

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

Resurrection of Our Lord



Welcome Sara Auman, Naomi Fae Morgan, April Smith, Trina Thornton, Kelley Frank, Rich Pautsch, Lynn Belhorn

April 9, 2023

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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today arr. Joel Raney

Welcome





Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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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





Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

"[When the time is right]"—God's Decree—
"it will be plain as the sun at high noon:

I'll be the God of everyone in Israel and they shall be my very own people."

This is the way God put it:

"They found grace out in the desert, these people who survived the killing.

Israel, out looking for a place to rest, met God out looking for them!"

God told them, "I've never quit loving you and never will.

Expect love, love, and more love!

And so now I'll start over with you and build you up again, dear Israel.

You'll resume your singing, grabbing tambourines and joining the dance.

You'll go back to your old work of planting vineyards on the Samaritan hillsides.

And sit back and enjoy the fruit—
oh, how you'll enjoy those harvests!

The time's coming when watchers will call out from the hilltops of Ephraim:

'On your feet! Let's go to Zion, go to meet our God!"

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Musical Reflection

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

arr. Sandra Eithun Chime Choir Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel John 20:1-18

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Rabbi, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus, Jesus said to her. "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to my Abba. But go to my followers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Abba and your Abba, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Teacher!", and she told them what the Savior had said to her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.



Message

IT'S TALKING ABOUT US

Reception of New Members

Introducing New Members

Congregation's Commitment of Support

All who are receiving these new members are invited to say these words:

[8:30] Kelley and Trina, we thank God for you.
[11:00] Sara, Lynn, Naomi Fae, Rich, and April, we thank God for you.

We welcome you!

We promise you our prayers, support, encouragement, and love.

We will walk with you as companions

in your journey of life and faith.

We open ourselves to receive the gifts you offer.

And we open ourselves to be changed

by the Spirit of Christ you bring into our midst.

With God's help, we pray our words and actions will help you know God looks on you with delight, and says to you,

"You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you." With God's help, we will keep creating here a free and fearless space where you can be authentically yourselves.

Commitment by New Members

The New Members say together:

In response to the love of Christ you share, I commit myself with joy and gratitude to become a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

I commit to give my time in attendance, my energy in ministry, my attention in prayer, and my money in support.

I will continue to offer you and all who seek home here my prayers, support, encouragement, and care.

I know I will continue to be changed by you and by the Spirit of Christ in you.

If at times I feel like I am being stretched in uncomfortable ways, I will trust Christ's Spirit is at work, nudging me toward deeper spiritual maturity.

If I ever find that my journey leads me away from this community because my life and faith are growing more deeply elsewhere, I will not simply stop coming. I will let one of you know of my decision, so any leave-taking can be a time for healing and mutual blessing.

I thank God, and thank you, for the home I am finding here.

Remembering God's Promise at Our Baptism and Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Musical Reflection

A Gaelic Easter Celebration

arr. Patti Drenna

April Smith, flute; Miles Smith, drum

That Easter day with sun was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light When, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; His wounded hands and feet He showed.

The scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, strong in gentleness, come now Yourself, our hearts possess That we may give you all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.

From every weapon death can wield Your own redeemed forever shield. O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Eastertide. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Gordon Shull, Nikki Dertouzos

The people of David Lutheran Church, Canal Winchester; Redeemer community members Sarah, Marques, Rosalie, and Malcolm Highland

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



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Great Thanksgiving

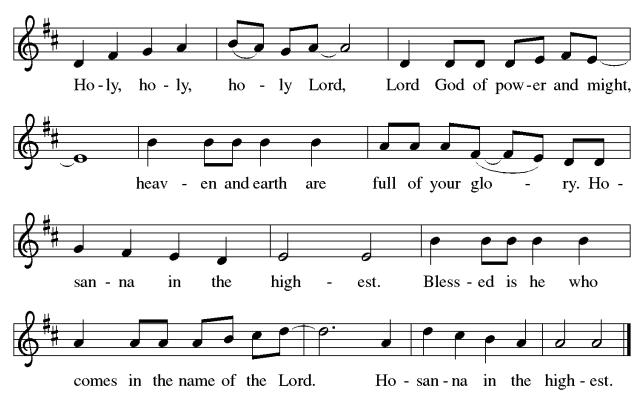
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, 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:



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

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.

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.

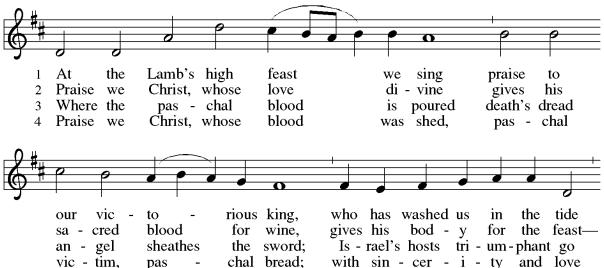
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.



