



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 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 Hymn: #259 (Common Praise) "For the Fruit of All Creation"

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God; gifts be - stowed on ev - ery na - tion,  
2. In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neigh - bour,  
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while  
God's will is done. In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry  
thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that



we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
still con - found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## ✠ 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:* God of the earth,  
all creation awaits your gift of new life.  
Prepare our hearts to receive your Word  
so that it may grow within us  
and yield a hundredfold harvest;  
through Jesus Christ, the Sower.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ✠ Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Henry Krol*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Genesis 25:19-34

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Refrain**



You di - rect me, that I might keep your sta-tutes.

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined  
to keep your righteous judgments. **Refrain**

I am deeply troubled;  
preserve my life, O God, according to your word.  
Accept, O God, the willing tribute of my lips,  
and teach me your judgments. **Refrain**

My life is always in my hand,  
yet I do not forget your law.  
The wicked have set a trap for me,  
but I have not strayed from your commandments. **Refrain**

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes  
for ever and to the end. **Refrain**

**Second Reading**

*Henry Krol*

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life

and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Romans 8:1-11

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

**Sequence Song:** “Garden Song” (*David Mallett*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

Inch by inch, row by row  
Gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe  
And a piece of fertile ground  
And inch by inch and row by row  
Someone bless these seeds I sow  
Someone warm them from below  
'Til the rains come tumblin' down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones  
Man is made of dreams and bones  
Feel the need to grow my own  
'Cause the time is close at hand  
Grain for grain, sun and rain  
Find my way in nature's chain  
Tune my body and my brain  
To the music from the land

Plant your rows straight and long  
Temper them with prayer and song  
Mother Earth will make you strong  
If you give her love and care  
An old crow watching hungrily  
From his perch in yonder tree  
And in my garden I'm as free  
As that feathered thief up there

## 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.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

**Homily:** Sylvia Keesmaat

*We pause for music and meditation.*

**Meditation**

*Redeemer Music Team*

## The Prayers of the People

Christina Chang

*Leader:* As we gather in prayer, we are reminded in the Genesis reading that Isaac prayed to the Lord that Rebekah would conceive. Sometimes prayer requires patience and sometimes the answer to prayer may not be the one we expect. Nevertheless, we pray in faith to the Lord.

You are invited to add your petitions and thanksgivings silently, aloud, or in the chat box, as we pause during each petition. Your response comes from the psalm we read today.

*Leader:* Your Word is a lantern to our feet

*All:* **And a light to our path**

*Leader:* We pray for the church throughout the world. We pray that your word may be sown on good soil wherever two or three are gathered together. We remember persecuted churches where worship is restricted or forbidden. We pray also for persecuting churches where historic or current practices have diminished some people of God, people created in God's image. We give thanks for the work of General Synod, and the work that is set before us in the next three years. In our own parish, we pray for the leadership of the "Getting our House in Order" campaign. We pray that our response will be generous and filled with gratitude for the gifts this parish continues to offer to the wider church and this community.

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

*Leader:* Your Word is a lantern to our feet

*All:* **And a light to our path**

*Leader:* We pray for the world. We pray especially for nations and regions affected by conflict, famine, or the effects of a changing climate. We remember the refugee and the orphan.

We pray for political leaders throughout the world, that their motives will be driven, not by self-interest or power, but by service and selflessness. Equip them with the seeds of peace to be scattered throughout the world.

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

*Leader:* Your Word is a lantern to our feet

*All:* **And a light to our path**



*Leader:* We pray for our parish community and the wider community we serve. We pray for those experiencing insecurity with respect to employment, housing, or hunger.

We pray for those who are sick, suffering, in need of care or community.

We give thanks for our pastoral care teams and our Common Table staff and volunteers.

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

*Leader:* Your Word is a lantern to our feet

*All:* **And a light to our path**

*Leader:* We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died. Through their life and witness they have sown the seeds that this generation and the generations to come will harvest with gratitude.

May we be a comforting presence to those who mourn.

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

*Leader:* Your Word is a lantern to our feet

*All:* **And a light to our path**

*Leader:* Finally, we give thanks for the opportunity to rest, to travel, enjoy a street festival, wade in a splash pad, listen to the birds, see the stars, imagine a changing cloud formation. We are thankful for all the blessings you have provided, and pray that we may always use your gifts to the honour and glory of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Paige Souter*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Hymn: #620 (Common Praise) “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear! It
2. It makes the wound-ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou-bled breast; 'tis
3. Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place, my
4. Je - sus, my shep-herd, broth-er, friend, my proph-et, priest, and king, my
5. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm-est thought; but



soothes our sor-rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.  
man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.  
nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound-less stores of grace.  
Lord, my life, my way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

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## 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: #662 (Common Praise) “You Shall Go Out With Joy”

*Redeemer Music Team*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills will break forth before 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 section marked "Last time" and a section marked "To beginning at §".

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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!**

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## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Sunday, July 23 (Proper 16A)**

**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 30 (Proper 17A)**

**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)