
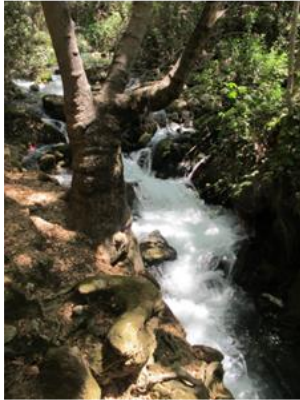




A Reconciling in Christ congregation,
celebrating the diversity of God's children
and fostering understanding
and healing in community 

Third Sunday of Easter



April 23, 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

This is My Father's World, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Hymn

God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

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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

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Acts 2:14a, 38-41** (The Message, inclusivized)

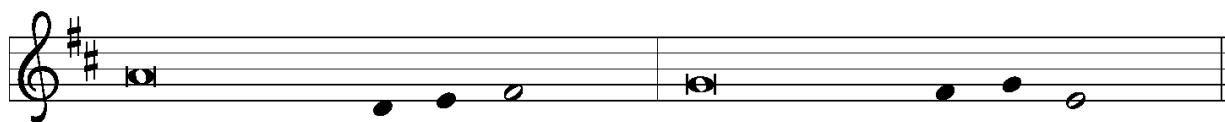
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

[After Peter healed a beggar who was unable to walk and crowds came to him,] Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our God invites.” He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, “Get out while you can; get out of this sick and stupid culture!” That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

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

Amen.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19



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I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenever | er I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon
me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:

“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”

How shall I re- | pay the LORD

for all the good things God has | done for me?

I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people.

Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.

O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from
my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God’s people,

in the courts of | the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35 The Message, inclusivized

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The day Jesus rose from the dead two of his followers were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then

one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a prophet from God, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that this was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

Then Jesus said to them, “So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?” Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. “Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?”

They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up— Simon saw him!”

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

OPEN EYES

Musical Reflection

Sing We Alleluia

Jay Althouse
Senior Choir

REFRAIN: Sing we alleluia. Sing with one joyful voice.
Sing we alleluia. Let all nations rejoice.

Sing with firm conviction. Sing it to the sky.

Sing with exultation on high. **REFRAIN**

Sing with jubilant praises so that all may hear.

Sing with gladsome voices strong and clear.

Alleluia, alleluia. Sing alleluia, allelu.

Alleluia, alleluia. Sing alleluia, alleluia. Sing alleluia. **REFRAIN**

Sing with firm conviction. Sing it to the sky.

Sing with exultation on high.

Alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia, allelu.

Alleluia, alleluia. Sing alleluia, alleluia. Sing 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 and 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 her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts, Nancy Magargal, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Ruth Boys

The people of Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon; Redeemer community members Novella, Theresa, and John Gavin

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.

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 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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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. Come and 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:



Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.



Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

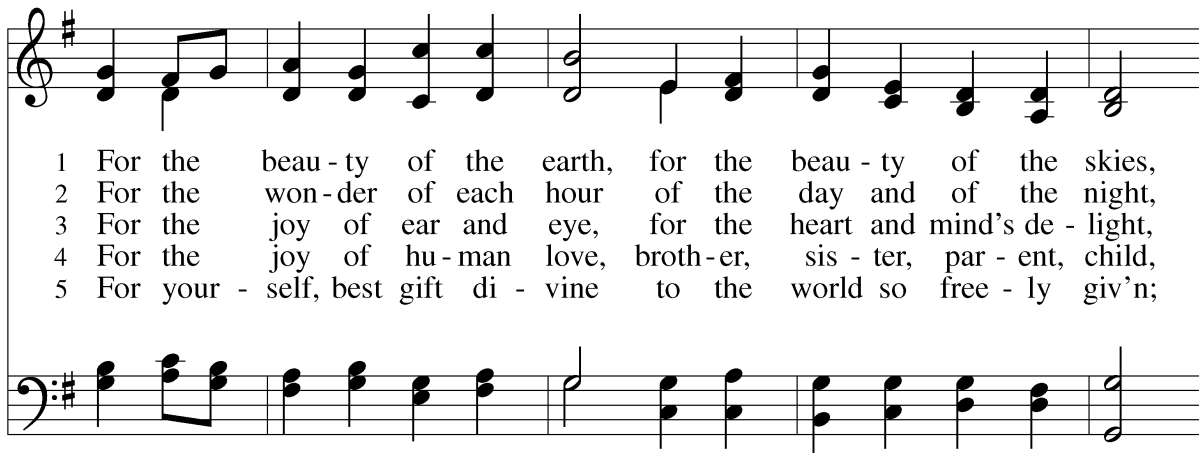
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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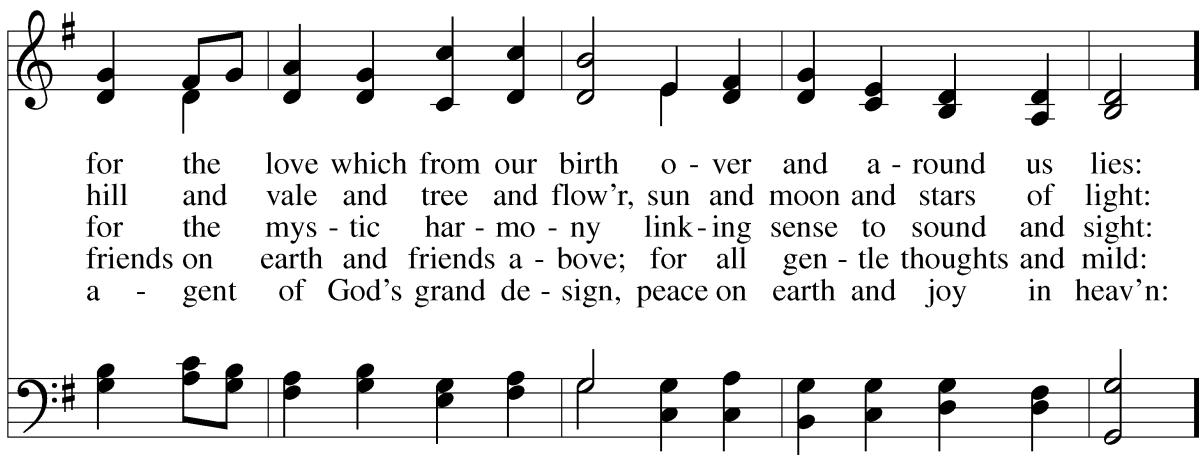
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Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