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Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958
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Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing





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5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

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- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

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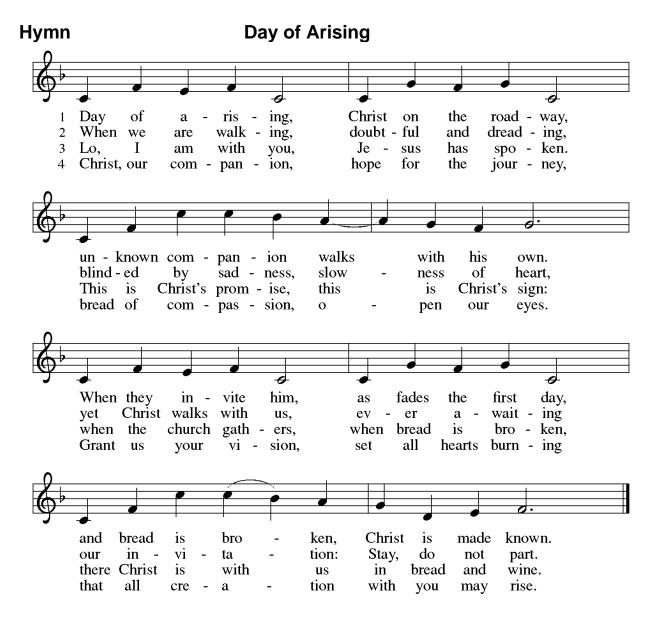
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8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng, 1566



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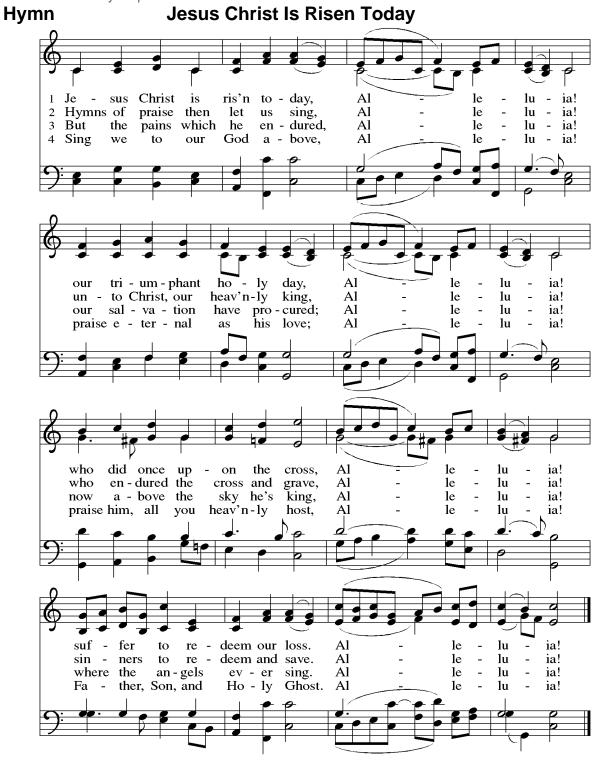
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, arr. Joel Raney

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Meet our new family members

Sara Auman



After being a former member of a Presbyterian church and a Methodist church, I now find myself feeling more at home with this Lutheran congregation. I was introduced to Redeemer by Julie Johnson. I knew it was a place of deep faith and community for her and I wanted to respect her connection here. I do remember however saying to her, "just don't ever expect me to want to join, I am done with joining churches". She graciously said that was not her expectation. Yet here I am

after 4 years of experiencing Redeemer for myself, and joining feels much more like a blessing than an obligation. Thanks to everyone who has shaped my experience here.

I have retired from my nursing career at OhioHealth after 43 years, I have a private counseling practice in Grandview, am a mom of 2 and a grandmother of 2, oh, and a dachshund lover.

Lynn Belhorn

I was born and raised in Lancaster, Ohio, with a strong sense of faith instilled by my mom. Many childhood activities were focused on our involvement at St. Peter's Lutheran Church – worship, Sunday School, Wednesday Church School, various choirs, Luther League. After I graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Elementary Education, I married and moved to the Findlay area in Northwest Ohio. It was there that we raised our children: Kristin; Megan; Saki-a Japanese foreign exchange student who became a daughter of my heart. They have blessed me with 8 grandchildren-th



exchange student who became a daughter of my heart. They have blessed me with 8 grandchildren-the lights of my life. My passion for early childhood education led me back to Central Ohio after my divorce, landing at Nationwide Children's Hospital as a trainer of early learning professionals. I have chosen to become a member of this congregation because, as you have welcomed and embraced me, I desire to do the same for others who walk through the doors. The gift of hospitality lives and breathes here. I want to be a part of that.

