

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**RLC at 65**



**September 25, 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

## As We Gather at Your Table




1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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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*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**1 John 4:7-12**

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:1-12



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Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>|</sup> to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor <sup>|</sup> God with praise!

**The LORD re- <sup>|</sup> builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- <sup>|</sup> iles of Israel.**

The LORD heals the <sup>|</sup> brokenhearted  
and binds <sup>|</sup> up their wounds.

**The LORD counts the number <sup>|</sup> of the stars  
and calls them all <sup>|</sup> by their names.**

Great is our LORD and might- <sup>|</sup> y in power;  
there is no limit <sup>|</sup> to God's wisdom.

**The LORD lifts <sup>|</sup> up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked <sup>|</sup> to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD <sup>|</sup> with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp <sup>|</sup> to our God,

**who covers the heav- <sup>|</sup> ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- <sup>|</sup> on the  
mountains.**

God provides food <sup>|</sup> for the cattle  
and for the young ravens <sup>|</sup> when they cry.

**God is not impressed by the might <sup>|</sup> of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>|</sup> of a runner,**

but finds pleasure in those who <sup>|</sup> fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's <sup>|</sup> steadfast love.

**Worship the LORD, <sup>|</sup> O Jerusalem;  
praise your <sup>|</sup> God, O Zion**

*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 15:9-17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Message

## Musical Reflection

### *Come Now You Blessed*

Ruth Duck  
Senior Choir

"Come now, you blessed, eat at my table,"  
said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.  
"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless,  
sick and in prison, you showed me your love."

When did we see you hungry or thirsty?  
When were you homeless, a stranger alone?  
When did we see you sick or in prison?  
What have we done that you call us your own?

"When you gave bread to earth's hungry children,  
when you gave welcome to war's refugees,  
when you remembered those most forgotten,  
you cared for me in the smallest of these."

Christ, when we meet you out on life's roadways,  
looking to us in the faces of need,  
then may we know you, welcome and show you  
love that is faithful in word and in deed.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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## **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, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Sam Hudson, nephew of  
Laura and Terry Warren who is deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister  
Maddie Sutphin, Nancy Stinson, family of Karen Collins, Skye Andree  
The people of Messiah Lutheran Church, Reynoldsburg; Redeemer community member Heidi Carman

## **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.*

*In body or spirit, please stand*

### **Offertory**

### **As the Grains of Wheat**

#### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

#### Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_

2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



*To refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes with slurs.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resur-rec - tion

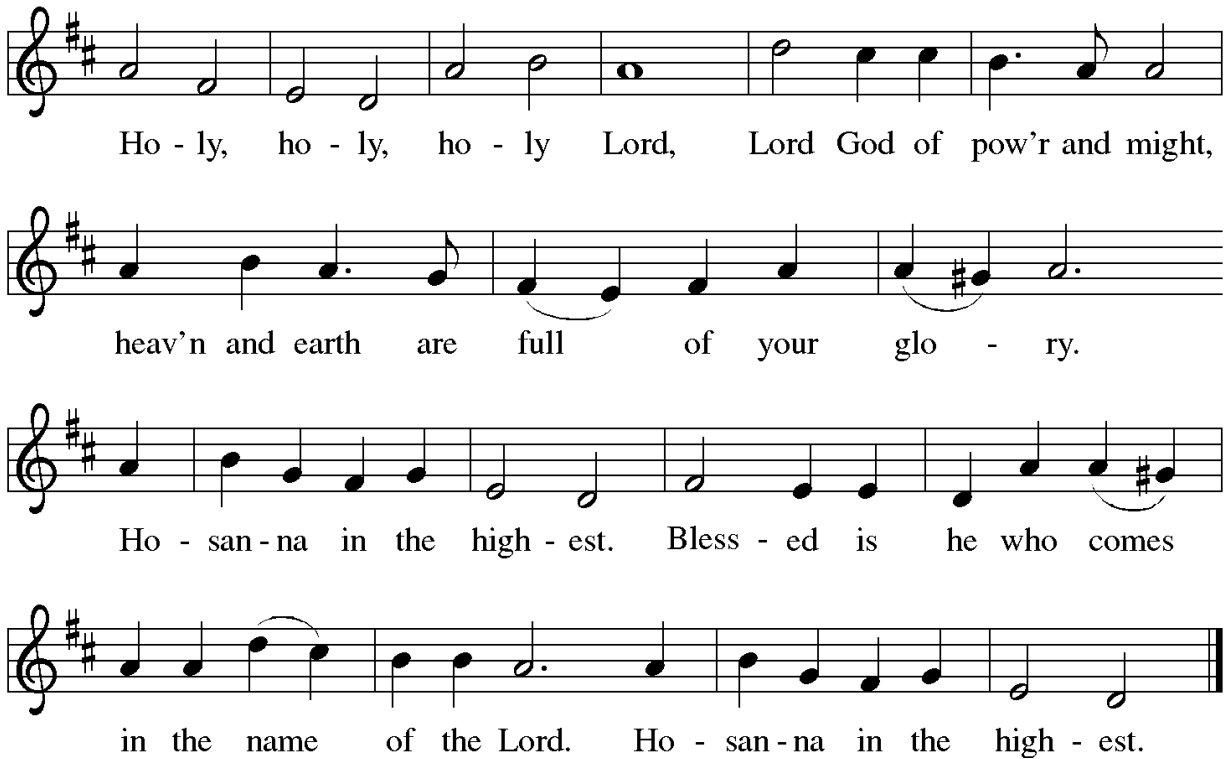
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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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.

