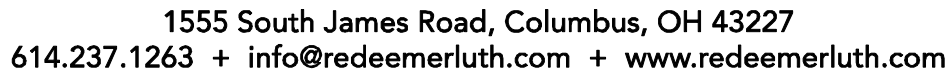




We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, affirming the diversity of God's children



April 18, 2021
10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary, please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Pandemic Safety Protocols

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

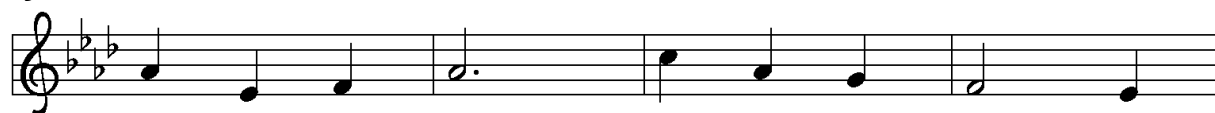
The Strife Is O'er, arr. Janet Linker

Welcome



Hymn

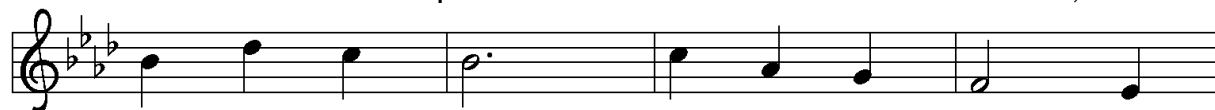
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



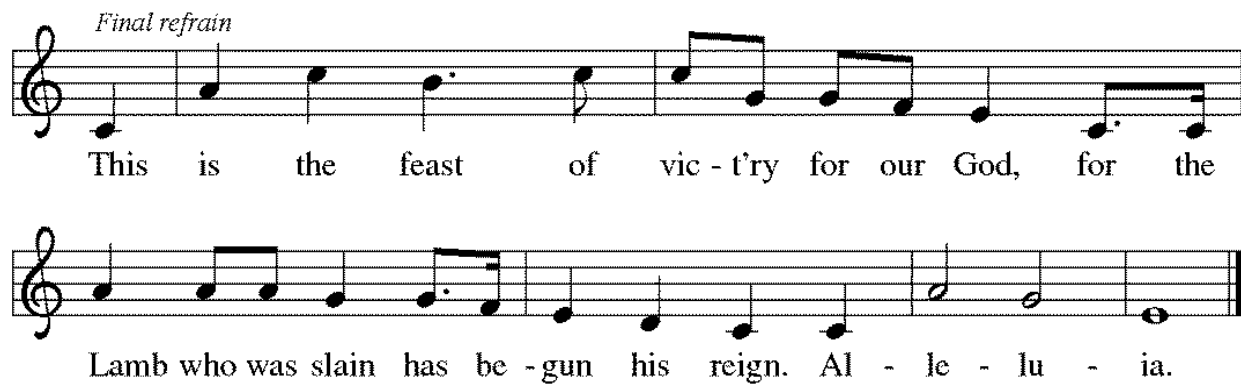
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

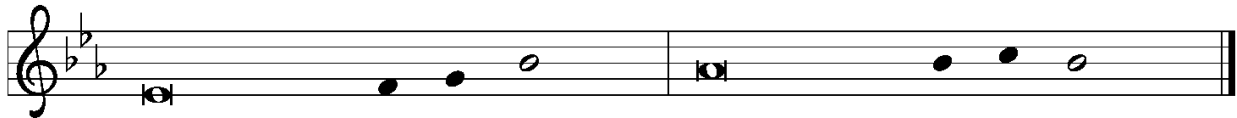


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Psalm 4



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Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear
my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
The LORD will hear me | when I call.

**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

Gospel

Luke 24:36-49 (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

While Cleopas and his companions were telling the disciples what happened on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you.” They thought they were seeing a ghost and were scared half to death. He continued with them, “Don’t be upset, and don’t let all these doubting questions take over. Look at my hands; look at my feet—it’s really me. Touch me. Look me over from head to toe. A ghost doesn’t have muscle and bone like this.” As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. They still couldn’t believe what they were seeing. It was too much; it seemed too good to be true.

He asked, “Do you have any food here?” They gave him a piece of leftover fish they had cooked. He took it and ate it right before their eyes.

Then he said to them, “Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled.”

He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. He said, “You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! You’re the first to hear and see it. You’re the witnesses. What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Abba promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you’re equipped with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

BECOMING CHILDREN OF GOD



Reading

I John 3:1-7, 11, 14-15 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the first letter of John

What marvelous love our Abba God has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who God is or what God's up to.

But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order. Surely you know that Christ showed up in order to get rid of sin. There is no sin in him, and sin is not part of his program. No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got him all backward.

So, my dear children, don't let anyone divert you from the truth. It's the person who acts right who is right, just as we see it lived out in our righteous Messiah.

For this is the original message we heard: We should love each other.

The way we know we've been transferred from death to life is that we love our brothers and sisters. Anyone who doesn't love is as good as dead.

Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know very well that eternal life and murder don't go together.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.





