

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 7, 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

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

“Jesus Loves Me” arr. Gordon Young

Welcome

Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



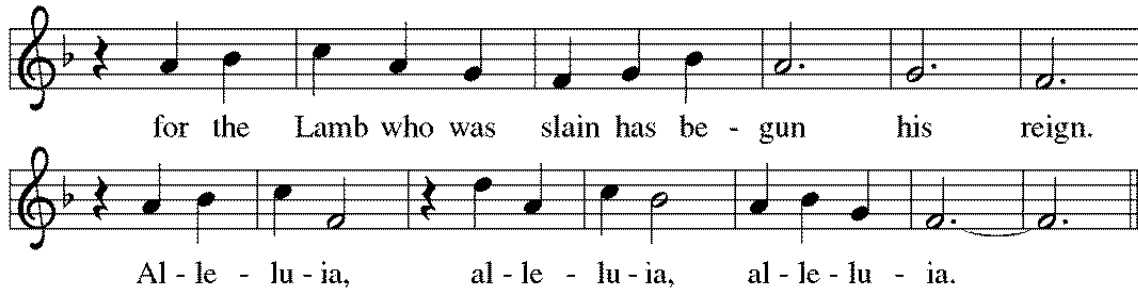
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **1 Peter 2:1-10** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy, and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workers took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God. The Scriptures provide precedent:

*Look! I'm setting a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone in the place of honor.*

*Whoever trusts in this stone as a foundation
will never have cause to regret it.*

To you who trust, this is a Stone to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust,

*The stone the workers threw out
is now the chief foundation stone.*

For the untrusting it's

*. . . a stone to trip over,
a boulder blocking the way.*

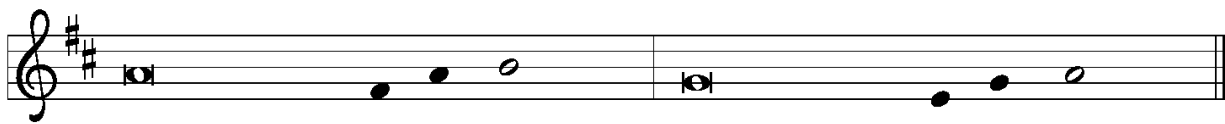
They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do God's work and sing God's praises, to tell others of the night-and-day difference God made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

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

Amen.

Psalm 31:1-6, 10-11, 15-16



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In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

**Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my
stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

**I hate those who cling to | worthless idols,
and I put my trust | in the LORD.**

For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.

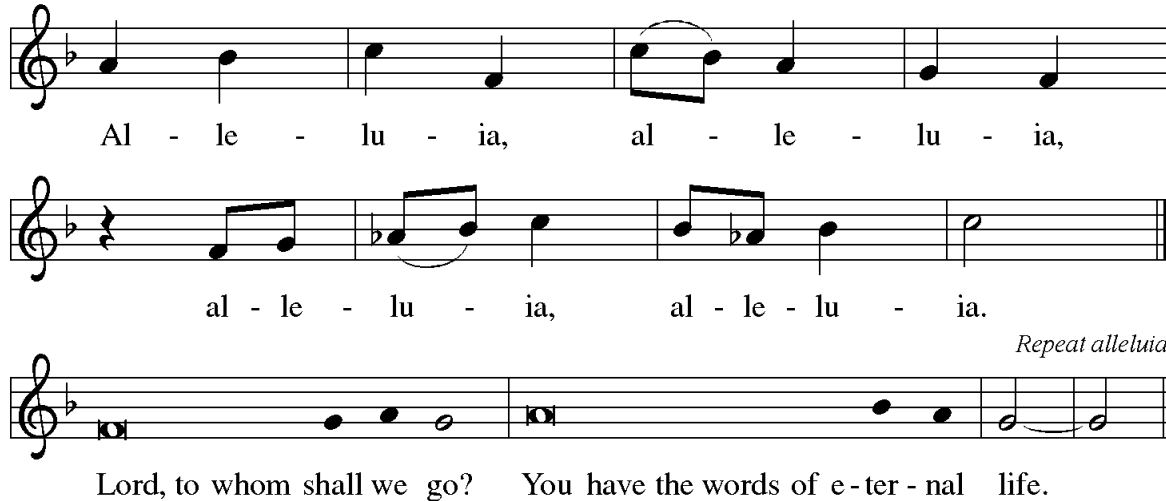
**I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.**

My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.

**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel

John 14:1-14

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his followers,] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Abba’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to Abba God except through me. If you know me, you will know Abba God also. From now on you know Abba God and have seen God.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God. How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba’? Do you not believe that I am in Abba God and God is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but it is Abba God, living in me, who is accomplishing the works of God. Believe me that I am in God and God is in me, or else believe because of the works I do. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I go to Abba God. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that God may be glorified in me. Anything you ask in my name, I will do.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Musical Reflection

In My Father's House

Pepper Choplin
Senior Choir

The disciples drew closer to hear the words of promise of the Lord:
"If you hear the truth, I say, and follow in my way,
Then great will be your heaven's reward." And He said,

REFRAIN:

"In my Father's house there are many mansions,
In my Father's house there is room.
And all who believe will come to live with me,
For in my Father's house, I'll prepare a place for you."

Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe now in me.
For if you will believe, in heaven you will see
The glory of the great I Am. And He said, *REFRAIN*

I will always be with you; through every step you'll never walk alone.
And when your earthly days are over,
I will come again to welcome you home. I tell you, *REFRAIN*

Thrive! Moment

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 Hegreess, 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, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Ruth Boys
The people of Fellowship Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community members
Ranel and Neil Hoddonitt

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.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal and piano parts. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the third line of lyrics, followed by the word 'Refrain' in italics, and then the fourth and fifth lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Great Thanksgiving

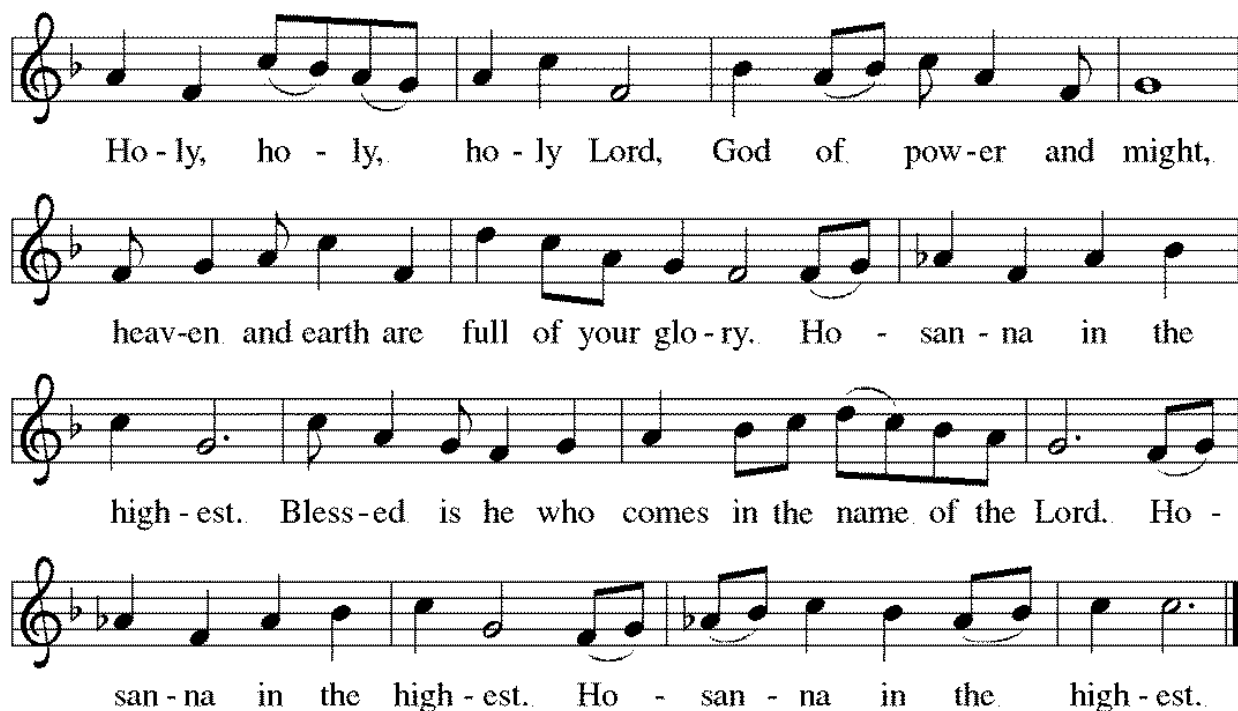
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

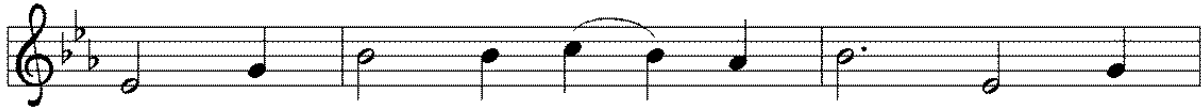
Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

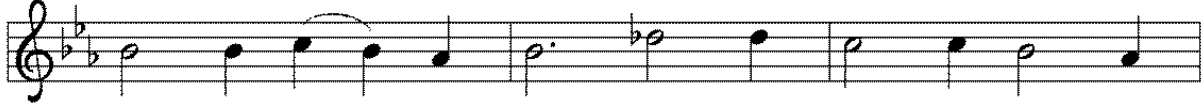
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request,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

