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We are a *Reconciling in Christ*
congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Lead Me Lord

Welcome

Hymn

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading **Acts 17:22-31** (Contemporary English Version, alt.)
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood up in front of the gathering place and said: "People of Athens, I see that you are very religious. As I was going through your city and looking at the things you worship, I found an altar with the words, "To an Unknown God." You worship this God, but you don't really know God. So I want to tell you about this God. This God made the world and everything in it, is Lord of heaven and earth, and doesn't live in temples built by human hands. This God doesn't need help from anyone, but gives life, breath, and everything else to all people. From one person God made all nations who live on earth, and decided when and where every nation would be.

God has done all this, so that we will look for God and reach out and find this God. God isn't far from any of us, and gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are. "We are God's children," just as some of your poets have said.

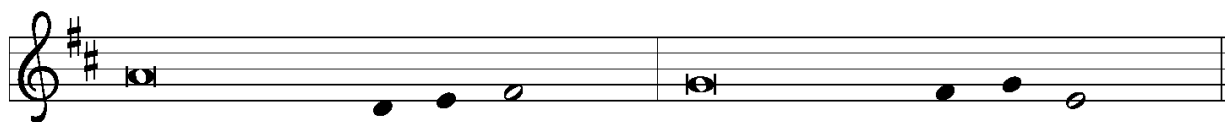
Since we are God's children, we must not think that God is like an idol made out of gold or silver or stone. God isn't like anything that humans have thought up and made. In the past, God forgave all this because people did not know what they were doing. But now God says that everyone everywhere must reform their lives. God has set a day when the world's people will be judged with fairness. And God has chosen the man Jesus to do the judging. God has given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35



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Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the
clouds;

"I AM" is that name, rejoice | before God!

In your holy habita- | tion, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,

when you marched | through the wilderness,

the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,

the | God of Sinai,

at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

Your people found their | home in it;

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;

sing praises | to the Lord.

You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;

you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

Ascribe pow- | er to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,

giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

Gospel

John 14:15-21 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

“If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!

“I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

“Those who know my commandments and keep them, they are the ones who love me. And those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and make myself plain to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

WHEN IT’S FUN TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Ministry of Music

This is My Father’s World

Shepherd
Kathy Rapp, harpist



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.

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.

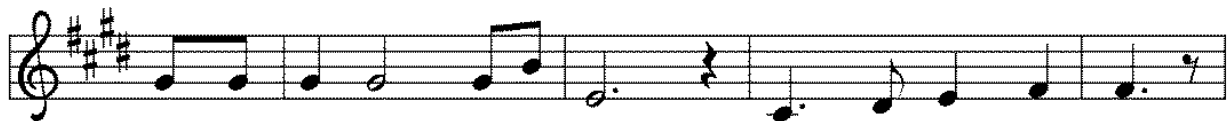
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

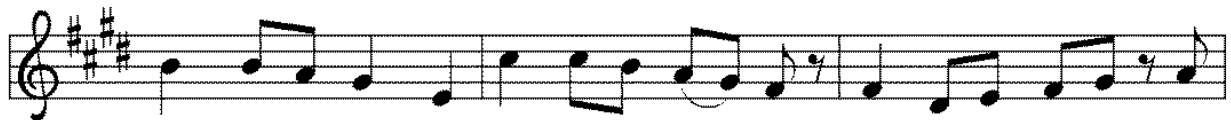
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



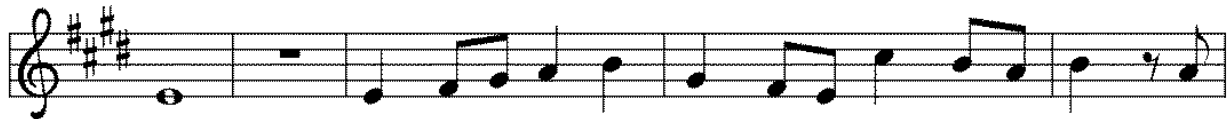
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, 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

There Is Room for All

(sing twice)

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There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "my refuge and my
rock, in whom I trust." There is room for all,
there is room for all!

Blessing

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy, Dykes

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

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Bernice Stewart
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Bill Boys
Cantor	Julie Larson
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Kristi Hildebrand

*Flowers are dedicated by **Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel** in honor of **Redeemer Choirs**.
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*


THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 17 - 24

Today	YouTube 10:00 am 12:30 pm	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School ZOOM Congregation Council
Tuesday	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM Outreach Team
Wednesday	11:00 am	ZOOM Upper Cup Discussion Group
Next Sunday	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School
10 am Sundays
Via ZOOM



**THE APOSTLES' CREED
FOR TODAY**



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

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



Birthdays this week:
17 - Mary Benis
17 - Ken Jones
19 - Al Debalak
20 - Jackson Harms
21 - Paul Voytas
22 - Dave Lippert
22 - Lea Spang



The Upper Cup
Third Wednesday of the month
11:00 AM-12:30 PM
Via ZOOM
Honest exploration of questions
about faith and life