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 and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Heidi Sherer's Aunt Mary and Uncle Joel Sherer, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, family of Doretha Holland.

Children's Time

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.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

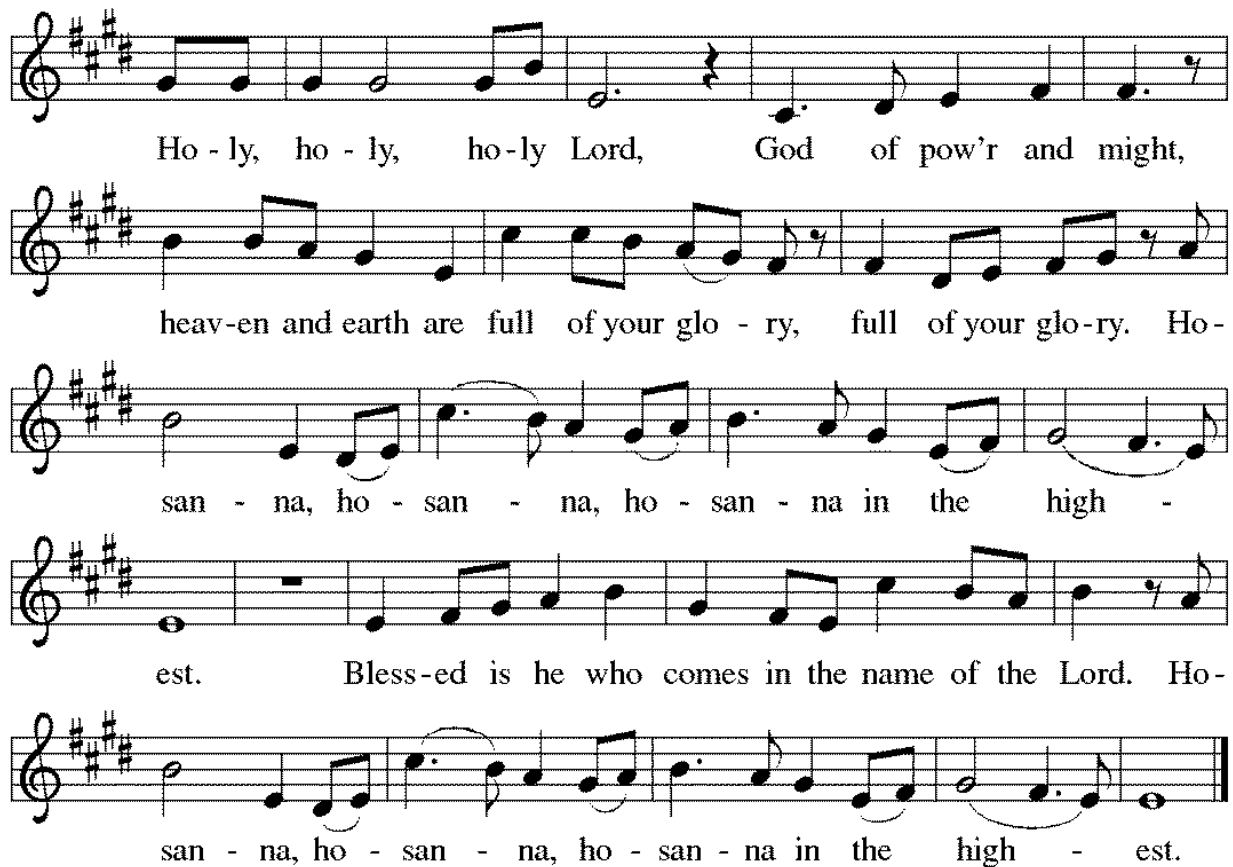
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 joining ours. 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:



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 brutal 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

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he welcomed everyone, and so do we.



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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

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Blessing

Amen.

Sending Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

This Joyful Easter Tide, arr. Paul Bouman

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

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Adult Sunday School
11:15 am Sundays



Holy Spirit: Source of Life

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Time: 11:15 AM

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Meeting ID: 818 8878 2023 – Passcode: 630107

Phone only: 646 876 9923



Exploring the Psalms
We'd love to have you join us!

Tuesdays – 1:00 pm
Hybrid Sessions

In Person – Room 2

Zoom

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Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

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Coffee and Conversation

Third Wednesdays

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

In Person – Room 2

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Mary Benis
Cantor	Mary Benis
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are dedicated by **the Steiner family** in memory of **loved ones**.
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 18 - 25

Today	10:00 am	In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
	2-4:00 pm	Confirmation Class at Three Creeks Metro Park
Tuesday	1:00 pm	In-Person and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Congregation Council
Wednesday	11:00 am	In-Person Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	ZOOM Sister Act—Bold Café
Next Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



Sister Act **BE BOLD IN 2021!**

Wednesday, April 21

6:30 pm via ZOOM

Bold Café—

Lament

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please join us for fellowship and discussion



Birthdays this week:

4 - Jack Miller

19 - Damon Stewart

22 - Grayson Ullman

23 - Andrew Skoog

24 - Michelle Clemence

24 - Elaine Disbro