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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 Welcome Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Mark Hayes





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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the book of Genesis

[Jacob travels to meet his brother, Esau, whom he has deeply wronged. He has put together an offering of livestock to try to lessen Esau's anger.] During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He got them safely across the brook along with all his gifts for his brother.

But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint.

The man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me."

The man said, "What's your name?"

He answered, "Jacob."

The man said, "But no longer. Your name is no longer Jacob. From now on it's Israel (God-Wrestler); you've wrestled with God and you've come through."

Jacob asked, "And what's your name?"

The man said, "Why do you want to know my name?" And then, right then and there, he blessed him.

Jacob named the place Peniel (God's Face) because, he said, "I saw God face-to-face and lived to tell the story!"

The sun came up as he left Peniel, limping because of his hip. (This is why Israelites to this day don't eat the hip muscle; because Jacob's hip was thrown out of joint.)

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



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Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;

let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

Examine my heart, visit | me by night,

melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.

I have not regarded what | others do;

at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.

My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;

and my feet | do not slip.

I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; incline your ear to me and | hear my words.

Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

But at my vindication I shall | see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- | ing your likeness.



Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

- When Jesus got the news [that John the Baptizer had been executed by King Herod], he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.
- Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper."

But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper." "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said.

Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



Message

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

Ministry of Music

At the Table of the Lord

Martin/Angerman & Martin Senior Choir

At the table of the Lord there is hope. At the table of the Lord there is joy. Come and take your place at the banquet of grace. There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is peace. At the table of the Lord there is love. And though many have come, there is still room for one, there is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord there is rest for the weary. At the table of the Lord there is strength for the soul. At the table of the Lord there is comfort and mercy, and the lives that are broken can all be made whole.

At the table of the Lord there is life. At the table of the Lord there is grace. The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared. There is room at the table for you.

The meal is prepared; no cost has been spared. There is room at the table for you. At the table of the Lord there is peace. At the table of the Lord there is hope. At the table of the Lord there is joy. There is love.



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....

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

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, 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, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Elyce Herring and family on the death of her grand-niece Denver, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer.

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.

Children's Time

Emily Ott

Amen.

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.

- In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.
- Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:





- Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge and transform us. God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call us in. So come ... whether your time is just beginning or many years in the marking; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground; for here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine a place of timeless and timely grace.
- We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me" And after supper he took a cup, 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. Do this to remember me."
- Hear us now as, at this time, we commit ourselves to your Way, and 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.

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our time. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened for this time and for time to come.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, You who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation, continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity. Spirit, You who led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. Spirit, You who transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Spirit, You whom Jesus sends as Friend, continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns and love directs all. Amen.



WE ARE SENT



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Blessing

Amen.

Postlude

O Worship the King, arr. Mark Hayes

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 Assisting Minister ASL Interpreter Reader Cantor Children's Time Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chimes Choir Director Producer David Shull, Pastor Michele Disbro Tori Reed Kathryn Ott Wendy Stoica Emily Ott Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Tom Mimlitch

Flowers are dedicated by the **Trovers**, celebrating **Rose's** birthday. Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 2 - 9

Today	YouTube 10:00 am Noon 6:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education RLC 3D Lunch on the Lawn—call church office for reservation Confirmation Class
Tuesday	1:00 pm 3:00 pm	Zоом Bible Study Zоом Stewardship Team
Wednesday	10:30 am 7:00 pm	RLC 3D Coffee on the Lawn—call church office for reservation ZOOM Congregation Council
Saturday	9:00 am 10:00 am	Pick Garden Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education