We remember on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; he gave thanks to you, then 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 thanks, then 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 Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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

## Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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# Hymn

## Send Me Lord

Leader All

*Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma*  
 Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
 (2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
 (3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

*mi - na, So - man - dla.*  
 Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
 Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
 Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

*Repeat ad lib.* | *End*

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
 Music: THUMA MINA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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*Please stand in body or spirit*

### 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

### Hymn

### O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

arr. John Carter

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**Dave and Mike's** wedding was **Friday, Sept. 16**. Pastor Dave's first day back in the office after their honeymoon is **Wednesday, Oct. 5**. If you have an emergency pastoral need during this time, contact **Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church at 614-832-2461.

This morning we welcome **Don Luck** to preach and preside; following worship is our 65th anniversary celebration, including lunch, ice cream social, and talent show.

On **Oct. 2**, **Julie Hutson** will preach, preside, and lead an adult education conversation on the theme of discernment: how do we come to understand how God wants us to move forward?

## **Redeemer Leadership through the Years**

### **Pastors**

1957-1964	Paul Radloff
1965-1971	Robert Menter
1971-1972	Norman Menter (interim)
1972-1985	Robert W. Kelley
1985-1986	Janice Peterson (interim)
1986-2015	F. Allan Debelak
2011	Carol Ramseth (interim)
2015-2017	Leslie Fox (interim)
2017	Jerome Taylor (interim)
2017-present	Dave Shull

### **Lay Ministry Coordinators**

2009-2011	Kelley Scott
2014-2018	Carolyn Moehring

### **Interns**

1962-1963	John Kromer
1963-1964	Gary Olson
1964-1965	Jerry Caughlan
1965-1967	John Gast
1967-1968	Harvey Hanna
1968-1969	Jim Liefeld
1980-1981	Ken Wheeler
1984-1985	Mary Ellen Hansburg
1991-1993	Marti Fisher
1994-1995	Tim Olson
2003-2004	Frank Gore
2004-2005	Steve Bond
2005-2006	Jeff Schmid
2006-2007	Michael Kern
2007-2008	Joan Armstrong
2012-2013	Jay Shailer
2013-2014	Brian Whitton
2014-2015	Scott Nellis



**TODAY!!**

*Following worship*

*Celebration luncheon with  
Ice Cream Social and  
Talent Show*

*Please join us!*



*Journaling  
Workshop*

*7:00 pm*

*September 27*

*In-Person - Narthex*



### **CROP WALK**

**The CROP Hunger Walk will occur in Columbus on  
October 2 and 9, 2022.**

The Redeemer Team web page is here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. One of the recipients in Franklin County is the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, which supplies the produce for Redeemer's monthly food giveaways in our parking lot.

Donations may be made online or by cash or check made out to CWS/CROP. This year's Redeemer Team includes *Wendy Stoica, Kathleen Zwanziger, Heidi Sherer, and Connie Criswell.*



*Women's  
Retreat*

*Celebrating Our  
Faith-Filled Journeys*

*October 7-9*

*Lutheran Memorial Camp*

*See **Reflections** for details*

*or contact Carol Heacock*

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Don Luck
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Reader</b>	Kathleen Zwanziger
<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>	Ashley Bird
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Krista Skipper, Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimlitch, Michele Disbro

*Flowers are dedicated in celebration of **Redeemer's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.*

*Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 2

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	<b>RLC 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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