where those who are interested may stop for lunch.

The total distance for the walk is approximately 7 kms.

As always, our pilgrimage will proceed, rain or shine.

If you are interested in walking, please RSVP to Lee Shouldice at lee.shouldice@gmail.com. This will give us some sense as to who we should be looking for. However, if you haven't RSVP'd, you're still welcome to walk with us.

Learn how to pray with your feet!

Redeemer Explorers – Summer Readers

Redeemer Explorers invites you to join us for our summer book club — Summer Readers. This year we will have an in-person and a Zoom option, both of which will begin meeting the second week of July and will continue for 4 weeks.

This summer we'll be reading *An Evolving God, An Evolving People, An Evolving World* by Joan Chittister, who is a Benedictine sister, prolific writer, and international speaker. In her book she invites us to consider the following questions:

- Who is God?
- Why are we here?
- What does it mean to gain heaven?

We live in a changing world, and our understanding of God changes along with it. Chittister challenges us to think about our modern life and the importance of God in it.

Consult the Redeemer website to register for a group.

Refugee Settlement Committee

After five months in Canada, Abdikadir, Asho and the boys are settling in well. Four of the boys are attending school, enjoying it, and learning English. The oldest, Zakaria, and Abdikadir are attending City Adult Learning Centre (CALC) to refine their English. Zakaria intends to go to summer school, with hopes of finishing high school next year. Asho and baby Ayub are at home, with plans for her to begin ESL in the fall.

Skills for Change employment service is helping Abdikadir develop his resume and begin the job search. Through a generous dedicated financial donation, the boys were able to purchase soccer cleats, and are eagerly playing their favourite game. Members of the committee meet monthly with Abdikadir to advise regarding any challenges, but the aim of settlement is newcomer independence, and final decisions rest with the family. An upcoming challenge will be the search for permanent housing. Due to the weather, plans for a celebratory picnic together in High Park had to be cancelled, but we're hoping to re-schedule and enjoy time together soon.

If you are interested in more information about the committee, its work, and volunteer opportunities, please contact Alison Colvin.

To make a financial contribution to helping this family in their new life in Canada, you can donate through [CanadaHelps](#) and the [Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada](#) campaign page. CanadaHelps will provide an immediate tax receipt.

The Common Table

Can You Help?

Our Common Table participants need ball caps, socks, men's underwear (M, L, XL), men's t-shirts and shorts, running shoes (especially men's sizes 10-13), deodorant and bottles of sunscreen. Drop off donations Monday to Friday between 10 & 11:30 AM at the church or [email the program](mailto:dropin2@theredeemer.ca) to learn more about how to help out. Thank you!

Kitchen Volunteers Needed

All shifts: arrive between 7:30-8:30 AM and stay until 12 PMish (until the work is done)

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: two people each day to help with meal prep (lots of chopping) and cooking

Thursday and Friday: one person - dishwasher

At-Home Sandwich Making

We need 10 people to make two loaves of sandwiches each to arrive by noon Wednesday. Preferably turkey, chicken, ham, peanut butter and jam, cheese with lettuce/cucumber – you choose.

Please [email the program](mailto:commontable@theredeemer.ca) to volunteer for either of these opportunities.

Parish Resources

Parish Operations Manager On-Site

Susan Graham Walker, Parish Operations Manager, 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).

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 (on vacation from July 1) – smackison@theredeemer.ca, Paige Souter – psouter@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.

Announcements

Do you sometimes wonder where to send an announcement to be shared with the community? We are making your life (and ours!) simpler by having one email address for all those pieces of information that you would like included in the various places we share ministry updates. Please send your details to us at **Announcements**. (announcements@theredeemer.ca)

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, July 9 (Proper 14A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday, July 16 (Proper 15A)

9 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)