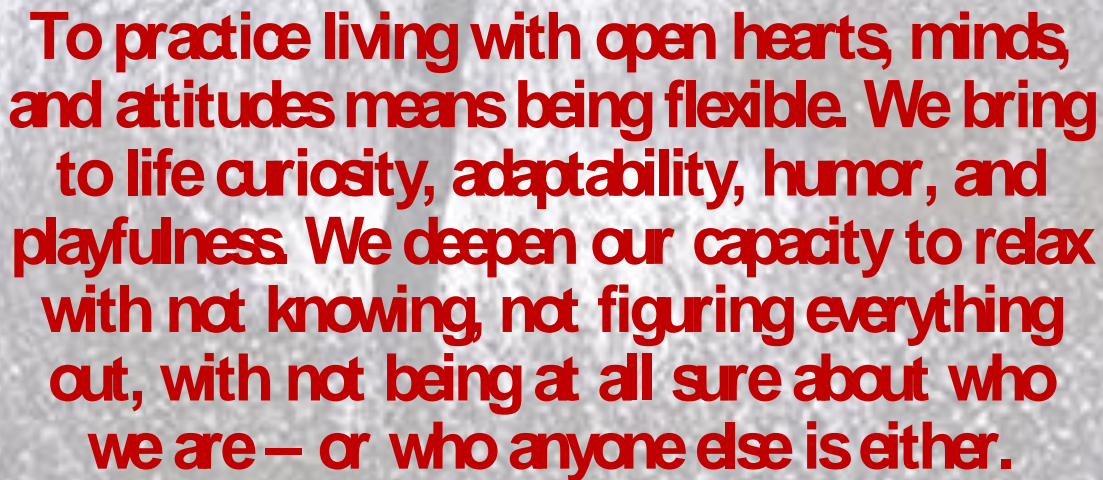


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



To practice living with open hearts, minds, and attitudes means being flexible. We bring to life curiosity, adaptability, humor, and playfulness. We deepen our capacity to relax with not knowing, not figuring everything out, with not being at all sure about who we are – or who anyone else is either.

Adapted from Pema Chödrön, *The Places That Scare You*

September 4, 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 ***Variations on "Foundation"*** arr. Janet Linker

Welcome

Hymn **Song for Love** Anna Briggs

Now we sing to praise love's blessing all through our lives,
laughter, joy, surprise confessing, all through our lives.

Love that dreamed a new creation,
love that dared an incarnation,
love that offers transformation all through our lives.

How our wounds ache for love's healing all through our days.
How our world needs love's revealing, in all its ways.

Fearful hearts suspect the stranger,
hardened nations arm for danger,
love lives on, the powerful changer,
all through our days.

Love's the grace that makes us caring all through our lives,
urges us to warmth and sharing all through our lives,
speaks in us, oppression naming,
strives in us, injustice shaming,
lives in us, true peace proclaiming
all through our lives.

Love's the clown that mocks at winning all through the world,
 midwife of each new beginning all through the world.
 In the struggles that confound us,
 in the chaos all around us,
 love's wide arms with hope surround us
 all through the world.



Music: AR HYD Y NÔS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

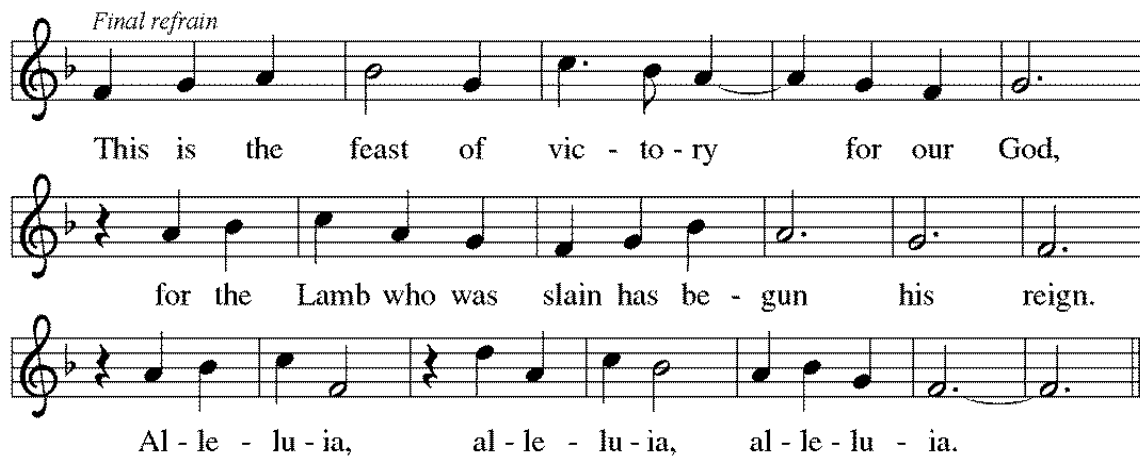
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



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.



Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Deuteronomy 30:15-20** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from Deuteronomy

[As the people were about to end their 40-years in the wilderness to enter the land where they could be free, Moses said to the people:]

Look at what I've done for you today: I've placed in front of you

Life and Good

Death and Evil.

And I command you today: Love God, your God. Walk in God's ways. Keep God's commandments, regulations, and rules so that you will live, really live, live exuberantly, blessed by God, your God, in the land you are about to enter and possess.

But I warn you: If you have a change of heart, refuse to listen obediently, and willfully go off to serve and worship other gods, you will most certainly die. You won't last long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you today: I place before you Life and Death, Blessing and Curse. Choose life so that you and your children will live. And love God, your God, listening obediently, firmly embracing the One who made you. Oh yes, God is life itself, a long life settled on the soil that God, your God, promised to give your ancestors, Abraham and Sarah.

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.**

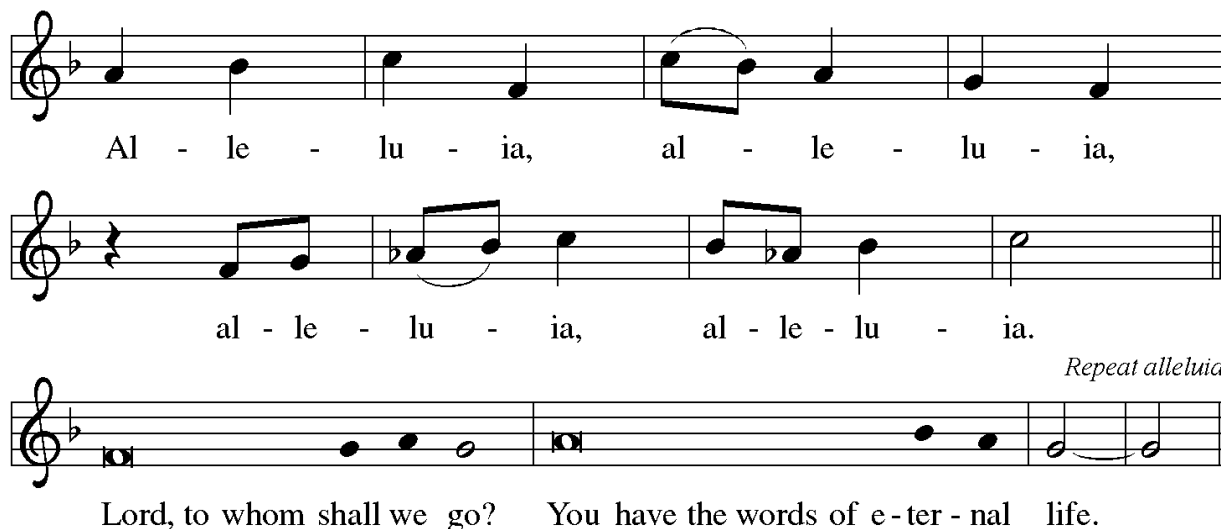
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

**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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel **Luke 14:25-33** (Common English Bible, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said,
“Whoever comes to me and doesn’t hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one’s own life—cannot be my disciple. Whoever doesn’t carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
“If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn’t you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it? Otherwise, when you have laid the foundation but couldn’t finish the tower, all who see it will begin to belittle you. They will say, ‘Here’s the person who began construction and couldn’t complete it!’
Or what ruler would go to war against another without first sitting down to consider whether ten thousand soldiers could go up against the twenty thousand the other side has? And if the ruler didn’t think victory was possible, the ruler would send a representative to discuss terms of peace while the enemy was still a long way off. In the same way, none of you who are unwilling to give up all of your possessions can be my disciple.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

THE FACTS OF LIFE

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,
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,
Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe,
Kris Kauffman, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren who is deployed to Bulgaria,
Kelley Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Karen Collins, family of Lea Spang
The people of Ibada ya Kiswahili Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member
Helen Brunston

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share signs of peace with each other.