Hymn

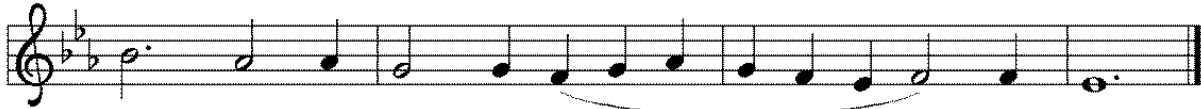
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

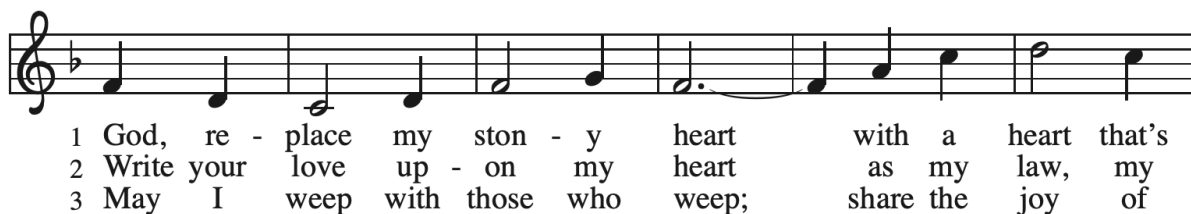
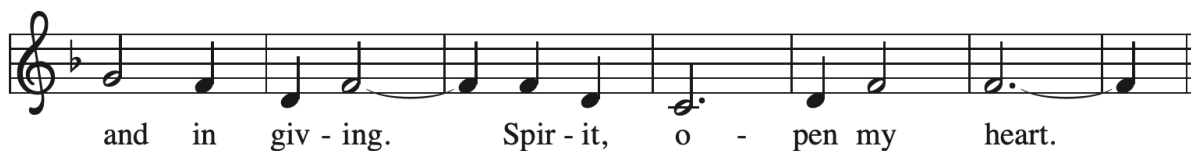
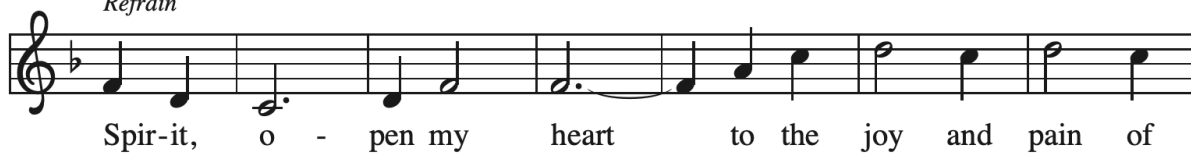
We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Refrain



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Variation on “ Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” arr. Rapp

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Guest Preachers and Teachers on May 14 and 21

This month, Redeemer welcomes Cheryl Peterson and Emlyn Ott as preachers.

Cheryl Peterson has long been a favorite here. Her time with us on May 14 comes with mixed feelings, because she is moving from Columbus and Trinity Seminary at Capital University this summer to become Academic Dean at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. She will preach and then teach the adult education class after worship, focusing on her brand new book about the Holy Spirit. Dave Shull will be preside.

On May 21, when Dave is finishing a continuing education class on preaching sponsored by Luther Seminary in Minneapolis, Redeemer member Emlyn Ott will preach, preside, and teach.

Adult Education
April 30 – May 7



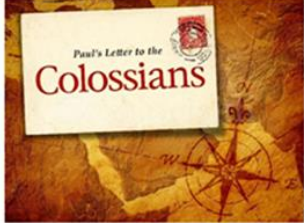
***Exploring the God
We Do and Don't Believe In***

We will look at a couple of articles about God and talk about how our beliefs about God have changed during our lifetimes. Sometimes it's just as important to name what we no longer believe about God – or what we never believed about God – as it is to talk about what we do believe.

These two weeks will give us opportunities to hear from each other about what we do and don't believe, and what that means for how we live today.

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The Letter to the Colossians
Bible Study
Tuesdays – 1:00-2:30 pm
Join us in-person or on Zoom
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A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship
Via Zoom

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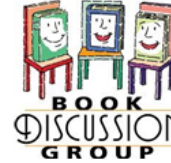
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Southern Ohio Synod Youth Synod Day

For Students
Completed Grades 7-12
And Adult Sponsors
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

At Resurrection Lutheran in Hilliard, Ohio

Contact Gary Pecuch at
gpecuch@southernohiosynod.org



Wednesday, June 2
7-8:30 pm

When Breath Becomes Air

by *Paul Kalanithi*
Copies are available in public libraries.

It is the memoir of a writer and neurosurgeon who at age 36, just when he was finishing ten years of medical training, was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. With his whole future in front of him, a wife and a baby, he now nurtures new life.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, May 14 == 11:15 am



Birthdays this week:
8 - Kay Ernsthansen
8 - Kathryn Ott
11 - Logan Baldogo

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Misato In, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence
Producers	Scott Steiner, Sue Yehling

*Flowers are given by **Wendy Stoica** in memory of **Tim**.
Noisy Offering will go to Kindway ministry.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 7 - 14

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
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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