

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost



Morning opens wide before us Sunrise over Jericho, July 2014

June 26, 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

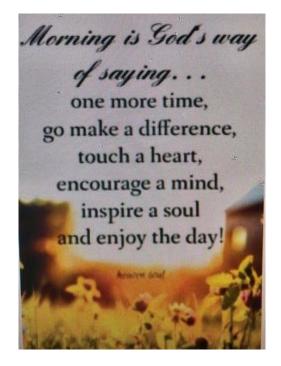
- Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing
 masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish
 to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- **Those who wish may stand** 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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Joel Raney

Welcome





Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

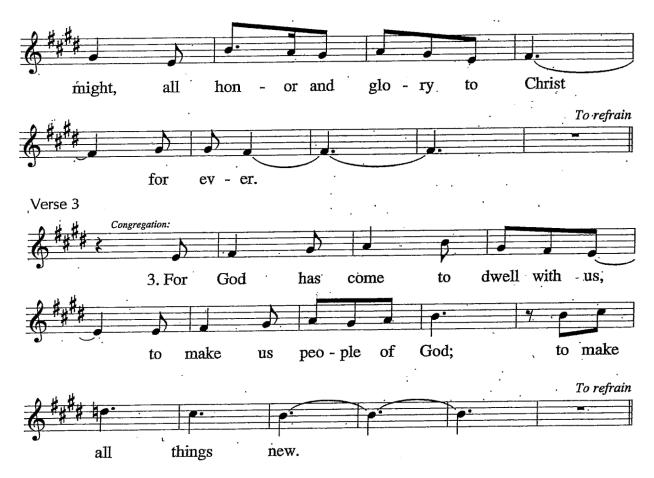
- Morning opens wide before us like a door into the light. Just beyond, the day lies waiting ready to throw off the night, and we stand upon its threshold poised to turn and take its flight.
- Now the earth in all its glory springs to meet the rising sun, warms to all who walk upon it, cradling all that will be done. All our labor, all our loving mingle and become as one.
- 3. We receive God's graceful moment, while the day is fresh and still, ours to choose how we will greet it, ours to make it what we will. Here is given perfect freedom, every hope in love to fulfil.
- 4. As we take the first step together, passing through the door of the day, may the love of Christ the Creator give us peace in all that we say, heart for all that lies before us, grace to guide us on our way.

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 2 Kings 2:6-14 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Second Kings

- Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here. God has sent me on an errand to the Jordan."
- Elisha said, "Not on your life! I'm not letting you out of my sight!" And so the two of them went their way together.
- Meanwhile, fifty people from the guild of prophets gathered some distance away while the two of them stood at the Jordan.
- Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and hit the water with it. The river divided and the two walked through on dry land.
- When they reached the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "What can I do for you before I'm taken from you? Ask anything."
- Elisha said, "Your life repeated in my life. I want to be a holy man just like you."
- "That's a hard one!" said Elijah. "But if you're watching when I'm taken from you, you'll get what you've asked for. But only if you're watching."
- And so it happened. They were walking along and talking. Suddenly a chariot and horses of fire came between them and Elijah went up in a whirlwind to heaven. Elisha saw it all and shouted, "My father, my father! You—the chariot and cavalry of Israel!" When he could no longer see anything, he grabbed his robe and ripped it to pieces. Then he picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him, returned to the shore of the Jordan, and stood there. He took Elijah's cloak—all that was left of Elijah!—and hit the river with it, saying, "Now where is the God of Elijah? Where is this God?"

When he struck the water, the river divided and Elisha walked through.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.





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I will cry a- I loud to God;

I will cry aloud, and ^I God will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I | sought the Lord;

my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused | to be comforted.

I will remember the works [|] of the LORD,

and call to mind your won- I ders of old.

I will meditate on | all your acts

and ponder your | mighty deeds.

Your way, O | God, is holy;

who is so great a god [|] as our God?

You are the God | who works wonders

and have declared your power a- [|] mong the peoples.

