

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Mamie Till Mobley and her son, Emmett, who was tortured and murdered in Money, Mississippi, August 28, 1955. She insisted on having an open casket to "let the world see" how hatred and racism killed her 14-year-old son.

February 13, 2022 + 10:00 am

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.

Love Your Neighbor

- In keeping with the current mask update for Columbus, masks are required at worship services and other group activities inside the Redeemer Lutheran Church building.
- The sanctuary is set up for social distancing.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the sanctuary 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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

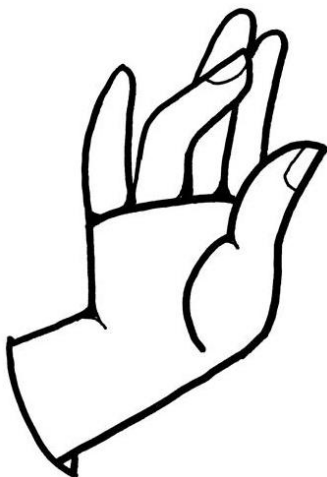
Prelude

This Little Light of Mine,

Harry Dixon Loes, arr. Mark Hayes

Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp, piano duet

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

The Right Hand of God

1 The right hand of God is writ - ing in our land,
2 The right hand of God is point - ing in our land,
3 The right hand of God is strik - ing in our land,
4 The right hand of God is heal - ing in our land,

writ - ing with pow - er and with love,
point - ing the way . . . we must go,
strik - ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed.
heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls,

our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our tears
so cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we stray,
Our self - ish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un - just
so won - drous is its touch with love that means so much,

are re - cord - ed by the right hand of God.
but we're guid - ed by the right hand of God.
are de - stroyed by the right hand of God.
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

Text: Patrick Prescod

Music: LA MANO DE DIOS, Noel Dexter

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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



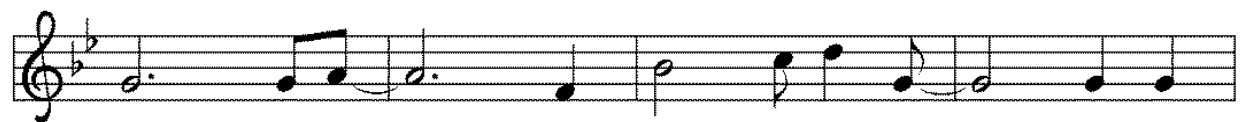
Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

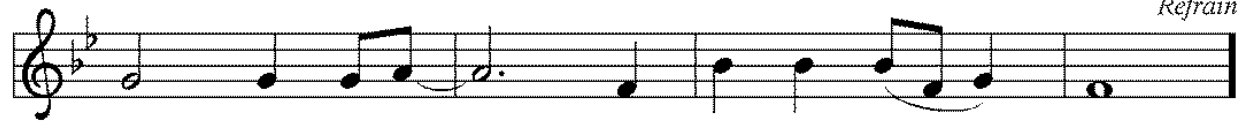


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Refrain



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

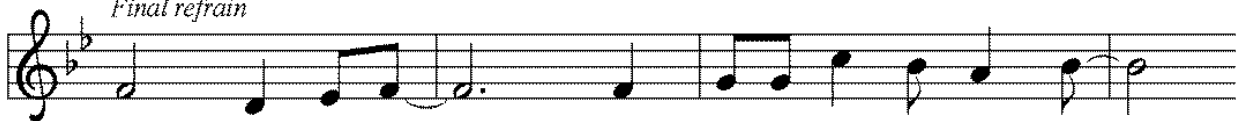


3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

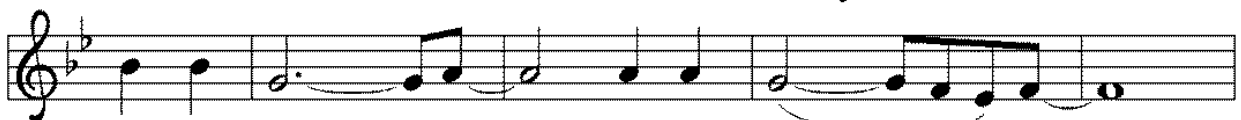


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

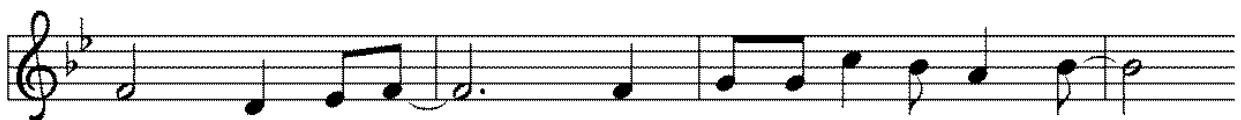
Final refrain



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.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Jeremiah 17.5-10 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

