

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



**May 22, 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.
- 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 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                      *Shall We Gather at the River*      arr. John Carter

Welcome

Hymn                      **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1:

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.

*To refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



## Psalm 67



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May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

**Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions  
on earth.**

Let the peoples | praise you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.



**Reading Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5** (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the Revelation to St. John

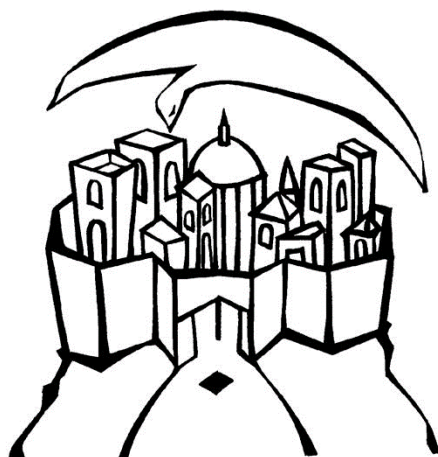
And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**



Please stand in body or spirit

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

## Gospel **John 14:23-29** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Message

**UNLESS WE OFFER IT**  
Pastor Al Debelak



## Musical Reflection

### *Be Still, My Soul*

arr. 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, 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, 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, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren being deployed to Poland, Kelley Frank, Brittany Amon, Terry Warren, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Jim Riley and family on the death of his mother Carolyn

The people of Clinton Heights Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member Madelyn Zimmer

## Children's Time

Pastor Al Debelak

## **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.

**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 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:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

**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 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. There are gluten-free wafers available. The trays have both clear grape juice and wine.*

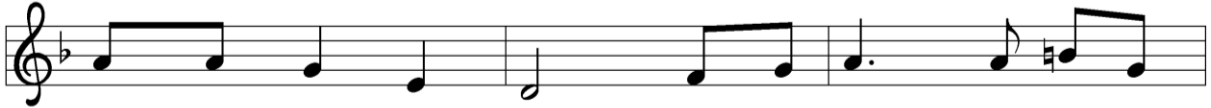


## Hymn

## Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

### *General*

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to live your word

### *Lent 4*

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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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.**

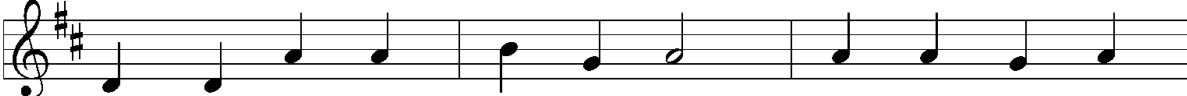
# WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

## Hymn

## Sing Out, Earth and Skies

Leader All



1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O  
2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with  
3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and  
4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -  
5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader



Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:  
righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:  
burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:  
on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:  
hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All



in the glo - ry of your Son.  
may our lives your love con - fess.  
in your light we all are one.  
God of sor - row, God of mirth.  
bring us all to life in you.

*Refrain*



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!



Dance to the life a - round you!

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***, arr. John Carter

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The communion liturgy is adapted from "Enter with Joy," by Pat Bennett, published by Wild Goose Publications.

We welcome **Pastor Al Debelak** back to Redeemer, where he served for 29 years until 2016.

**Dave Shull** and **Mike Allen** are at a pre-wedding reception being held for them in Seattle. Dave is on vacation until May 27.

Pastoral emergency coverage will be by **Pastor Dan Hille** from Faith Lutheran Church. You can reach him at 614-832-2461.

Adult Education  
11:15 am – 12:15 pm  
In-Person and Zoom



*Thinking on the Edge*

Led by Dr. Don Luck

*This week: Where is God in the injustice of the human world?*

*Next week: What is the core of being "church"?*

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81411790303?pwd=cGNGMHo2K2d1WEIzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09>

Meeting ID: **814 1179 0303** = Passcode: **645662**

Phone only: **312-626-6799**

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor F. Allan Debelak
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Neil Hoddinott
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Misato In, Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimplitch, Michele Disbro

*Noisy Offering will go to ReconcilingWorks.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 22 - 29

<b>Today</b>	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
	<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am
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



### *Bible Study*

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

*On hiatus this week - resumes May 31*



Birthdays this week:

22 - Dave Lippert  
22 - Lea Spang  
26 - Kathie Ehrich  
27 - Jeanne Eakin

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