



# Reflections

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## Reflections on Prayer from Anne Lamott, Wendy Beckett, Mary Oliver, Larry Trover

Before coming to Redeemer, I'd never been in a church where the community prayers were written and led by people other than the pastor. Maybe that's one of the reasons so many people in those congregations felt uncomfortable leading prayers at meetings or other church gatherings. The message they'd gotten from the pastors was that pastors were the only people who could really lead public prayer. Having assisting ministers who lead our community prayers each week is the best affirmation I know of the Reformation principle of "the priesthood of all believers."

Later this fall, I will be scheduling a conversation with current assisting ministers and any of you who would like to explore sharing your gifts in that ministry. In the meantime, I wanted to share some ideas about prayer from a variety of thoughtful people. I do this in the hope that some of these words might speak to each of you and invite you into a fresh way to pray ... and in the hope that some of you who might feel stirred by this topic will decide to come to the assisting minister conversation to talk with others about their experiences as prayer leaders. If you find your interested sparked, please contact me or any of our assisting ministers.

**Ann Lamott** is a non-fiction writer, teacher, and activist. **Wendy Beckett (Sister Wendy)** was a British nun and art historian whom the BBC made famous when she hosted their documentaries on the history of art. **Mary Oliver** was a poet. **Larry Trover**, a member of Redeemer, is booking agent for **Ohoho the Clown**, confidential secretary for **Nicholas "Nick" Claus**, and occasional supply pastor.

"Prayer means that, in some unique way, we believe we're invited into a relationship with someone who hears us when we speak in silence." (*Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers* by **Anne Lamott**)

"Almost invariably when one talks about prayer, people think it is about asking God for something. Whenever we turn to God, we are praying, and I suppose that the most frequent motive for this turning is that we want something. But how disheartening to read in autobiographies or to hear from people that they lost their faith when they prayed very earnestly to God and nothing happened. What is disheartening is that we have here a misunderstanding of the prayer of petition.

"It may seem to us that we are asking God to give us something – good weather, good health, good exam results – and, of course, that is our explicit intention. Since God is not a puppeteer who will stretch out and change the weather, adjust the cells of our body, or jiggle with the examiner's markings (and at a deeper level we know this), the essential nature of our plea is not that God will change the real world, but that he will strengthen us to bear the impact of it ....

"It is in coping with ... the strangeness and stresses of even a normal day, that we need the help of God. We would like Him to change these stresses. This will not happen. What will happen is His support in making everything in our lives

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### OUR CONGREGATION

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## The Redeemer Community

### RLC's Current Worship Protocol: *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 wave or 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 cellphones.

### Good Neighbors Picnic Set for This Saturday, Sept. 24

"This Saturday, the Good Neighbors of Central Ohio will celebrate its 24th picnic!" Carol Heacock, Redeemer's coordinator for the event, writes. The picnic will be held at Wolfe Park. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for setting up, helping guests shop at the Free Store, serve food, and play games with the kids. If you would like to volunteer, go to [www.goodneighborspicnic.org](http://www.goodneighborspicnic.org).

This is the last week to bring your donations, including blankets, winter clothing, socks, and winter coats to the church for the Free Store.

Our thanks to you for making this yearly event possible and helping each other along our life's journey.

*"This picnic not only helps our brothers and sisters who are in need of support, it also provides an opportunity for our diverse Columbus community to work, give, and celebrate together, building bridges of understanding and unity between us all."* -- Good Neighbors of Central Ohio

### Come Celebrate Redeemer's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary This Next Sunday

On Sunday, September 25, Redeemer will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Redeemer members and friends are invited to an old-fashioned Redeemer celebration: a **Talent Show and Ice Cream Social**. Following worship, folks will gather in the basement Fellowship Hall for a simple lunch provided by Sister Act. Then, they can sit back to enjoy ice cream sundaes and a Redeemer Talent Show.

Talent Show? Yes, Redeemer's got talent and we're looking for folks to share theirs. In the past, we've had groups sing, instruments played, poems shared, and even THE Croatian Stepdancers (thimbles and all) performed. Some of Redeemer's technology talent will be utilized to create a video of life at Redeemer over the last 65 years. Those who'd like to share their talent are asked to contact **Michele Disbro**.

