



# Seventh Sunday of Easter



"Freedom" paintings by Daniel Galieote

**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

*Finlandia*

arr. John Carter

Welcome



# Hymn

# All are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly

2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and

3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how

true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to

wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where

stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and

dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as

peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through

live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of

wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we

Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in

strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:

claim the faith of Je - sus:

Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,

end to fear and dan - ger:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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

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**

**Acts 16:16-34** (Common English Bible)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl.

She had a spirit in her that gave her the power to tell the future. By doing this she made a lot of money for her owners. The girl followed Paul and the rest of us, and she kept yelling, "These men are servants of the Most High God! They are telling you how to be saved."

This went on for several days. Finally, Paul got so upset that he turned and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I order you to leave this girl alone!" At once the evil spirit left her.

When the girl's owners realized they had lost all chances for making more money, they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them into court. They told the officials, "These Jews are upsetting our city! They are telling us to do things we Romans are not allowed to do."

The crowd joined in the attack on Paul and Silas. Then the officials tore the clothes off the two men and ordered them to be beaten with a whip. After they had been badly beaten, they were put in jail, and the jailer was told to guard them carefully. The jailer did as he was told. He put them deep inside the jail and chained their feet to heavy blocks of wood.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, while the other prisoners listened. Suddenly a strong earthquake shook the jail to its foundations. The doors opened, and the chains fell from all the prisoners.

When the jailer woke up and saw that the doors were open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped. He pulled out his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! No one has escaped."

The jailer asked for a torch and went into the jail. He was shaking all over as he knelt down in front of Paul and Silas. After he had led them out of the jail, he asked, "What must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home."

Then Paul and Silas told him and everyone else in his house about the Lord. While it was still night, the jailer took them to a place where he could wash their cuts and bruises. Then he and everyone in his home were baptized. They were very glad they had put their faith in God. After this, the jailer took Paul and Silas to his home and gave them something to eat.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97:1-2, 6-12



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The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples | see your glory.

**Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false  
gods!**

**Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.**

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,  
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

**For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.**

You who love the | LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of  
the wicked.

**Light dawns | for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.**

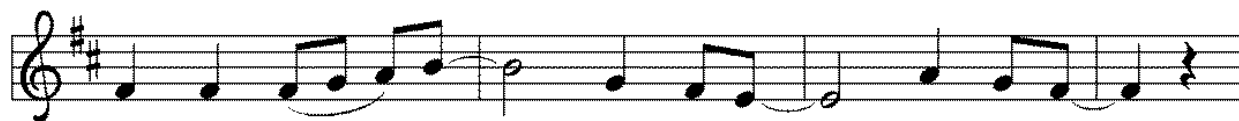
Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's | holy name.



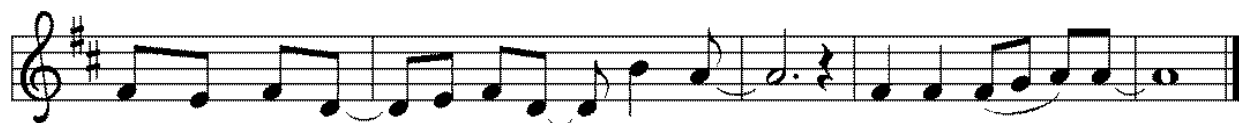


*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel **John 17:20-26** (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

I'm praying not only for [my followers]  
but also for those who will believe in me  
because of them and their witness about me.  
The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—  
just as you, Abba, are in me and I in you,  
so they might be one heart and mind with us.  
Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.  
The same glory you gave me, I gave them,  
so they'll be as unified and together as we are—  
I in them and you in me.  
Then they'll be mature in this oneness,  
and give the godless world evidence  
that you've sent me and loved them  
in the same way you've loved me.  
Abba, I want those you gave me  
to be with me, right where I am,  
so they can see my glory, the splendor you gave me,  
having loved me  
long before there ever was a world.  
My Abba, the world has never known you,  
but I have known you, and these disciples know  
that you sent me on this mission.  
I have made your very being known to them—  
who you are and what you do—  
and continue to make it known,  
so that your love for me  
might be in them  
exactly as I am in them.



**Message**

**WHAT'S SAVING YOU NOW?**

***What I Can Do***

John Roedel

I can't make the world be peaceful  
I can't stall tanks from roaring down roads  
I can't prevent children from having to hide in bunkers  
I can't convince the news to stop turning war into a video game  
I can't silence the sound of bombs tearing neighborhoods apart  
I can't turn a guided missile into a bouquet of flowers  
I can't make a warmonger have an ounce of empathy  
I can't convince ambassadors to quit playing truth or dare  
I can't deflect a sniper's bullet from turning a wife into a widow  
I can't stave off a country being reduced to ash and rubble  
I can't do any of that  
the only thing I can do is love the next person I encounter  
without any conditions or strings  
to love my neighbor so fearlessly that  
it starts a ripple that stretches from one horizon to the next  
I can't force peace on the world  
but I can become a force of peace in the world  
because sometimes all it takes  
is a single lit candle in the darkness to start a movement  
"Lord, make me a candle of comfort in this world  
Let me burn with peace."