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.

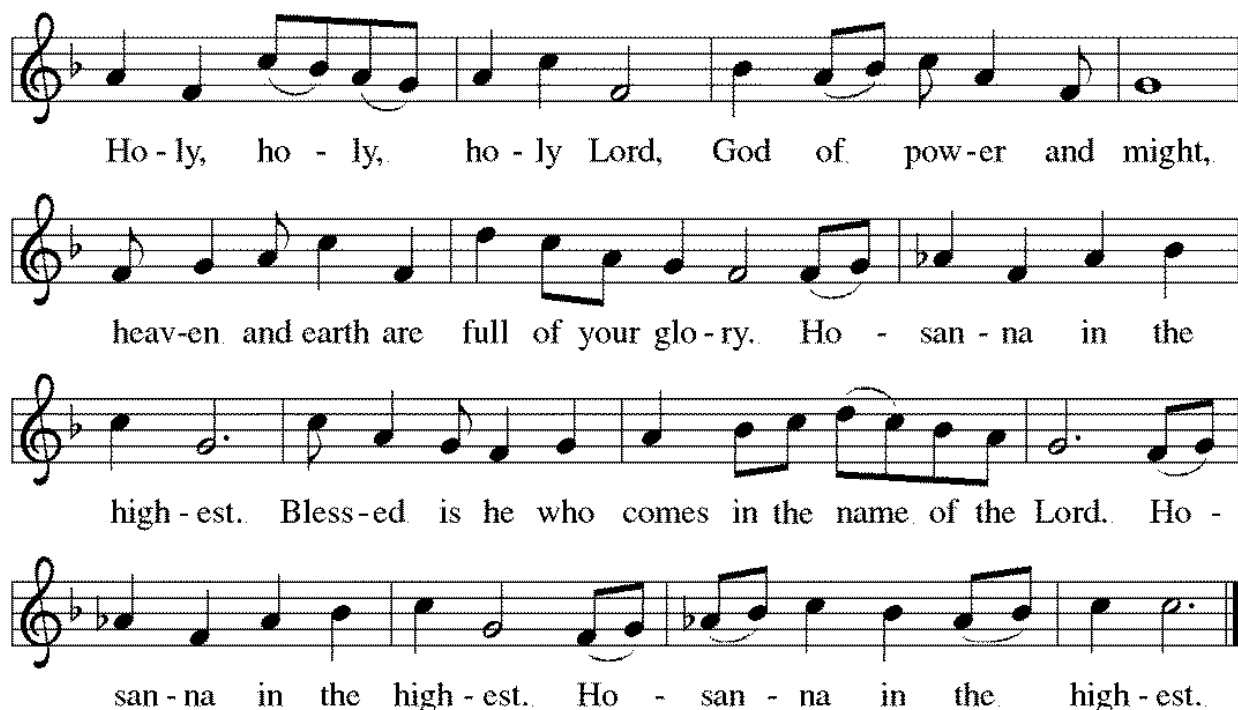
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his tokens of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come – whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at the feast of love.

We join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We remember on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said — “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

We commit ourselves to becoming a people of hope as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches 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.**