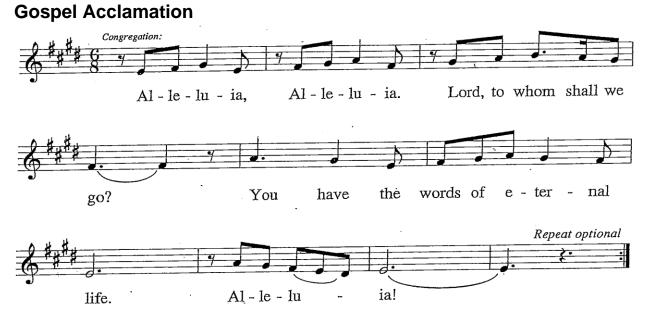
By your strength you have re- I deemed your people,

the descendants of Ja-¹ cob and Joseph.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in [|] the great waters, yet your footsteps [|] were not seen.

You led your people ¹ like a flock by the hand of Mo-¹ ses and Aaron.

Please stand in body or spirit



Gospel

Luke 9:51-62 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it came close to the time for Jesus' ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead. They came to a Samaritan village to make arrangements for his hospitality. But when the Samaritans learned that his destination was Jerusalem, they refused hospitality. When the disciples James and John learned of it, they said, "Master, do you want us to call a bolt of lightning down out of the sky and incinerate them?" Jesus turned on them: "Of course not!" And they traveled on to another

village.

On the road someone asked if he could go along. "I'll go with you, wherever," he said.

- Jesus was curt: "Foxes have lairs, the birds of the sky have nests, but the Chosen One has nowhere to rest."
- Jesus said to another, "Follow me."
- He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral."
- Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's reign!"
- Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home."
- Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's reign off till tomorrow. Seize the day."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

THE FIRST THING GOD CALLS "HOLY"

Musical Reflection

Jennifer Young



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....

 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 who is deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Alyssha and Nate Bird on Alyssha's fall
 The people of First English Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community members Carla and Darren Baldogo

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. Show gestures of peace. And also with you.

Amen.

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.

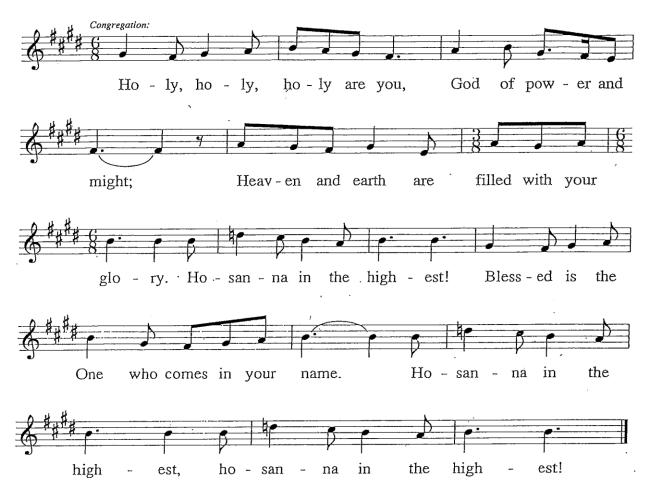
Great Thanksgiving

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.

- 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:



- 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. 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