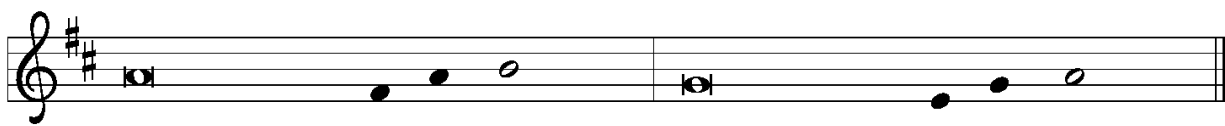
God's Message:

“Cursed are the strong ones
who depend on mere humans,
Who think they can make it on muscle alone
and set God aside as dead weight.
They're like tumbleweeds on the prairie,
out of touch with the good earth.
They live rootless and aimless
in a land where nothing grows.
“But blessed are those who trust me, God,
those who stick with me.
They're like trees replanted in Eden,
putting down roots near the rivers—
Never a worry through the hottest of summers,
never dropping a leaf,
Serene and calm through droughts,
bearing fresh fruit every season.
The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful,
a puzzle that no one can figure out.
But I, God, search the heart
and examine the mind.
I get to the heart of the human.
I get to the root of things.
I treat them as they really are,
not as they pretend to be.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

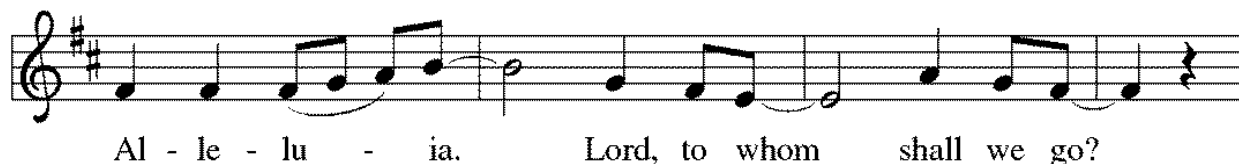
**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Luke 6.17-26 (Contemporary English Version, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his apostles went down from the mountain and came to some flat, level ground. Many other disciples were there to meet him. Large crowds of people from all over Judea, Jerusalem, and the coastal cities of Tyre and Sidon were there too. These people had come to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases. All who were troubled by evil spirits were also healed. Everyone was trying to touch Jesus, because power was going out from him and healing them all.

Jesus looked at his disciples and said:

God will bless you people
who are poor.

God's realm belongs to you!

God will bless

you hungry people.

You will have plenty
to eat!

God will bless you people
who are crying.

You will laugh!

God will bless you when others hate you and won't have anything to do with you. God will bless you when people insult you and say cruel things about you, all because you are a follower of the Human One. Long ago your own people did these same things to the prophets. So when this happens to you, be happy and jump for joy! You will have a great reward in heaven.

But you rich people
are in for trouble.

You have already had
an easy life!

You well-fed people
are in for trouble.

You will go hungry!

You people
who are laughing now
are in for trouble.

You are going to cry and weep!

You are in for trouble when everyone says good things about you. That is what your own people said about those prophets who told lies."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

REFUSING TO WAIT FOR HEAVEN TO NOTICE

Ministry of Music

Beautiful Savior

arranged by Sandra Eithun
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, Diane Louangrath, 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, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Kathie Ehrich's sister Betty Weaver, Chad Eberle's mother, Pastor Al Debelak, Shirley Miller and family on the death of her sister Juanita, Greg Williams
The people of St. Philip Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community members Elycia and Brian Ward

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Show gestures of peace.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

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.