*"Redeemer may be turning 65 but we're not retiring from our active ministry in Berwick!"*

### RLC Serves at First English Thursday, Sept. 22

**Kay Ernsthause**n reports that First English asked Redeemer will be serving dinner on Thursday, September 22. **Kay reports she still needs one more server**. Please let Kay know if this something you can do.

Nonperishable food items can be dropped off in the coatroom by 4 p.m. Thursday. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m.

Kay notes that with its being the fourth Thursday, "We will have more than the usual to serve. We will need food for 150 people."

### CROP Walk Coming Oct. 2/Oct. 9

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25 percent of the funds raised are 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 the parking lot.

This year, CROP Walks in the area are set for both **Sunday, October 2** and **Sunday, October 9**. Donations may be made online or by cash or check made out to **CWS/CROP**. Redeemer's team webpage can be found online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/redeemer-lutheran-church-2>

Redeemer's walkers include **Heidi Sherer, Wendy Stoica, Kathy Zwanziger** and **Connie Criswell**.

## Saturday Garden Giveaway Concludes for Season

**Jon Disbro** announced Sunday that the garden giveaway held **Saturday, September 18** was the last of the season, explaining that the harvest had dropped off enough that it is no longer worth it holding the Saturday morning giveaways. However, he anticipates some produce to continue ripening over the coming weeks and folks are welcome to go out and pick what they would like.

Many thanks to Jon and his team of gardeners for their faithfulness in tending the garden!

## Monthly Food Giveaway Serves 149 Families

**Kathy Zwanziger** reports that Redeemer's monthly food giveaway hosted in conjunction with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (MOFC) on **Thursday, September 15** served a total of 149 families. "That meant a total of 514 people, including 164 children were aided. We had 34 new families this time."

She noted the 22 volunteers who helped distribute the food included one from the neighborhood. "This month, we had 10,125 pounds of food (including more Cheryl's cookies ...!)" She also reported that everyone appreciated the extra personal items that were supplied. The "extra" items designated for the October giveaway are cleaning supplies such as wipes, sponges and paper towels

"Thank you all!"

## Warren Reports on Stewardship Activities

**Laura Warren**, Stewardship Team chairperson and council representative, reports that the Stewardship Committee is recommending cancelling the contract with the American Church Company for the distribution of weekly offering envelopes that are sent to about 80 members of the congregation. Offering envelopes will continue to be available on the "bulletin table" in the back of the sanctuary and **Office Manager Becky Trover** is happy to mail packets of these envelopes to anyone who wishes.

The annual cost for this service is about \$760 and not many people are using them, Warren reports.

Year to date giving statements and/or a letter from **Council President Wendy Stoica** was mailed in late August. It was decided to physically mail the statements/letters instead of emailing them because there had been challenges with the emailed versions going to spam.

The Annual Pledge Drive theme for this year is "Heart to Heart...Hand in Hand." The drive will kick off first with the Redeemer Lutheran Church Council and the full congregation drive will begin early October. The returned completed pledge cards will be blessed during the **October 30** church service. Thank you for your gifts to Redeemer Lutheran Church!

## Tuesday Bible Study on Hiatus, to Resume Oct. 11

**Pastor Dave** reports that when the Tuesday Bible study resumes on his return on **Tuesday, October 11**, the group will continue exploring **Karen Armstrong's** book, *The Bible: A Biography*. "There's no expectation people will read this; Dave is summarizing the content of how the Bible came to be what it is, and the ways we seek to understand it today."

Meanwhile, the group is on hiatus while Dave and Mike are on their honeymoon.

To join the Zoom meeting in October, go to the Zoom app and then enter the following information: Meeting ID: 891 1782 1516; Passcode: 513561. To participate via phone, call 312-626-6799.

If you don't have the Zoom app, you can join the meeting by copying and pasting the following web address in your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89117821516?pwd=d0lhUlg0Zi92YjIvU0taeWpYcWFhQT09>

### **Calling All Singers!!**

Senior Choir rehearsals have begun and **Choir Director Kathy Rapp** says the group will practice after worship in the Sanctuary from 11:15 a.m. until noon. "I try to keep rehearsals to 45 minutes so folks can head home and get on with their day. We usually sing three times a month – more if there are special holy days."

