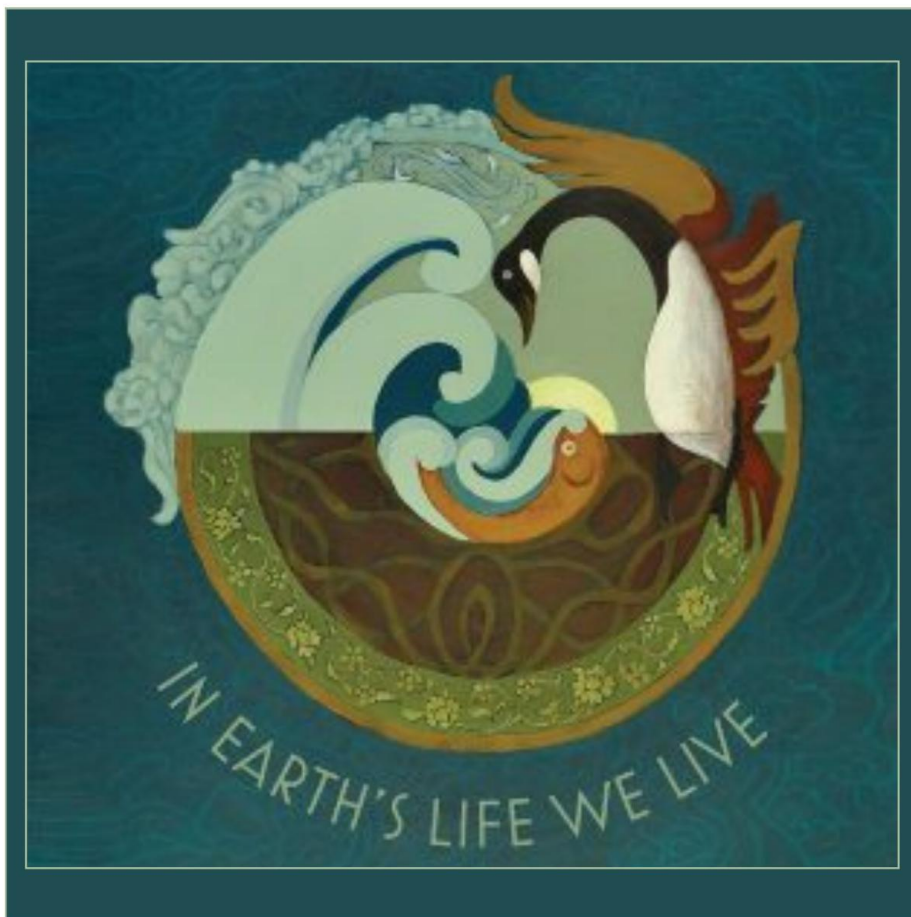


Season of Creation: *Flowing Waters*

Spiritual Communion

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 9 AM



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OUR VISION

Becoming the Body of Christ at the corner of Bloor & Avenue Road and beyond

Guided by commitment to our shared values, we seek to become the body of Christ, nurturing a lively faith, a persistent hope, and an ever-expanding love for God's world.

- We seek to – open our doors and hearts, embracing all who seek a sacred space. We offer worship in many forms, touching the hearts of those yearning for spiritual connection, in-person or online.
- We seek to – listen deeply, hearing the stories of Jesus and of one another with open minds and hearts. Through faithful questioning, reflection, and shared learning, we grow together in wisdom and grace.
- We seek to – serve with generous hospitality, gathering at the table with our physical and spiritual hunger. We walk alongside one another with compassion in the seasons and conditions of life, sharing our needs and thanks.
- We seek to – embody Jesus' teachings that all people are God's children, worthy of love, and that all of creation is interconnected. Where structures or attitudes threaten or diminish, we advocate for justice, peace, equity and ecological responsibility.
- We seek to – reach out in-person and virtually to the world around us. We dare to love in word and action so that others see something of God in their midst.

OUR VALUES

Compassion: meeting every soul with tenderness and dignity

Openness: welcoming questions, embracing differences, and following the movement of the Spirit

Respect: honouring each person's unique story and gifts, and the inherent worth of all Creation

Inclusion: making room for all to enter, find a place, and participate fully

Stewardship: nurturing respect for our resources and partnerships for long-term vitality



*Christ has no body now but ours,
no hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he looks
compassionately on this world. Ours
are the feet with which he walks to do
good, Ours are the hands, with which
he blesses all the world.*

Teresa of Avila (Adapted)

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

Who We Are

We are followers of Jesus: children, young adults, families, and seniors who come from a variety of backgrounds. We are long-time members and newcomers; people of deep faith and those still searching; people shaped by many traditions—and sometimes seeking a deeper sense of faith and community. We are not limited by ability, age, economic status, ethnicity, gender identity, personal history or sexual orientation.

Where We Stand

Dwelling on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Church of the Redeemer stands at the crossroads, physical and virtual—of neighbourhoods and nations, of government, education, arts, culture, and commerce—in the heart of Toronto.

From this place we seek to live into our identity as the body of Christ: living our faith, offering hope, and sharing love for God's world.

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Presider: Paul MacLean

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement



Your support of the ministries of the Church of the Redeemer allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of Bloor Street and Avenue Road. Donations can be made through the QR code. Thank you for your gift and for joining in worship today.

Opening Hymn: #419 (Common Praise) “Let All Creation Bless Our God”

Led by Redeemer Music Team

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless our God, till heaven with praise
2. All liv - ing things up - on this earth, green fer - tile hills
3. Let all the peo - ple ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn
is ring - ing. Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir
and moun - tains, sing to the God who gave you birth; be
of glo - ry; all you who know God's stead-fast care, tell
up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing,
joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe wa - ter - life, bright
out sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No tongue be si - lent;
snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold, and heat:
air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds:
sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart:
ex - alt the God who made you.

