

A Reconciling in Christ congregation, celebrating the diversity of God's children and fostering understanding and healing in community

Second Sunday of Easter



The girls at Chez Moi house in Port-au-Prince, which Redeemer is supporting. The girls are from a variety of family situations. Some are actual orphans, some have parents who are incarcerated, or single moms who are "working the streets" and have no way to care for them, some have parents who are homeless and who visit when they can.

April 24, 2022

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

- Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- <u>During the passing of the peace</u>, 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 or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- 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 We

Were You There? arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Welcome





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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





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Acts 5:27-32 (New Revised Standard Version) A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When [the Temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the Council. The High Priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at God's right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey God."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150



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Hallelujah! Praise God in the I holy temple; praise God in the I mighty firmament.

Praise God for | mighty acts; praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.

Praise God with | trumpet sound; praise God with | lyre and harp.

Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance; praise God with | strings and pipe.

Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals; praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

Let everything | that has breath praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 20:19-31 (The Message), inclusivized St. John Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Later on that day [the first day of the week, the day Jesus had been raised], the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Judeans, they had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant.

Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as my Abba sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

DIALOGUE SERMON...JESUS IN HAITI?? BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Pastor Al Rider

Dr. Johnson Deshommes, Dr. Stevenson Dimanche

Musical Reflection

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Sandra Eithun Chime Choir

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Alyssha Jordan-Bird and Nate Bird, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Chad Eberle's mother, Greg Williams, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren being deployed to Poland, Sue Watson, Kelley Frank

The people of Ascension Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member Michelle Wolfe

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Show gestures of peace.

And a

And also with you.

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.

On the last Sunday of the month, we're using a version of the Lord's Prayer that comes from the prayer book of the Anglican Church of New Zealand. We do so as a way to keep broadening our sense of who God is and giving fresh meanings to this familiar and beloved prayer. The Worship Team invites you to pray these new words with an open spirit. Listen for ways the Spirit speaks to you through it. Please share your experiences of praying this prayer with the Worship Team or Pastor Dave.

Great Thanksgiving

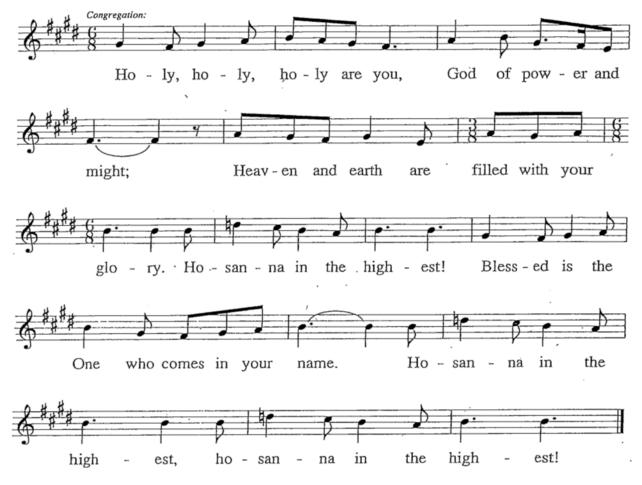
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 and ours becoming one. 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. Come 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. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

(North Side of Sanctuary)	(South Side of Sanctuary)
Our Father in heaven,	Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is heaven:
Hallowed be your name.	The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
Your Kingdom come,	The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.	Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and Come on earth.
Give us today our daily bread.	With the bread we need for today, feed us.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.	In the hurts we inflict, forgive us, as we forgive those who hurt us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.	In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,	For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and for ever. 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.