The Chime Choir will begin rehearsing in October so watch for news from **Karen Kent**.  
"Looking forward to making beautiful music and singing praises to our God."

### **Booklet on End of Life Choices Available**

Thanks to **Ruth Murray**, Redeemer has copies of the booklet, "Choices-Living Well at the End of Life" that **Nancy Magargal** referenced in her article, "Questions and Answers Around Death and Dying" in the August 22 issue of *Reflections*.

They can be found on the shelf under the bulletin board next to the Church Library and are available for the taking.

### **Sister Act Plans Fall Retreat**

Sister Act has begun planning its Fall Retreat, **Friday-Sunday, October 7-9**, at Lutheran Memorial Camp. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating Our Faith-Filled Journeys."

According to coordinator **Carol Heacock**, "During our time together at the retreat, we will be celebrating our journeys of faith these past two years. We will also spend some time celebrating the lives of women of faith who have come before us, in recent and Biblical times."

The group will be staying in Priebe Center. This facility has a large open room for meetings and fellowship, a kitchenette and 10 bedrooms, each with two twin beds. There is also a patio with picnic tables and fire pit.

The cost for the weekend is \$80 and for a day, \$10.

Suggestions for activities, Bible studies, crafts, music, games, worship, meals, etc. should be sent to Carol, **Michele Disbro** or **Kay Ernsthansen**.

### **Redeemer to Offer Active Shooter Training**

On **Saturday, October 22**, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Columbus Police Department will offer an active shooter training here at Redeemer. Given the number of shootings in places of worship, Redeemer's Church Council is sponsoring this program so the congregation might learn some best practices about how to respond if it finds itself in an active shooter situation.

"Of course, we never want to have to face this but no one ever expects it," **Pastor Dave** explained. "So we want to have a plan if it does. This is open to the whole congregation. It would be good to have as many of us trained as possible."

### **Providers of After-Worship Refreshments, Cookies Sought**

Individuals or groups within the congregation are encouraged to sign up to provide refreshments following a worship service. It doesn't need to be elaborate: cookies, cold iced or lemonade and coffee will do. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Library for those who might be willing to provide refreshments on Sundays through the summer.

In addition, donations of packaged cookies are also needed. If this is something you can do, just put them on the counter in the kitchen off the Narthex. Questions? Contact **Jon Disbro** at 614-451-3642 or at [Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org).

## **LSS Food Pantry Needs Donations**

**Kathy Zwanziger** reports that the LSS Food Pantry needs canned tuna, canned chicken, vegetable oil, and wrapped paper towels as well as cash donations. She reminds folks that donations can be leveraged to purchase more items for the same amount than we can on individual items. Whichever way you choose to donate, it is gratefully appreciated!

## **Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services**

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for dates over the summer. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library.

*Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.*

## **Noisy Offering Going to Columbus Diaper Coalition**

Redeemer's Noisy Offering – that offering of loose change that is deposited in the offering plate just inside the entrance to the Sanctuary – is currently going to support the Columbus Diaper Coalition.

This coalition began in November 2013 because diapers are not covered by Ohio Works First, SNAP (food stamps) benefits, or any other social-service organization.

The Columbus Diaper Coalition is a diaper bank that currently supports four area food pantries. Since the supply chain for infant supplies has been interrupted and with the added stress of inflation, the diaper bank has more and more demand. The vision of the Columbus Diaper Coalition is to grow into a diaper bank that can serve all of Columbus.

For more information or where to drop off diaper donations go to:

<http://www.columbusdiapercoalition.org> .

## **Reflections on Prayer ... *cont'd from p. 1***

a means of deepening our capacity to be human. Not God the puppeteer, pulling the strings for His favorites, but the God who has resolutely refused to people His world with puppets. He has paid us the compliment of creating us free and intelligent, able to choose and reject and look clearly at the truth.”  
**(Sister Wendy Beckett, Sister Wendy on Prayer)**

### **“Praying”**

It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.