Refrain



Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Please stand in body or spirit

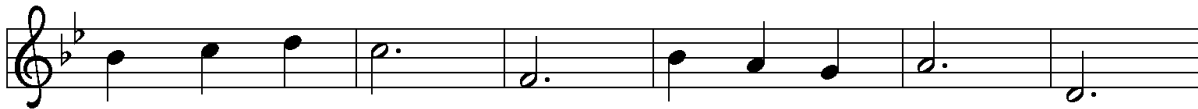
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Hymn

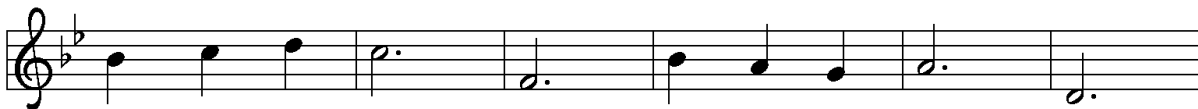
Touch the Earth Lightly



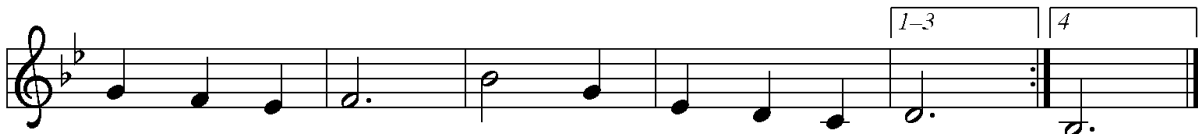
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: TENDERNESS, Colin Gibson, b. 1933

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***For the Beauty of the Earth*, arr. Lloyd Larson**

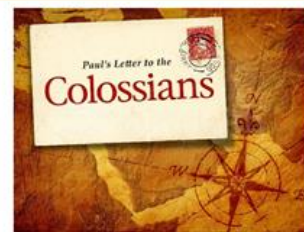
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**A Chance to Right a Wrong:
The Story of an Innocent Person on Death Row
and the Work of Ohioans to Stop Executions**

**Adult Education Class
April 23 – 11:15-12:15 pm**

We'll be joined by **Peter Kobak**, who's coordinating a campaign to free *Tony Apanovitch*. You can read Tony's story at www.justice4apanovitch.com, but in brief, Tony spent 32 years on death row for a rape and murder he didn't commit. He was released after his conviction was overturned, but 2 years later a technicality has put him back on death row. Peter will lead our discussion of Tony's case, as well as the death penalty in general and the work of Ohioans to Stop Executions (OTSE). Then we'll have time to write postcards to be submitted as part of the campaign to free Tony.

For folks who can't attend the Sunday discussion but want to be involved, we'll have card-writing materials available in the Narthex, and we hope to have a link available for online submission.



The Letter to the Colossians

Bible Study

Tuesdays – 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXliQT09>

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Birthdays this week:

23 - Andrew Skoog

24 - Michelle
Clemence

24 - Elaine Disbro

27 - Margie Frazier

28 - Dora Pinder

28 - Edwina Bradley



Sister Act

IMAGINE—

*how RLC could be a place of
refuge during a disaster*

Wednesday – April 26

6:30 pm – In Person and ZOOM

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84623474351?pwd=ZldSdmZ6UFk0L05iTOVJeGFoMUZzdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 2347 4351 - Passcode: 939394

Please join us for fellowship and service

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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|---|----------------------------------|
| Presiding Minister | David Shull, Pastor |
| Assisting Minister | Kay Ernsthause |
| Cantor | Heidi Sherer |
| ASL Interpreter | Bryan Neal |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chime Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Usher | Mike Benis |
| Verger | Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica |
| Communion Prep | Cathy Oldham |
| Producers | In-Phillips, Tom Mimplitch |

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

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 23 - 30

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| Today | 8:45 am | Chime Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 am | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education |
| | 11:15 am | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| | Tuesday | 1:00 pm |
| 2:45 pm | | Stewardship Team |
| 6:30 pm | | BREAD Nehemiah Action |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Sister Act – Imagine...how RLC could be a place of refuge during a disaster |
| Next Sunday | 8:45 am | Chime Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 am | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education |
| | 11:15 am | Senior Choir Rehearsal |
| | 12:30 pm | Confirmation Class |



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