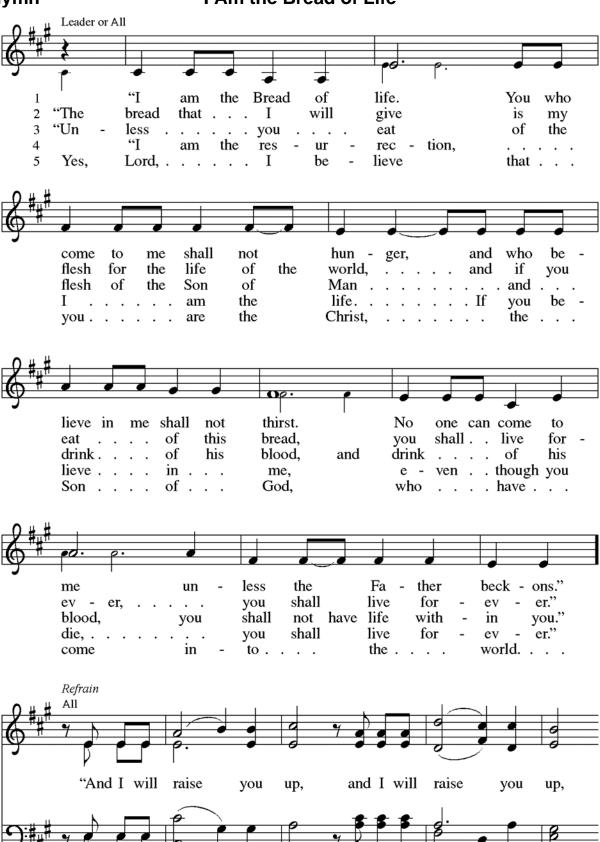
Sharing the Meal

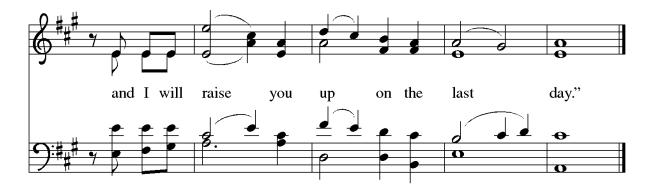
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat.

Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life





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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

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759 Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Now the Green Blade Rises, arr. John Carter

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Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible study begins a series on encounters Jesus has with women in the Gospels. Join us in-person or on Zoom, beginning Tuesday, April 19, from 1-2:30.

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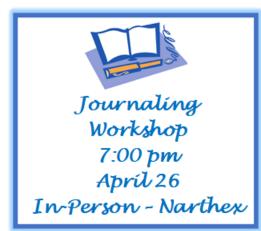
24 - Michelle Clemence

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28 - Edwina Bradley





This morning we welcome
Drs. Johnson Deshommes and Stevenson Dimanche

Both are graduates of Quisqueya University Medical School, Port-au-Prince on scholarship from Grace Missions. ("Quisqueya" is the indigenous-language word for the island of Hispaniola, of which Haiti is the western half.)

On the left, *Stevenson Dimanche MD*, specialist in ophthalmology currently in post-doc/ pre-residency courses at IU Medical School in Indianapolis, who has been accepted for residency this coming year at Univ of Penna Medical Ctr in Hershey PA.

On the right *Johnson Deshommes MD*, taking specialist courses now at UK Lexington in radiology/ imaging/ radiation therapy/ CT-MRI to prepare for his upcoming residency. He has applied for a residency position and is awaiting his assignment.

Drs. Stevenson and Johnson are originally from Ranquitte, Haiti, a small town in the mountains north of Port-au-Prince. They were sponsored through college and med school and for their special summers and post-doc studies in the USA and Canada by the Grace Missions Scholarship fund (which Redeemer is supporting this year...), and in some cases by individual Board Members and other donors.

The Scholarship Fund is also supporting two other young Haitian men who are finishing college, and two young women who are now in nursing training.

The mission's Chez Moi ("my home") residence in Port-au-Prince cares for girls and boys whose parents can't take care of them (and in some cases, there are no parents – some died in the Earthquake or from the cholera epidemic, leaving a few of those girls orphans...). Also completely underwritten by Grace Missions.



The Grace Missions logo, used on t-shirts, etc.
The motto at the top is in Creole and means "Many Hands
Make Light Work", a traditional Haitian saying for
community-building.



Sign at Quisqueya University Medical School ("Uni-Q" for short).



Johnson Deshommes mentoring a class in anatomy at Quisqueya University Medical School (Port-au-Prince) after his return from an intensive summer course in human anatomy at McGill University Medical School, Montreal. He was a leading senior med student himself at the time.



Stevenson Dimanche and another Haitian student at their intensive summer studying ophthalmology at Wayne State University and Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.



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Uni-Q dorms where the guys stayed as BA and MD students. Johnson and Stevenson provided clinical service pro bono to the girls at Chez Moi all through their time as med students, and they hope to do so again after they return to Haiti and settle into their clinical practices. They have also been asked by the faculty to serve mentoring/teaching upcoming students at Uni-Q, based on the excellent advanced educations that they are getting in the USA right now.



Uni-Q medical classroom building...
Not exactly luxurious, is it...??

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister David Shull, Pastor Message Pastor Al Rider Dr. Johnson Deshommes, Dr. Stevenson Dimanche Karen Rider Assisting Minister Cantor Mary Benis Crucifer Skye Andre **ASL Interpreter** Bryan Neal **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent **Usher** Sue Watson Wendy Stoica Verger **Communion Prep** Kay Ernsthausen, Kathleen Zwanziger Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro **Producers**

Noisy Offering will go to ReconcilingWorks.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 24 - MAY 1

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	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
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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