**Mary Oliver, Thirst**

### **“Seven Processes of Prayer/Life**

lifting us from the depths of despair  
to the pinnacle of praise”

lamentation  
we mourn

supplication  
we ask for aid

determination  
we decide to do

education  
we learn to love

resignation  
we abandon our arrogance

relaxation  
we rest

exaltation  
we praise the power  
of the God of peace  
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## Important Emails

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Info@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

[MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

[FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Communications@redeemerluth.com) – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer's social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

## Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

### For *Reflections*

- PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO **5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS**.
- Send to [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com) and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

### For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put "Bulletin" in the subject line.

## Prayers and Personals

Word came Sunday afternoon that **Karen Collins** died peacefully earlier in the day, surrounded by family and friends. This was shortly after she had been placed in hospice care. Prayers of comfort are asked for her husband **Bruce**, their daughters **Jennifer Young**, **Kate Bauer** and **Beth Lee** and their families. Funeral arrangements are pending. Details will be forthcoming.

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Prayers for strength and comfort continue to be asked for **Nancy Stinson** who faces very serious health issues.

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Hugs and congratulations go out to **Kathryn Ott** on the occasion of her first communion on **Sunday, September 18**. May she grow in her faith and understanding.

**Member Directory Update:** Tom and Arnell Comstock have a new address: 163 Indigo Road, Lyons, GA 30436.

### ***While Pastor Dave Is Away ...***

Congratulations to **Pastor Dave** and **Mike Allen** on their wedding on **Friday, September 16**. Dave's first day back in the office after their honeymoon is **Wednesday, October 5**. If any member has an emergency pastoral need during this time, contact **Pastor Dan Hille** of Faith Lutheran Church at 614-832-2461.

On **Sunday, September 25**, **Pastor Don Luck** will preach and preside. Redeemer's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration follows the service including lunch, an ice cream social and Talent Show. (See separate story, this issue.)

On **Sunday, October 2** **Pastor Julie Hutson** will preach, preside and lead the Adult Education Class on the theme of discernment: how do we come to understand how God want us to move forward?

### **'Christ in Our Home' Available**

The October-December edition of "Christ in Our Home" is now available in the Narthex for anyone who would like a copy. Or, it can be mailed. Just contact **Becky Trover** in the church office to request a copy be mailed to your home. Reach her at 614-237-1263 or via email at [info@redeemerluth.com](mailto:info@redeemerluth.com).

### **September Birthdays**

20-Paula Carson  
21-Jenny Peresta 22-Adam Darst  
24-Sheryl Owens 27-Becky Fisher  
27- Karen Rider 28-Faith Wick  
29-Jennifer Young

## **Community Beyond**

### **CMOA Exhibit Features Tapestries with Biblical Themes**

The Columbus Museum of Art (CMOA) announced that its newest exhibition, *Raphael —The Power of the Renaissance Images: The Dresden Tapestries and Their Impact*, features six monumental tapestries depicting Biblical scenes. It is now open through **Sunday, October 30**.

The tapestries have never-before been exhibited in the U.S. and the Columbus Museum of Art is the only American venue for this exhibition.

The museum strongly encourages weekday visits when the exhibition will be quieter and less crowded and welcomes visitors to extend their visit and enjoy the café and sculpture garden after exploring the museum. Ticket information and information on a variety of seminars on the tapestries can be found online at the museum's website at <https://tinyurl.com/3k7rn9a2>.

# Getting Ready for Worship

## 16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 25, 2022

### Lessons

**Readings:** Amos 6:1a,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

### Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Ukraine

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary  
For those who are staying: safety  
For those who are fighting: peace.  
For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort  
For those who see no future: hope.

### Intercessions & Thanksgiving

+ For the people of Messiah Lutheran Church, Reynoldsburg.  
+ For Redeemer community member Heidi Carmon.

*Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and 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 her 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, on being deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley (Scott) Frank, Brittany Amon, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Nancy Stinson, Skye Andree, family of Karen Collins.

### Worship Leaders

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Don Luck
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ashley Bird
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Krista Skipper and Kathy Zwanziger

*Flowers are given by Redeemer to celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Noisy Offering will go to the Columbus Diaper Bank*

### Upcoming Week at Redeemer

#### September 20 – September 26, 2022

<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation/RLC Narthex
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	4:00 p.m.	<b>RLC at First English</b>
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	9 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	10 a.m.	<b>IN-PERSON / LIVESTREAM</b> Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 a.m.	<b>RLC 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch and Talent Show</b>

**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all  
**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community