



*Redeemer*  
Lutheran Church

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congregation, affirming the  
diversity of God's children



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## Eighteenth Sunday after **PENTECOST**



**October 4, 2020**

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

*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*I Love to Tell the Story*, arr. John Innes

Welcome

Hymn

### Signs and Wonders



1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:  
3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;  
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;  
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.  
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7 (New Living Translation, alt.)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Now I will sing for the one I love

a song about a vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard

on a rich and fertile hill.

My beloved plowed the land, cleared its stones,  
and planted it with the best vines.

In the middle, my beloved built a watchtower  
and carved a winepress in the nearby rocks,  
and then expected a harvest of sweet grapes,  
but the grapes that grew were bitter.

Now, you people of Jerusalem and Judah,  
you judge between me and my vineyard.

What more could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not already done?

When I expected sweet grapes,  
why did my vineyard give me bitter grapes?

Now let me tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard:

I will tear down its hedges  
and let it be destroyed.

I will break down its walls  
and let the animals trample it.

I will make it a wild place  
where the vines are not pruned and the ground is not hoed,  
a place overgrown with briars and thorns.

I will command the clouds  
to drop no rain on it.

The nation of Israel is the vineyard of the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

The people of Judah are God's pleasant garden.

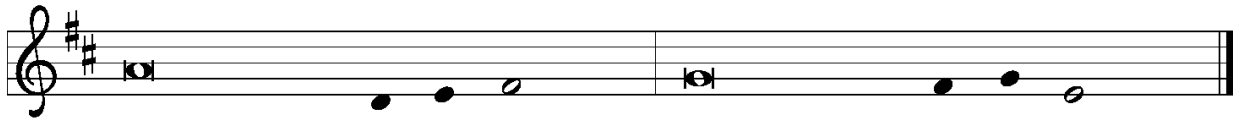
God expected a crop of justice,  
but instead found oppression.

God expected to find righteousness,  
but instead heard cries of violence.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80:7-15



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Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.

**The mountains were covered | by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.

**Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

**Turn now, O | God of hosts,  
look | down from heaven;**

behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.



## Gospel

**Matthew 21: 33-46** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Temple authorities, “Here’s a story. Listen closely. There was once a wealthy farmer, who planted a vineyard. He fenced it, dug a winepress, put up a watchtower, then turned it over to the farmhands and went off on a trip. When it was time to harvest the grapes, he sent his servants back to collect his profits.

“The farmhands grabbed the first servant and beat him up. The next one they murdered. They threw stones at the third but he got away. The owner tried again, sending more servants. They got the same treatment. The owner was at the end of his rope. He decided to send his son.

‘Surely,’ he thought, ‘they will respect my son.’

“But when the farmhands saw the son arrive, they rubbed their hands in greed. ‘This is the heir! Let’s kill him and have it all for ourselves.’ They grabbed him, threw him out, and killed him.

“Now, when the owner of the vineyard arrives home from his trip, what do you think he will do to the farmhands?”

“He’ll kill them—a rotten bunch, and good riddance,” they answered. “Then he’ll assign the vineyard to farmhands who will hand over the profits when it’s time.”

Jesus said, “Right—and you can read it for yourselves in your Scriptures:

‘The stone the masons threw out is now the cornerstone.

This is God’s work; we rub our eyes, we can hardly believe it!’

“This is the way it is with you. God’s kingdom will be taken back from you and handed over to a people who will live out a kingdom life. Whoever stumbles on this Stone gets shattered; whoever the Stone falls on gets smashed.”

When the religious leaders heard this story, they knew it was aimed at them. They wanted to arrest Jesus and put him in jail, but, intimidated by public opinion, they held back. Most people held him to be a prophet of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

***“I THREW A HAIL MARY AT HIS HUMANITY”***

## Ministry of Music

*How can I Keep from Singing* Quaker hymn, arr. Gwyneth Walker  
Senior Choir

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing.

What through the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it's living!  
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it's giving.

### REFRAIN

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing.  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing.  
In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing?

### REFRAIN

## 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 Dennis' 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 Dennis, 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, Lynn Belhorn and family on the death of Maryland Belhorn.

### Why We Support Redeemer

**Sue and Tim Watson**

Tim and Sue Watson joined Redeemer in June 2019 and have been active participants in several of our groups and classes. They have found Redeemer and its opportunities to be sanity-savers during this challenging year!

### 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

#### 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:

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.

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

## We Would Be Building

Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49; 1 Esd. 5:56-7:15

Purd E. Deitz, 1935; alt.

1 We would be build - ing; tem - ples still un - done o'er crum - bling  
2 Teach us to build; up - on the sol - id rock we set the  
3 O keep us build - ing, Sav - ior; may our hands ne'er fal - ter

walls their cross - es scarce - ly lift, wait - ing till love can  
dream that hard - ens in - to deed, ribbed with fine steel, both  
when the dream is in our hearts, when to our ears there

raise the bro - ken stone, and hearts cre - a - tive  
time and change to mock, the un - fail - ing pur - pose  
come di - vine com - mands and all the pride of

bridge the hu - man rift. We would be build - ing,  
of our no - blest creed. Teach us to build; O  
sin - ful will de - parts. We build with you; O

Ar - chi - tect Di - vine, re - veal the shape of life in your de - sign.  
Mak - er, lend us sight to see the tow - ers gleam - ing in the light.  
grant en - dur - ing worth un - til your prom - ised realm shall come on earth.

Purd Deitz, pastor of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Philadelphia, wrote this hymn to express the youth conference theme, "Christian Youth Building a New World." Set to one of his favorite tunes, Finlandia, it became popular around the world.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.  
Jean Sibelius, 1899  
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Postlude**

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, arr. John Carter**

**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**

**Organist & Senior Choir Director**

**Pianist & Chimes Choir Director**

**Producer**

David Shull, Pastor

Michelle Clemence

Tori Reed

Michelle Clemence

Julie Larson

Kathy Rapp

Karen Kent

Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated by **Laura and Terry Warren** in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 4 - 11

<b>Today</b>	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm 3:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM Member Care Team
<b>Next Sunday</b>	YouTube 10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education



Birthdays this week:

4 - May Schwarz

6 - Tammy McFarland

7 - Randy Kuklinski

8 - Julie Larson

9 - Bill Boys

9 - Thea Barbour Harms

### Adult Sunday School

10 am Sundays

Via ZOOM



### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT \_\_\_?

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting

Time: Sunday mornings 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqdl1dQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885

Passcode: 043099

Phone only: 646 876 9923



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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

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