

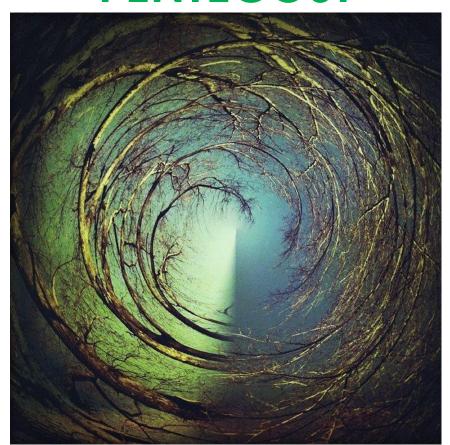
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Nineteenth Sunday after PENTECOST



Just Keep Going - No Feeling is Final
Rainer Maria Rilke

October 11, 2020

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

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude How Can I Keep from Singing, arr. John Carter Welcome My Life Flows On Hymn My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing. What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing! a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion, catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? finds an ech - o What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing? Refrain in-most calm while to that Rock I'm storm can shake my Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 23



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The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.



Gospel Matthew 22:1-14 (Contemporary English Version, alt.)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus used this story to teach the people:

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son. The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests to come to the banquet, but the guests refused. He sent other servants to say to the guests, "The banquet is ready! My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared. Everything is ready. Come to the banquet!"

But the guests did not pay any attention. Some of them left for their farms, and some went to their places of business. Others grabbed the servants, then beat them up and killed them.

This made the king so furious that he sent an army to kill those murderers and burn down their city. Then he said to the servants, "It is time for the wedding banquet, and the invited guests don't deserve to come. Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet to come to the banquet." They went out on the streets and brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And the banquet room was filled with guests.

When the king went in to meet the guests, he found that one of them wasn't wearing the right kind of clothes for the wedding. The king asked, "Friend, why didn't you wear proper clothes for the wedding?" But the guest had no excuse. So the king gave orders for that person to be tied hand and foot and to be thrown outside into the dark. That's where people will cry and grit their teeth in pain. Many are invited, but only a few are chosen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



Reading

Philippians 4:1-9 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Philippi

My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.

I urge Euodia and Syntyche to iron out their differences and make up. God doesn't want you holding grudges.

And, oh, yes, Syzygus, since you're right there to help them work things out, do your best with them. These women worked for the Message hand in hand with Clement and me, and with the other veterans—worked as hard as any of us. Remember, their names are also in the Book of Life.

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in God! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into the most excellent harmonies.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Why I Support Redeemer

Carol Heacock

Carol and Stan Heacock have been members of Redeemer for almost 20 years. They have found great joy in the music and worship services. They look forward to opportunities to serve in the Redeemer community and beyond.

Ministry of Music Softly and Tenderly

arr. Dale Wood Karen Kent

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 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, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, Kathy Mimlitch and family on the death of her brother George Nieman.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to safely greet one another.

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

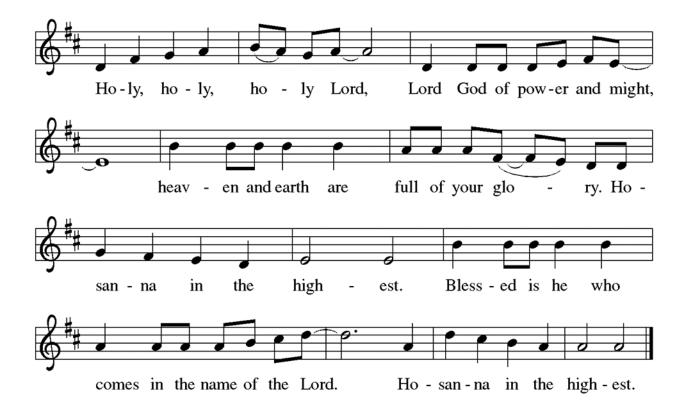
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Creator God, you brought wholeness into creation through the caress of your hands and the breath of your mouth. In this intimate moment of creation we join the song of fish and birds, trees and flowers, humans and angels:



Holy God, holy imaginative God, you set your tree of life in the center of creation, enlivening the barrenness, breathing spirit across the dust. You created wholeness. Holy, God, holy compassionate God, you saw our brokenness and planted once again in the center the tree of life, the cross from which Christ rose to save and heal us. You reclaimed wholeness.

Holy Christ, holy healing, Christ, on the night in which you were betrayed, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to your followers, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, you took the 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. Each time you drink this, remember me."

Holy generous God, we remember Christ's life and death, his resurrection and ascension which renew the face of the earth. Shape us together on this earth, in the soil and rivers, in the sunshine and wind, in animal and human faces. Send your Spirit on this meal and on us, that we may share your bounty with the whole creation. Help us cry out with one voice for re-creation as 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.

The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Giving God. We Pause and Wonder

(to the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithed—If we gave our gifts, Creator, Hearts and hands all opened wide? We might learn, by gladly sharing, Not to trust in things we own But to risk—it's part of caring—And to trust in you alone.

In each country that was struggling, We could build a thousand schools, We could feed a million orphans And give countless farmers tools. As we gladly shared your blessings, Then the world might want to know: "See! How loving are those Christians! Who's the One who makes them so?"

God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son. Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you"—Ways to pass your blessings on. We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give. By your Spirit, make us daring, In this joyful way to live.

Tune: Nettleton 87.87 D ("Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"), Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

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Blessing Amen.

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. John Carter

Our first act of love is to safely greet those around us.

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

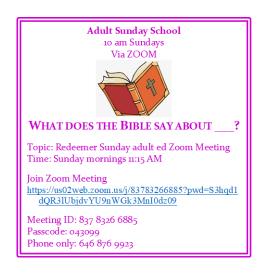
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Cantor
Organist & Senior Choir Director
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director
Producer

David Shull, Pastor
Jon Disbro
Tori Reed
Wendy Stoica
Kathy Rapp
Karen Kent
Tom Mimlitch

On this Rostered Ministers Appreciation Day, we give thanks for **Pastor Dave Shull**.

Flowers are given by **Sue and Tim Watson**.

Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.



THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 11 - 18

Today Worship on the Lawn 10:00 am with Holy Communion

> 11:15 am **ZOOM Adult Education**

12:30 pm Confirmation Class at RLC

Tuesday 1:00 pm ZOOM Bible Study

ZOOM Brewing Faith 6:30 pm

Wednesday 7:00 pm **ZOOM Conversations on Race**

YouTube Worship with Holy Communion **Next Sunday**

> 10:00 am ZOOM Adult Education



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

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

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Birthdays this week:

11 - Sue Watson

15 - Jessie Jimison

16 - Eileen Day

17 - Shari Ayers



Conversations on Race Wednesday, October 14 7:00 pm Via Zoom

Topic: Redeemer Race Conversations Time: October 14, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: ID: 852 0183 5611; Passcode: 640224 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85201835611?pwd=alN1Mj

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Phone only: 646 876 9923



Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship Via Zоом

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting Time: Oct 13, 2020 06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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