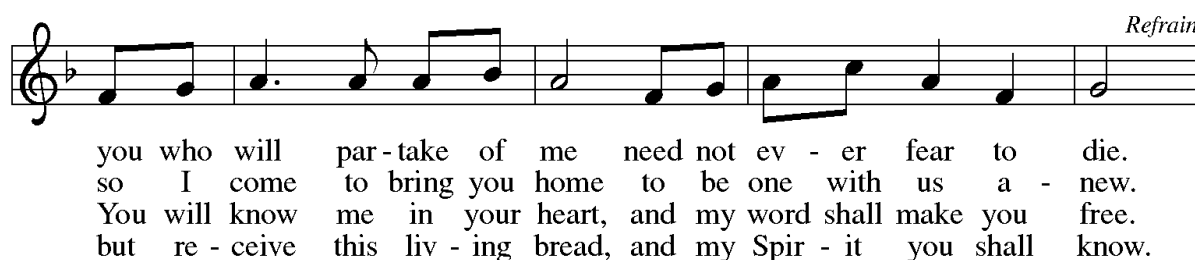
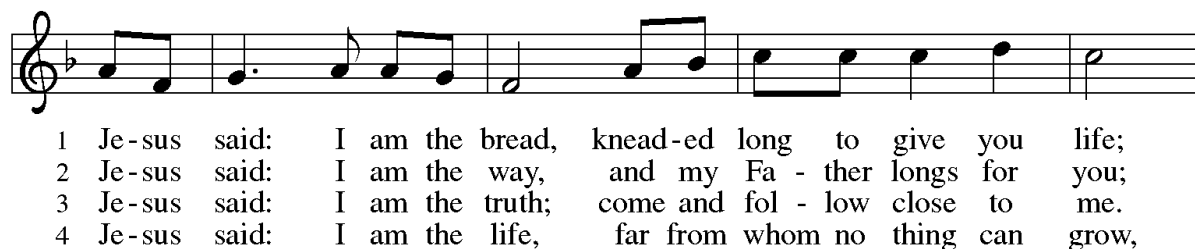
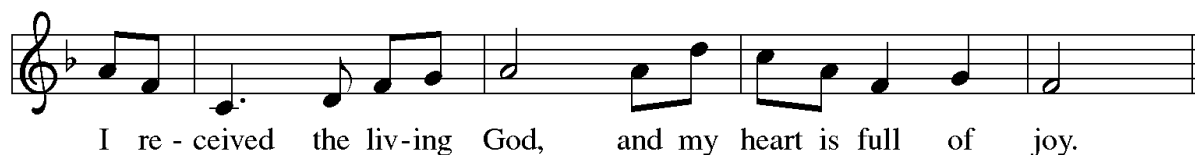
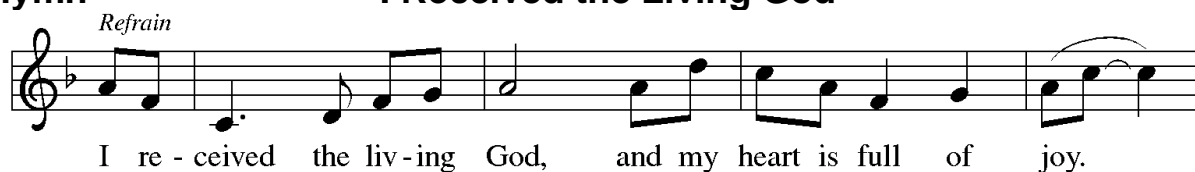
And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upstairs room, send your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life, and the fruit of your beloved community – may continue on in us and through us.

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 Received the Living God



Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous



Hymn

Come to the Table



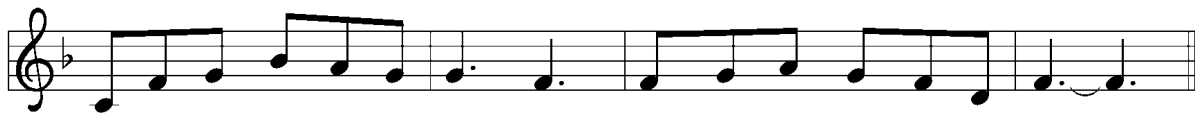
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

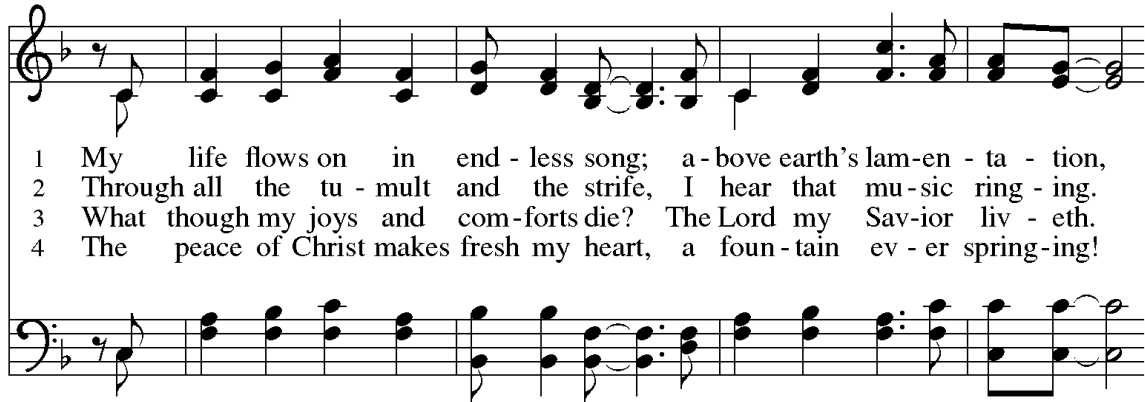
Generous God, whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world – we praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution – the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – the eternal music of hope. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