Text: Song of Creation (Song of the Three 35-51); para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). Para. © 1989 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART. Melody *Kirchengesänge*, Berlin, 1566; arr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paul MacLean

Priest: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.

All: **Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.**

Priest: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

All: **Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.**

Priest: Jesus cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me...
Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

All: **Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.**

The Collect of the Day

Paul MacLean

Priest: Ever present God,
whose Son our Savior was lifted high upon the cross
that he might renew all Creation through himself:
Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our restoration,
may have grace to take up our cross and follow him
on his way to bring new life to all things;
through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Then the man brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there water was flowing from below the entryway of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east), and the water was flowing down from below the south side of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east, and the water was trickling out on the south side. Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, “Mortal, have you seen this?”

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eghlaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food.

Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”

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

Ezekiel 47.1-12

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 98.1-6 (*George Black*)

Led by Redeemer Music Team

Refrain

You have made known your vic - to - ry.

Let us sing a new song to God,
who has done marvellous things.
With your right hand and your holy arm
you have won for yourself the victory. **Refrain**

You have made known your victory;
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **Refrain**

Shout with joy to God, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to God with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song. **Refrain**

Second Reading: An Excerpt from *Creation and the Cross* (*Elizabeth Johnson*) *Murray Bryant*

Calvary graphically shows that the God of suffering love abides in solidarity with all creatures, bearing the cost of new life through endless millennia of evolution, from the extinction of whole species to, yes, every sparrow that falls to the ground. The Creator of all flesh is silently present with creatures in their pain and dying. The cross signals that God is present in the midst of anguish, bearing every creature and all creation forward with an unimaginable promise.

Sequence song: “Let it Grow” (*Eric Clapton*)

Standing at the crossroads
Trying to read the signs
To tell me which way I should go
To find the answer
And all the time I know
Plant your love and let it grow

Let it grow, let it grow
Let it blossom, let it flow
In the sun, the rain, the snow
Love is lovely, let it grow

Time is getting shorter
And there's much for you to do
Only ask and you will get what you are needing
The rest is up to you
Plant your love and let it grow

Let it grow, let it grow
Let it blossom, let it flow
In the sun, the rain, the snow
Love is lovely, let it grow

The Gospel

Paul MacLean

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: He Shows Goodwill Tells the Good Story.

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

Soon the sun would set and a special Day of Resting would begin, when no work could be done. It was time to prepare for this day, so the Tribal Members asked Spear of the Great Waters to have the legs of the men on the crosses broken, which would make them die sooner. Then they could take the bodies down and prepare them for burial. The soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men on each side of Creator Sets Free. When they came to him, they saw he was already dead. Instead of breaking his legs, one of the soldiers took a spear and pierced his side.

Blood and water flowed out from the wound. The one who saw these things with his own eyes is telling the truth about this – so that all will believe. This was foretold in the ancient Sacred Teachings that say, “Not one of his bones was broken,” and, “They will look upon the one they have pierced.”

The New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament uses the following terms: Pilate (Spear of the Great Waters), Jesus (Creator Sets Free)

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 4.7-15

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Suzanne Rumsey

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Heather Bennett

Leader: Let us pray to God our creator. Eternal God, we thank you for your light and your truth. We praise you for your care in creating a universe which proclaims your glory. Inspire us to worship you, the creator of all, and let your light shine upon our world.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: God of life:

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the beauty of the earth, for the diversity of land and sea, the mysteries of space, and for the resources of the earth. Give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: God of life:

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the warmth of the sun, the light of the moon, the glory of the stars. We praise you for the formations of clouds, the radiance of dawn and sunset. Save us from wasting or abusing the energy on which all life depends. Open our eyes to behold your beauty, and our lips to praise your name.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: God of life:

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We thank you for the teeming life of the seas and rivers,
and the flight of the birds.
Help us to protect the environment, to protect endangered species
and to preserve the variety of habitats
so that in honouring the delicate balance of nature
all life may flourish.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: God of life:

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the human family.
We pray for the places where war and civil unrest
lead to death, destruction and displacement
and that our calls for peace may be heard.
We remember the unhoused, the refugee and the lonely
that we may offer shelter, welcome and sustenance.
Confirm us in the truth that every human being is
known and loved by you.

Please add your prayers either silently or in the chat.

Leader: God of life:

All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Creator of all, you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Paul MacLean

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

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #397 (Gather) “Tree of Life”

Led by Redeemer Music Team



1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling
 6a. Light of life be - yond con - ceiv - ing, Might - y



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
 see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your
 on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
 though our steps may be, One with you in joy and
 Spir - it of our Lord; Give new strength to our be -



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
 sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may
 bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the
 her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we
 sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the
 liev - ing, Give us faith to live your word, Give us



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 bod - y of our Lord.
 bear the cross with you.
 riv - er, you the sea.
 faith to live your word.

The Lord's Prayer

Paul MacLean

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

Paul MacLean

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: O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the
Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your
resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace,
Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you,
and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Doxology

Paul MacLean

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.**

Concluding Hymn: #386 (Common Praise) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Led by Redeemer Music Team

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, God, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
cross of Christ, my Lord; all the vain things that charm me
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and sor - row
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing, so di -

loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Dismissal

Paul MacLean

Priest: Tend the earth,
care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely, so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday September 13 (Flowing Waters)

4:00 PM – Be Still (in the Church)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Wednesday September 16

12:00 PM – Mid-Week Eucharist (in the Church)

Sunday September 20 (Nurturing Waters)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

9:00 AM – Simple Gifts (in the Church)

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

4:00 PM – The Cosmic Walk (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

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