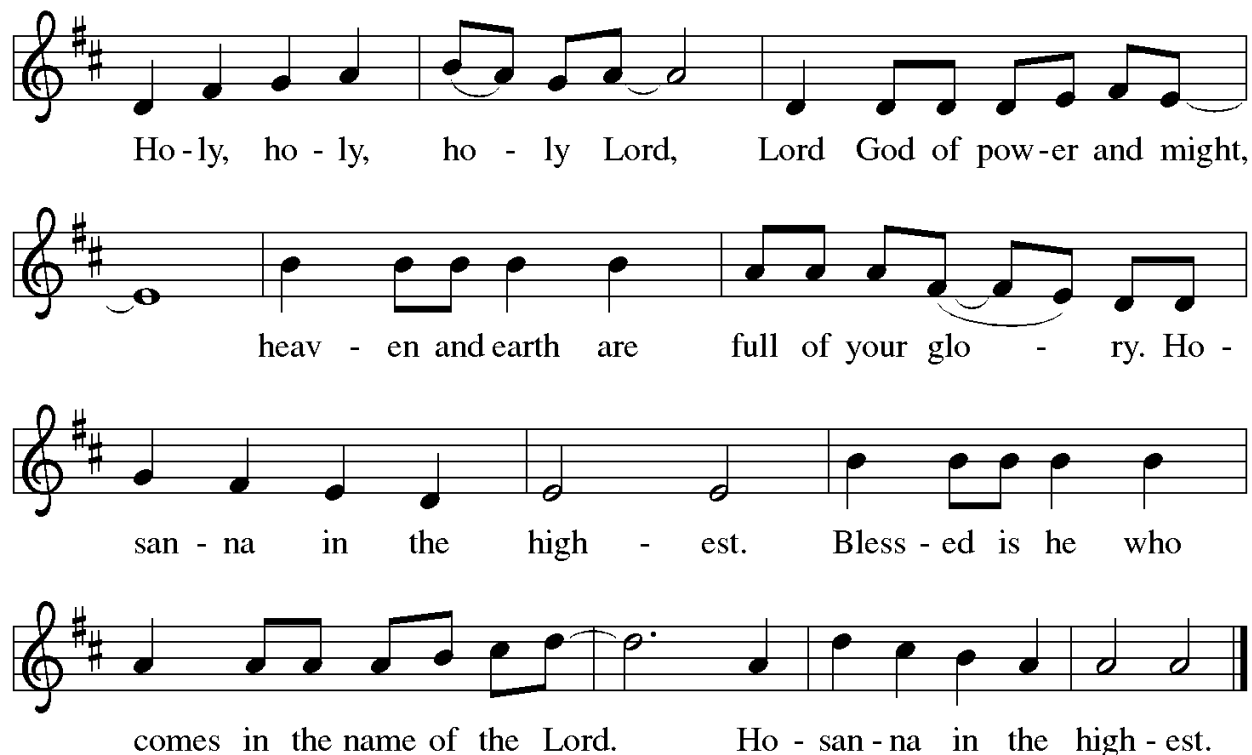
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus 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, Jesus 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

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.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

The body of Christ, given for you. (*We eat the bread together.*)
The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*We drink the cup together.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

Blessing

Amen.


Announcements

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon,
Andrae Crouch, arr. John Carter
Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp, piano duet

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We have been given some *Narcan Nasal Spray* which can save the lives of those who are experiencing an opioid overdose. We will have those available for you to have in your cars or to give to people you know. We can get more, so please take as many as you need. Attached to each box is a link to a very user-friendly **YouTube** training video on how to use it. Thank you!



Adult Sunday School
11:15 am – 12:15 pm
Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation
In-Person and Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82256539706?pwd=Yjd4Q2VPWk93RVczSng4NE5GOURmQT09>
Meeting ID: 822 5653 9706 - Passcode: 804399
Phone only: 312-626-6799



The Letters of Paul

Tuesdays - 1:00 pm

In Person - Zoom

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Journaling Workshop

7:00 pm

February 15

In-Person - Narthex



Sister Act

JOYFUL REVOLUTIONARIES

The Gifts of Imperfection

by Brene Brown

Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 16 - 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606212036?pwd=cGVsRjNOaXZ5VE5JRmJUSFFxM0RoZz09>

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Please join us for fellowship and discussion

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Reader	Karen Rider
Cantor	Connie Criswell
Crucifer	Skye Andree
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Wendy Stoica
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling

*Flowers are dedicated by **Kathleen Zwanziger** celebrating **Jeremy Hutton's** birthday.
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 13 - 20

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sister Act – Book Discussion
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Council conversation with Capital University Chaplain Drew Tucker
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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