



Redeemer
Lutheran Church

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



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Third Sunday after **PENTECOST**



Mustard Tree in Israel

June 13, 2021

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

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

- We ask that all people, except the worship leaders, wear their masks throughout the service.
- The far side, or north side, of the sanctuary is set up for social distancing. People who have not been vaccinated or are more comfortable maintaining social distancing please sit there.
- The south side, closest to the double doors, pews are not restricted and should be used by those who have been vaccinated.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing hymns softly with your masks 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. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 20 minutes after the service ends.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, arr. Thomas Keesecker

Welcome



Hymn

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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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-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, 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.



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



Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (The Message)

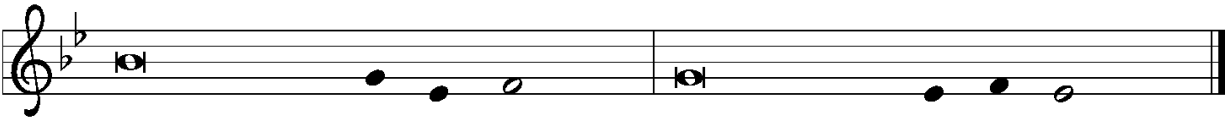
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

[God spoke to the prophet Ezekiel:] “I personally will take a shoot from the top of the towering cedar, a cutting from the crown of the tree, and plant it on a high and towering mountain, on the high mountain of Israel. It will grow, putting out branches and fruit—a majestic cedar. Birds of every sort and kind will live under it. They’ll build nests in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the field will recognize that I, God, made the great tree small and the small tree great, made the green tree turn dry and the dry tree sprout green branches. I, God, said it—and I did it.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15



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It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;

**to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithful- | ness at night;**

on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**

they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;

**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.**



Gospel **Mark 4:26-34** (The Inclusive New Testament, adapted)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Continuing to speak from a boat to the crowd gathered by the Sea of Galilee,] Jesus said, "The reign of God is like this: a sower scatters seed on the ground, then goes to bed at night and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without the sower knowing how it happens. The soil produces a crop by itself – first the blade, then the ear, and finally the ripe wheat in the ear. When the crop is ready, the sower wields the sickle, for the time is ripe for harvest."

Jesus went on to say, "What comparison can we use for the reign of God? What image will help to present it? It is like a mustard seed which people plant in the soil: it is the smallest of all the earth's seeds, yet once it is sown, it springs up to become the largest of shrubs, with branches big enough for the birds of the sky to build nests in its shade."

Using many stories like these, Jesus spoke the message to them, fitting the stories to their experience and maturity. He was never without a story when he spoke. When he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message ***WERE WE EXPECTING A JOKE?***

"Sabbath"

by Wendell Berry

Whatever is foreseen in joy
must be lived out from day to day.

Vision held open in the dark
by our ten thousand days of work.

Harvest will fill the barn; for that
the hand must ache, the face must sweat.

And yet no leaf or grain is filled
by work of ours; the field is tilled
and left to grace. That we may reap,
great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood
rests on our day, and finds it good.

Ministry of Music

This Is My Father's World

arr. Michael Helman
Chime Choir

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 and their niece and sister-in-law, 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, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's cousin Beatrice Watts Young, Emily Kent, Trina Thornton and family on the death of Trina's father John Bright, Arnell Comstock

Children's Time

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

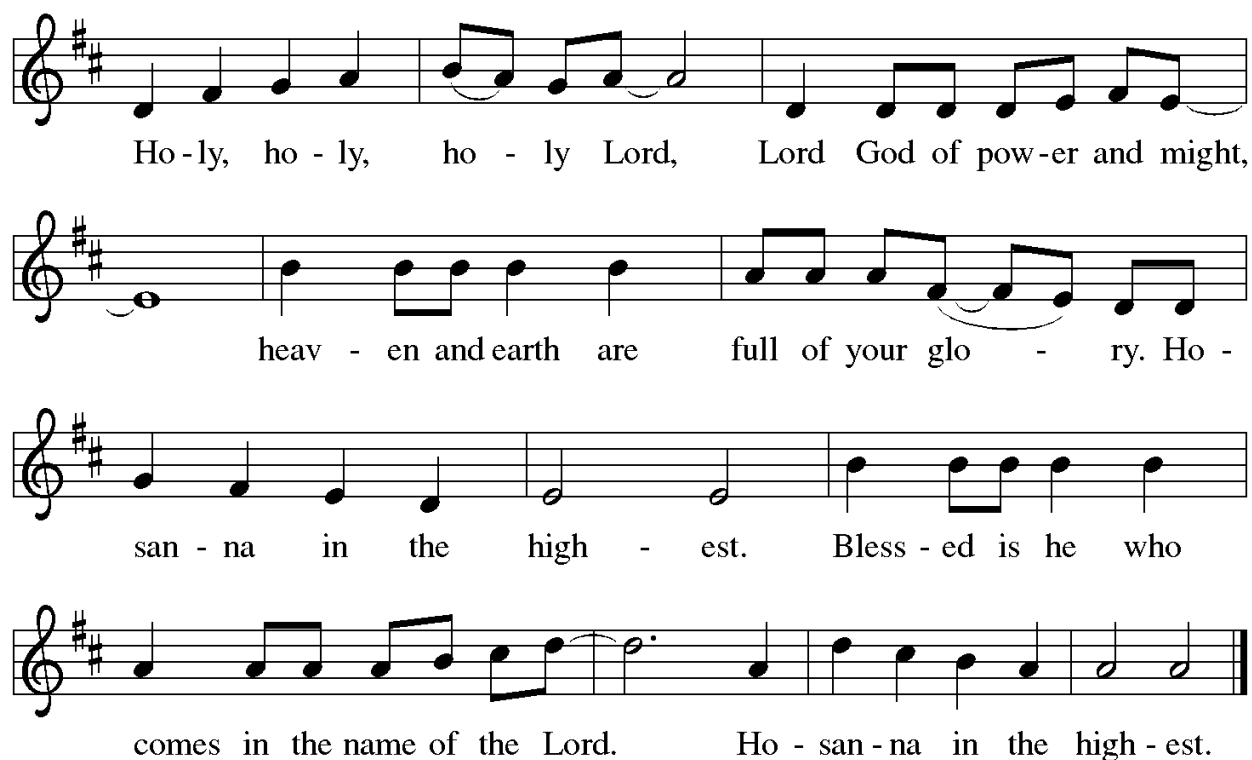
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, 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.

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 making; 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 the 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

God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks
How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Lloyd Larson

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Adult Sunday School
11:15 am Sundays



The Holy Trinity

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85020326420?pwd=MXYSZLZ6UulyWdNqejZjeDhpRUw1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 2032 6420 - Passcode: 689131

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

Passcode: 619946 - Phone only: 646 876 9923



Coffee and Conversation

Third Wednesdays

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

In Person - Room 2

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Anti-Racism Group

Wednesday, June 16

7:00 pm - Narthex or via ZOOM

Viewing and discussing the Emmy Award-winning Netflix show

Two Distant Strangers

Updated Zoom information—

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81635405805?pwd=Zm5XRjRjYTRpdktrbFp1dnRJd1hqdz09>

ID: 816 3540 5805; Passcode: 831590

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LSS/MidOhio Food Bank Produce Giveaway

Thursday

June 17

Volunteers always welcome!

Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson

(sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producers	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are dedicated by the **Trovers** celebrating their anniversary.
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 13 - 20

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
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
	4:00 pm	ZOOM Education Team
	7:00 pm	IN PERSON and ZOOM Anti-Racism Group
Thursday	3:00 pm	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
Saturday	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