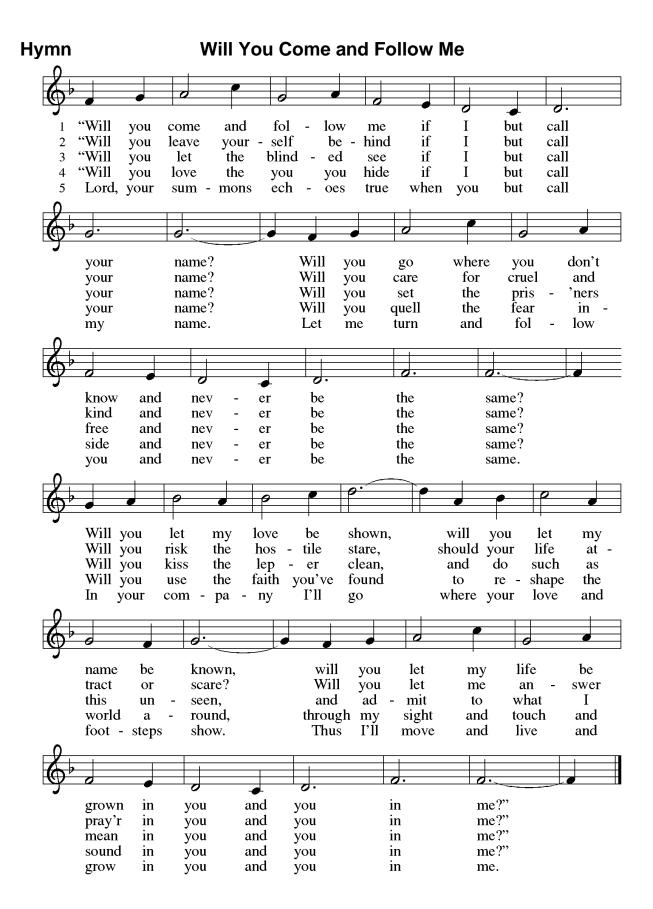
(North Side of Sanctuary)	(South Side of Sanctuary)
Our Father in heaven,	Eternal Spirit,
	Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
	Source of all that is and that shall be,
	Father and Mother of us all,
	Loving God in whom is heaven:
Hallowed be your name.	The hallowing of your name echo through
	the universe!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

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.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, You who mothered creation and enabled incarnation, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you. 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.

WE ARE SENT



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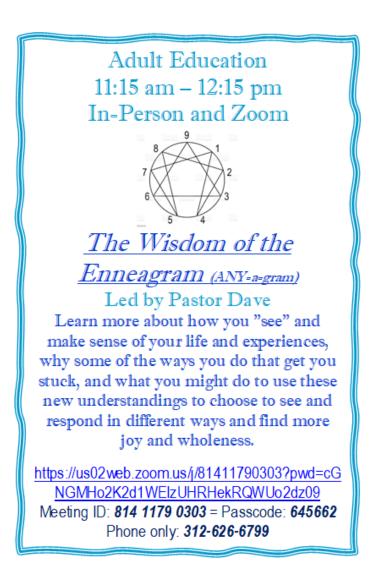
Postlude

Just A Closer Walk With Thee, arr. John Carter

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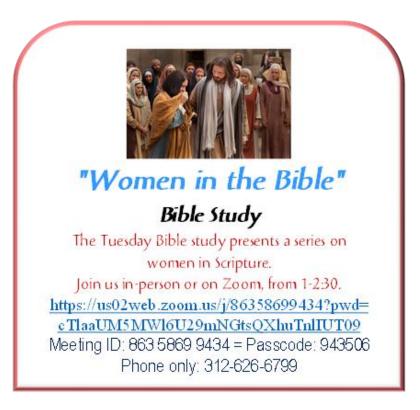
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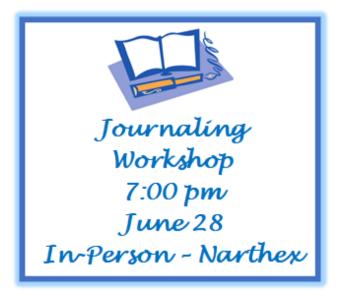
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June 27 – 7pm JUSTICE MINISTRY CELEBRATION at Christ United Methodist Church 1480 Zettler Road See Reflections for details







Suzuki 25 Music Columbus June 28 – 7:00 pm Costa Rica Bon Voyage Concert at Redeemer Lutheran Church



OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Cantor ASL Interpreter Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chime Choir Director Usher Verger Communion Prep Producers Hospitality David Shull, Pastor Julianne Johnson Jennifer Young Bryan Neal Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Mike Benis Michelle Clemence Becky Fisher, Nancy Magargal Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling 22nd Street Cookies

Flowers are dedicated by **Karen & Bruce Collins** Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 26 – JULY 3

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	6:30pm 7:00pm	Basketball Camp BREAD Justice Ministry Celebration
Tuesday	1:00 pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study Basketball Camp Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	6:30pm	Basketball Camp
Thursday	6:30pm	Basketball Camp
Saturday	10:00am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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