



Redeemer
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congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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Fifth Sunday after **PENTECOST**



The opening lines to "Song of Myself"
by the poet of democracy, Walt Whitman.
Design by Allen Crawford.

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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 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*, Doersken, Schrader
Choir

Welcome

Hymn **How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies**

*St. 1, Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; alt.
St. 2, 3, 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993*

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;
2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea

our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.
O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.
the cour-age called for to-re-pent the blood-shed through the years.
that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.
a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.
a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12 (The Message)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

[God says to the people,] “Shout and cheer, Daughter Zion!

Raise the roof, Daughter Jerusalem!

Your king is coming!

a good king who makes all things right,

a humble king riding a donkey,

a mere colt of a donkey.

I’ve had it with war—no more chariots in Ephraim,

no more war horses in Jerusalem,

no more swords and spears, bows and arrows.

He will offer peace to the nations,

a peaceful rule worldwide,

from the four winds to the seven seas.

“And you, because of my blood covenant with you,

I’ll release your prisoners from their hopeless cells.

Come home, hope-filled prisoners!

This very day I’m declaring a double bonus—

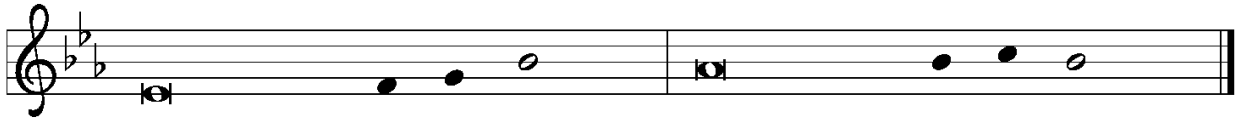
everything you lost returned twice-over!”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 145: 8-14



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The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

**LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your
works.**

The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.



Gospel**Matthew 11:20-30** (Common English Bible, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to scold the cities where he had done his greatest miracles because they didn't change their hearts and lives. "How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives and put on funeral clothes and ashes a long time ago. But I say to you that Tyre and Sidon will be better off on Judgment Day than you. And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to the place of the dead. After all, if the miracles that were done among you had been done in Sodom, it would still be here today. But I say to you that it will be better for the land of Sodom on the Judgment Day than it will be for you."

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Abba God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, this brings you happiness.

"My Abba God has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Only Begotten except Abba God. And nobody knows Abba God except the Only Begotten and anyone to whom the Only Begotten gives that revelation.

"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.**Message*****A PRAYER FOR YOU, AMERICA***

Ministry of Music

His Love Never Fails

Pamela Martin/ Craig Courtney
Choir

REFRAIN: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love never fails.

O, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love, His love, it never fails.

Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord,
His love never fails.

O, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His love, His love, it never fails.

Give thanks to Him who made the light,
the moon and stars to rule the night, His love never fails.
Give thanks to Him whose mighty hand
protects the people in this land, His love never fails.

REFRAIN

Give thanks to Him who saw our need,
who heard our plea and set us free, His love never fails.

Give thanks to Him, the Lord of lords,
the God of gods, with one accord, His love never fails

REFRAIN

O, thank the Lord, His love never fails.

Give thanks to the Lord, His love never fails

O, thank the Lord, His love never fails.

Thank the Lord, He never fails.

It never, never, no, it never, never, no, it never, never, never fails!



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, 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, Betty Shull, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer.

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

Redeemer Children



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

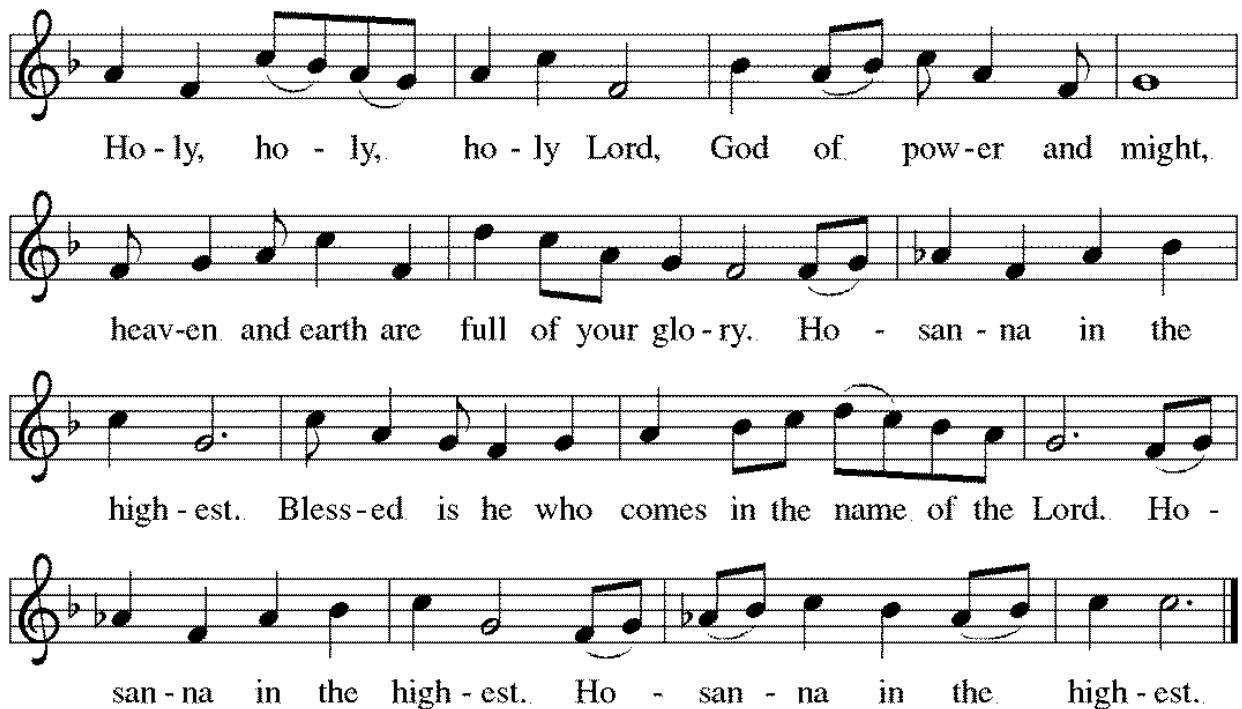
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Hymn

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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Blessing

Amen.

Postlude

We Are Called, David Haas

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

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Birthdays this week:
5 - Sachio Phillips
7 - Diane Montgomery
8 - Kathy Zwanziger
11 - Evelyn Boreman

Adult Sunday School
10 am Sundays
Via ZOOM



**THE APOSTLES' CREED
FOR TODAY**


OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Kathryn Ott
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Children's Time	Redeemer Children
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Michele Disbro

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

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 5 - 12

Today	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Pick Garden
	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	YouTube	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	ZOOM Adult Education
	4:00 pm	Confirmation Class at Pastor Dave's



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm
The Letter of James
We'd love to have you
join us via ZOOM!



RLC Garden Giveaway
Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings
10 am until gone