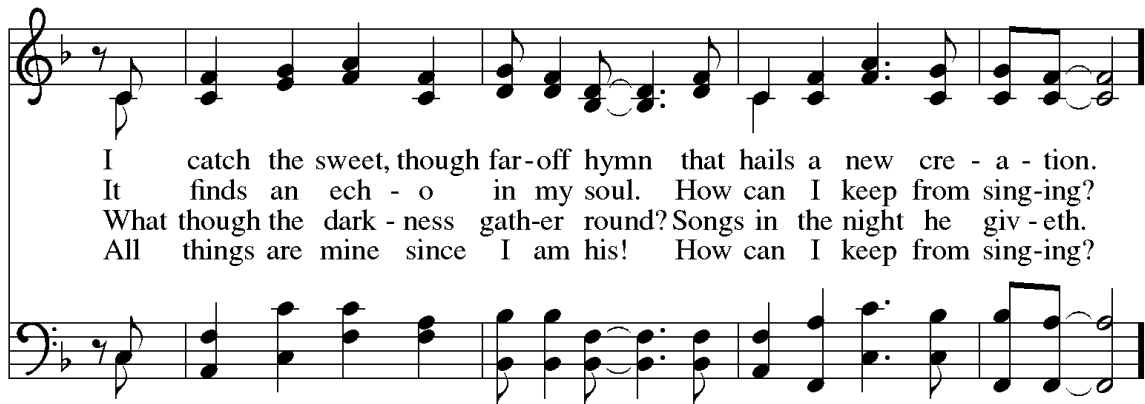
Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

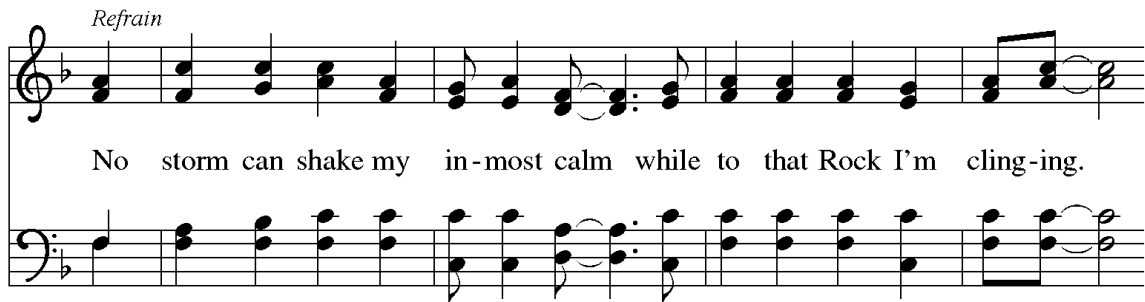


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Variations on "Foundation"

arr. Janet Linker

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WHAT ARE
YOUR VALUES?

Adult Education
September 4 & 11

In-Person and Zoom

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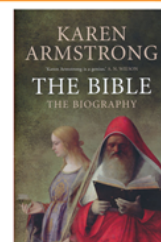


RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



"The Bible: A Biography"

Bible Study

Tuesdays September 6 & 13

1:00 pm

We'll look at how it came together, different ways it has been interpreted over the centuries, and how we might hear God's Spirit alive in it today.

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30.

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LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays

12:30-3:30 pm

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer*

Senior Choir

Rehearsal Sundays
following worship
Beginning **September 11**



Sunday - September 25

Following worship

*Celebration luncheon with
Ice Cream Social and
Talent Show*



Birthdays this week:

5 - Trina Thornton

7 - Bonnie Hegreness

8 - Julie Boreman

8 - Tom Kent

8 - Andrea Steiner



Blessing
of the
Backpacks

Blessing of the

+ Backpacks

+ Brief Cases

+ Tote Bags

+ Pocketbooks

...whatever you use to
carry your essentials
every day

Sunday September 11



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, September 11 == 11:15 am

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Scott Steiner
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 4 - 11

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
Thursday	11:00 am	Lea Spang visitation
	11:30 am	Lea Spang service
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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