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congregation, affirming the  
diversity of God's children



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## Seventh Sunday of **EASTER**



Palestinian patient at the Augusta Victoria Hospital,  
a Lutheran World Federation-funded hospital in East Jerusalem,  
on a site tradition says is where the disciples  
saw the risen Jesus "ascend" from their sight

**May 24, 2020**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Be Still, My Soul*, arr. John Carter

Welcome

Hymn

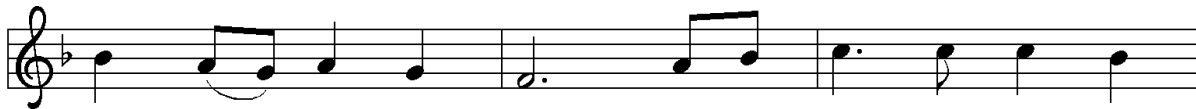
### All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come,  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### First Reading

Acts 1:6-14 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the Risen Jesus and his apostles were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?”

He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

So they left the mountain called Olives and returned to Jerusalem. It was a little over half a mile. They went to the upper room they had been using as a meeting place:

Peter,  
John,  
James,  
Andrew,  
Philip,  
Thomas,  
Bartholomew,  
Matthew,  
James, son of Alphaeus,  
Simon the Zealot,  
Judas, son of James.

They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer, the women included. Also Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his brothers.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 66: 8-20



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Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

**You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**

those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

**I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

**but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

### Gospel

**John 17.1-11** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Raising his eyes in prayer, Jesus said:

Abba God, it's time.

Display the bright splendor of your Son

so the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.

You put him in charge of everything human

so he might give real and eternal life to all in his charge.

And this is the real and eternal life:

that they know you,  
the one and only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.  
I glorified you on earth  
by completing down to the last detail  
what you assigned me to do.  
And now, glorify me with your very own splendor,  
the very splendor I had in your presence  
before there was a world.  
I spelled out your character in detail  
to the men and women you gave me.  
They were yours in the first place;  
then you gave them to me,  
and they have now done what you said.  
They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,  
that everything you gave me is firsthand from you,  
for the message you gave me, I gave them;  
and they took it, and were convinced  
that I came from you.  
They believed that you sent me.  
I pray for them.  
I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world  
but for those you gave me,  
for they are yours by right.  
Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,  
and my life is on display in them.  
For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;  
they'll continue in the world  
while I return to you.  
Abba God, guard them as they pursue this life  
that you conferred as a gift through me,  
so they can be one heart and mind  
as we are one heart and mind.  
As long as I was with them, I guarded them  
in the pursuit of the life you gave through me;  
I even posted a night watch.  
And not one of them got away,  
except for the rebel bent on destruction  
(the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).

The Gospel of the Lord

**Message**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**LEAVING THE STORY OPEN**

## Ministry of Music

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

arr. Kevin McChesney  
Chime Choir

## Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, recovering from surgery, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Amy DeLorenzo, Linda and Don Williams, Pamela Andrews, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's mother Maryland Belhorn and friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Bill Boys, Doretha Holland, Dolores Brannigan's husband Dave, Shirley and Jack Miller, Julie Denniss' nephew Chris Kendrick, Tom Comstock's brother Greg Comstock.

## Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

# WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours become one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Before the bright dawn in the garden – in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb – by which Love was swallowed, before the black horror of the cross – on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden – through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**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 forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ’s Love and be transformed by Christ’s Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**



## WE ARE SENT

Hymn

**We All Are One in Christ**

(sing twice)

*Somos uno en Cristo*



*So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos*  
We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one



*u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos*  
peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one



*u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.*  
bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.



*Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la*  
There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one



*fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -*  
faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one



*pí - ri - tu, y e - se es el con - so - la - dor.*  
Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**, arr. John Carter


Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

**Pastor Dave** is taking a week for some time off and for continuing education between noon on **Sunday, May 24** until **Monday morning, June 1**. Emergency pastoral care will be provided by **Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church. His number is 614-832-2461. Redeemer member **Margie Farnham** will preach for the service which will be available on YouTube on **Sunday, May 31**.

**Adult Sunday School**  
10 am Sundays  
Via ZOOM  
*Meets today and  
Resumes June 7*



**THE APOSTLES' CREED**



**Birthdays this week:**  
26 - Kathie Ehrich  
27 - Jeanne Eakin  
29 - Barbara Willmann



**LSS/MidOhio Food Bank**  
**Produce Giveaway**  
*Thursday  
May 28*  
*Volunteers always welcome!*

**OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Tori Reed
<b>Reader</b>	Danica Denniss
<b>Cantor</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Producer</b>	Michele Disbro

*Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*


**THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 24 - 31**

<b>Today</b>	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Happy Memorial Day!</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	ZOOM Journaling Workshop
<b>Thursday</b>	1-6:00 pm	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**

**Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm**  
**1 Corinthians**  
**RESUMES JUNE 2**  
We'd love to have you  
join us via ZOOM!



**Journaling  
Workshop**  
**7-8:30 pm**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays**  
**Via ZOOM**