Trina Thornton and Kelley Frank



A lot of you know us already. For those who don't, we live and work in Lancaster. We share a love of music, nature, and exploring different places. We are lifelong Lutherans. We have been together since March 2006, made public commitment to each other in a beautiful ceremony at Redeemer on January 7, 2012, and were legally married in New Mexico on January 7, 2016. God called us to a different faith community for a while - we thought to share

our gifts and skills - but perhaps to help broaden their definition of welcome and provide stability during several years of pastoral transition and COVID. We are now returning to Redeemer "officially" as members, but we've never really left in our hearts. Redeemer is home to us and will always be so.

Naomi Fae Morgan

When first coming to Redeemer I was weary and wary of going to another church. However, I felt a desire for community, liturgy, and Sunday mornings that were busy so Sunday afternoon naps felt well deserved. You can take the testosterone out of a woman but you cannot take away her after church naps. A sober alcoholic queer tattooed swearing pastor introduced me to a God whose gift to me was love almost 8 years ago now. She was Lutheran and at that time I did not know that one day



I would say, "The reason I know I am Lutheran is that my theology is just like Luther's – God's love is bigger than my trauma." I have since found out that not all Lutheran swear like the Pastor did ... but I have found out that in this church is a group of people who believe that "God is Love." I was deeply touched by how welcoming this congregation has been to me and my son Liam. My desire is to serve the Body of Christ by participating with God and others to create spaces safe for black life, queer life, disabled folx, and women. As I have sat with this community I have sensed that you too have this same desire for the flourishing of all life. I would love to partner with you and join your church in following the lure of God into the blessed community.

Rich Pautsch



I grew up in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. I went through Confirmation and had perfect attendance for years in Sunday School. I learned what I was expected to learn. I found this learning to be academic, leaving no room for wonder. As an adult I began to look for something more. After dabbling in a number of other religious traditions, I eventually ended up at Redeemer. I am still and probably will always be a seeker and questioner. I have been coming to Redeemer for 10 years and have

felt at home here most of those years. I finally decided to make it official and become a member.

April Smith

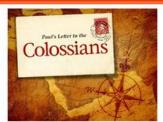
I was raised in Liverpool, New York, a suburb of Syracuse. I am a product of an excellent public school system and playing the flute has been a big part of my life for over 50 years. I enlisted in the Army as a soldier/musician shortly after high school graduation. After serving for 6 years, I spent another 16 years as a wife to a career soldier. In 2000, I found myself divorced and relocated to Hawaii to live with the woman who would be my partner until I moved to Westerville at the end of 2017 to be close to my twin brother and his family. I am currently single and enjoy meeting new people.



My jobs have included private flute instructor, accounts receivable clerk, custodian, groundskeeper, church and preschool facilities manager and operations assistant in the central Ohio district for a national company.

Service to the church over the years has included musician, greeter, usher, reader, school board, council, stewardship and property committees. My hobbies include watching baseball and football, attending concerts and theatre productions and traveling to places "off the beaten path."

Why am I saying "yes" to Redeemer? Last year I felt the need to make a change in my worship life and I missed my Lutheran roots. Redeemer is the place I found to be not only welcoming, but the people here are genuinely friendly and interested in my faith and life stories.



The Letter to the Colossians

Bible Study Tuesdays — 1:00-2:30 pm beginning April 11

Join us in-person or on Zoom

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Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm Conversation and fellowship Via ZOOM

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LSS/MidOhio Food Collective Produce Giveaway

Thursday April 20

Extras this month: hair care products

Volunteers always welcome!

Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson (sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!



Wednesday, April 19 7-8:30 pm

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray Copies are available in public libraries.

Donna Voelkel, who recommended the book, says this about it: "Personal Librarian is written as a historical novel. Belle da Casta Greene, a young black librarian who identified herself as white, was hired by financier J.P. Morgan to manage and create a library for his large collections. After Morgan's death, Belle was successful in encouraging J.P. Morgan's son, Jack, to turn the library into a public institution to honor his father. There is much more to say, but that's for the reader to find out and discuss!"

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Kevin Bailey Ruth Anna & Vyron Bailey

Lynn Belhorn My parents Maryland & Richard Belhorn;

my cousins Larry and Barry Black

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My husband and my sister

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To the Glory of God

Sue Yehling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence [8:30]
	Mary Benis [11:00]
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger [8:30]
Cantor	Scott Steiner [8:30]
	Wendy Stoica [11:00]
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiarra Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Directo	r Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Neil Hoddinott [8:30]
	Ashley Bird [11:00]
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Michele Disbro, Diane Brobeck
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner [11:00]

Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 9 - 16

Today	8:30 am	In-Person Worship with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study Zoom A Brewing Faith
Next Sunday	8:45 am 10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am 11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education Senior Choir Rehearsal

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