## Musical Reflection

### *A Prayer for Peace*

Henry Baker/Karissa Dennis  
Senior Choir  
Alexander Locke, viola

O God of love, true source of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease.  
The wrath of sinful hearts restrain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again, give peace again.

Remember Lord Your words of old,  
The wonders that our fathers told.  
Remember not our sin's deep stain;  
Give peace, O God, give peace again, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but You, O God?  
Where rest but on Your faithful word?  
None ever called on you in vain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

O God of love, true source of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease.  
The wrath of sinful hearts restrain:  
Give peace, O God, give peace again.  
Give peace again, give peace again, give peace.

## 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 David Lutheran Church, Canal Winchester; Redeemer community member Kathleen Zwanziger

## 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.*

*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.

**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:

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.

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

<i>(North Side of Sanctuary)</i>	<i>(South Side of Sanctuary)</i>
<b>Our Father in heaven,</b>	<b>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:</b>
<b>Hallowed be your name.</b>	<b>The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!</b>
<b>Your Kingdom come,</b>	<b>The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!</b>
<b>Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</b>	<b>Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and Come on earth.</b>
<b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>	<b>With the bread we need for today, feed us.</b>
<b>Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.</b>	<b>In the hurts we inflict, forgive us, as we forgive those who hurt us.</b>
<b>Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,</b>	<b>For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,</b>
<b>now and for ever. Amen.</b>	

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

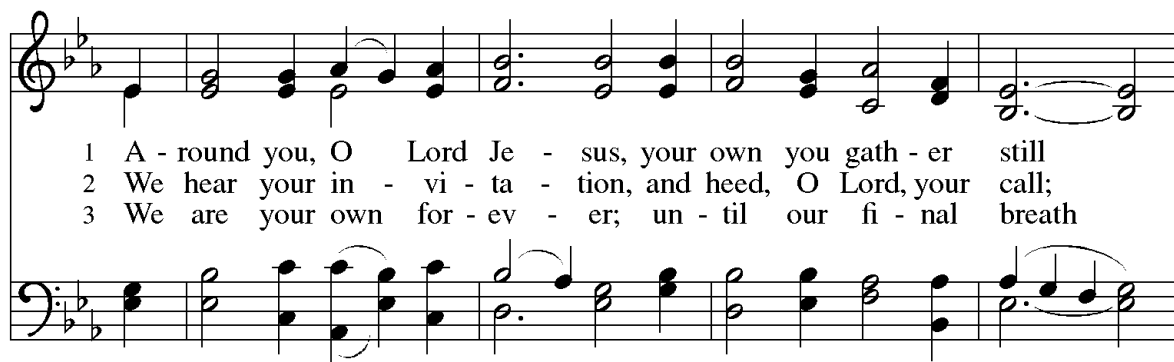
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
So do we.

*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

## Around You, O Lord Jesus



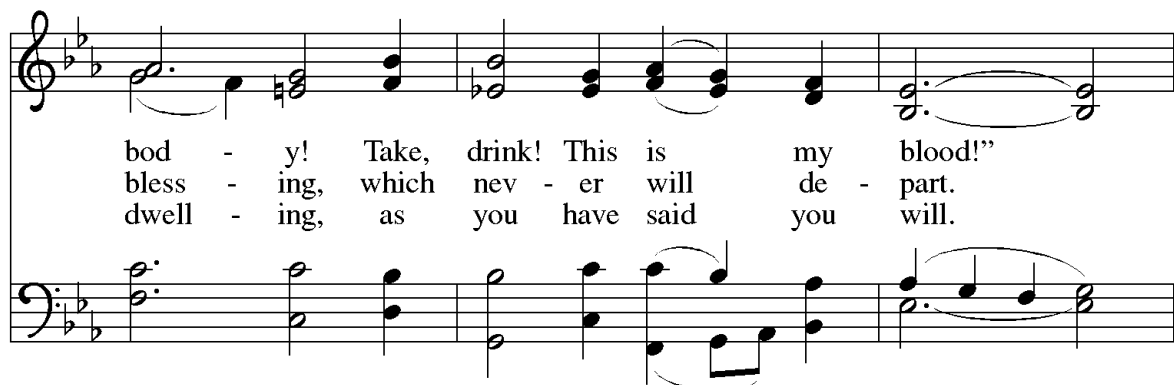
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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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

### This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***All are Welcome*, arr Mark Hayes**

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



*Thinking on the Edge*

Led by Dr. Don Luck

*This week: What lies beyond death?*

*Next week: What does it mean to be the  
“church”?*

Zoom info:

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***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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnliUT09>

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***LSS Food Pantry***

***First Wednesdays***

***12:30-3:30 pm***

***Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer***

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>Cantor</b>	Wendy Stoica
<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>	Zak Hinkle-Moore
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Misato In, Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Sue Yehling, Helen Brunston

*Noisy Offering will go to ReconcilingWorks.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 29 – JUNE 5

<b>Today</b>	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>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	4:30 pm	ZOOM Education Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30-3 pm	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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