

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 14, 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

Thy Holy Wings, arr. John Carter

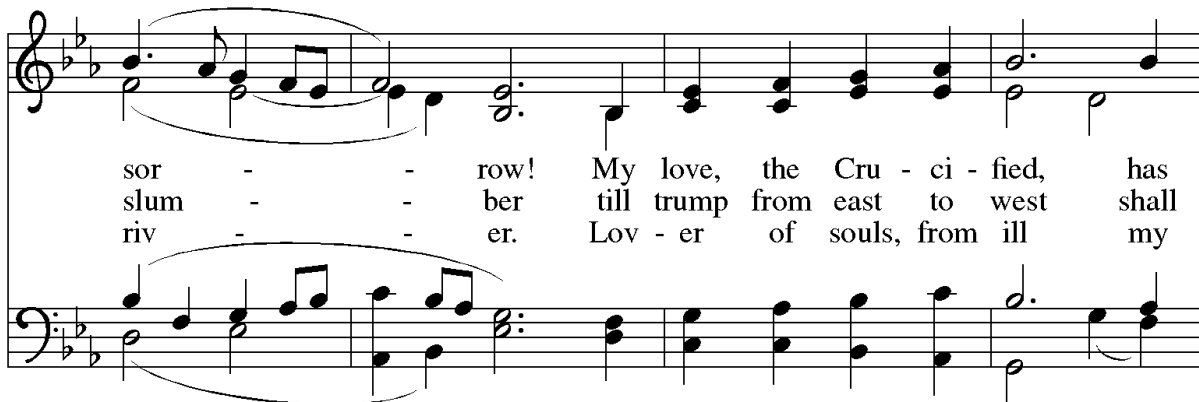
Welcome

Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor row.
 wake the dead in num ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version
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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.



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*



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. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

Final refrain

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Acts 17:22-31 (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Amen.

Psalm 66:8-20



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Bless our [|] God, you peoples;

let the sound of [|] praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us a- [|] mong the living
and has not allowed our [|] feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have [|] tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- [|] ver is tried.

**You brought us in- [|] to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- [|] on our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through [|] fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place [|] of refreshment.

**I will enter your house [|] with burnt offerings
and will pay [|] you my vows—**

those that I promised [|] with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I [|] was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the [|] smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- [|] en and goats.**

Come and listen, all you [|] who believe,
and I will tell you what God has [|] done for me.

**I called out to God [|] with my mouth,
and praised the Lord [|] with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil [|] in my heart,
the Lord would [|] not have heard me;

**but in truth [|] God has heard me
and has attended to the sound [|] of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not reject- [|] ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing [|] love from me.

Reading**1 Peter 3:13-22** (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the first letter attributed to St. Peter

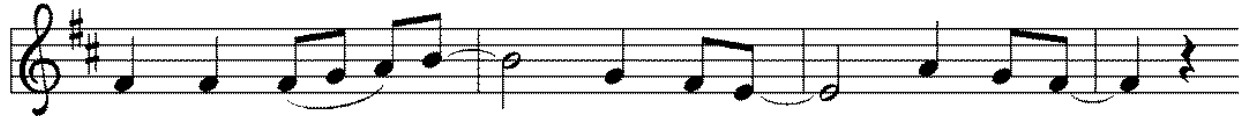
Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel **John 14:15-21** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson

Musical Reflection

God's Peace

Marva J. Dawn/C.J .Adams
Senior Choir

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace:
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace, God's
grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led, we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them, he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.
Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's Peace

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 Hegreiness, 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, Matt Bird, Hitoshi Phillips

The people of First English Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community members Misato In and Brad Phillips, Sachio and Hisoshi Phillips

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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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, 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.

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 and Healing Prayer

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

Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
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Hymn Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

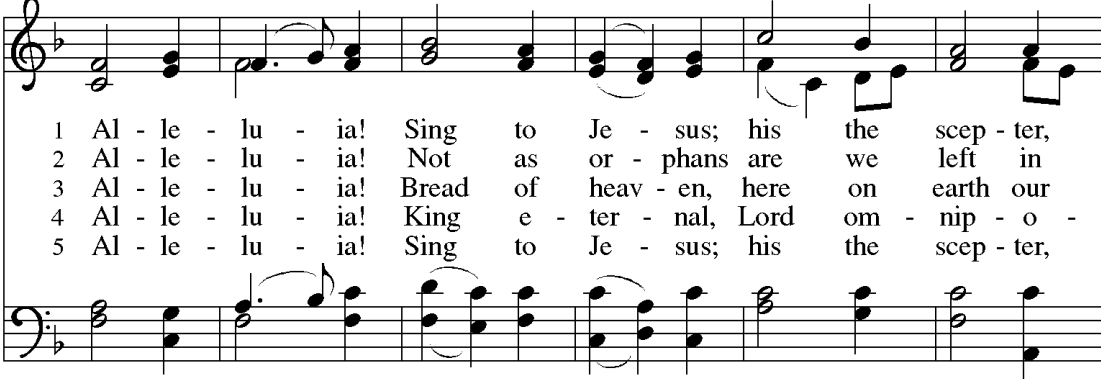
We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new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

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WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



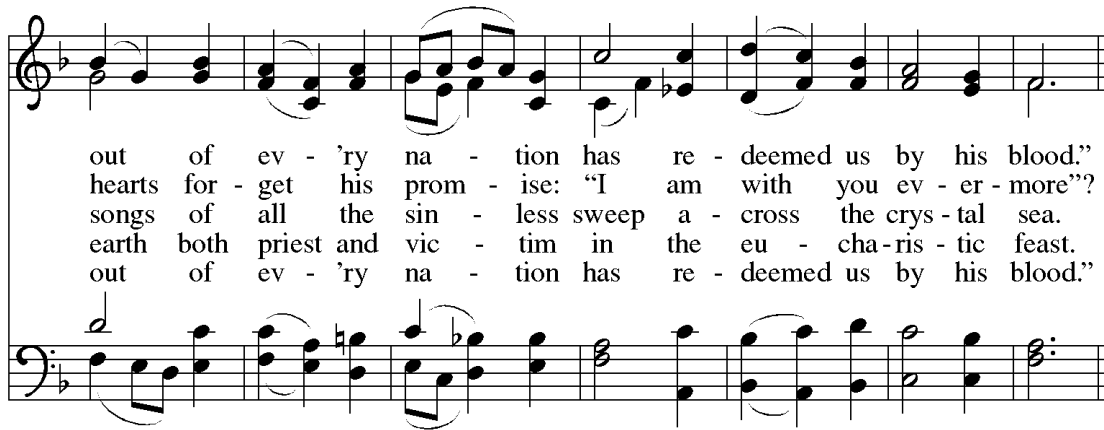
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, arr. John Carter
Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp, piano duet

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Guest Preachers and Teachers today and May 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 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.

Pastor Julianne Smeck of Hope Lutheran Church (734-972-6126) is providing emergency pastoral care coverage for Pastor Dave while he's at a preaching conference between Monday morning, May 15-Sunday night, May 21.

Adult Education

May 14



What – or Who – Is the Holy Spirit?

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson will explore with the Adult Education class Sunday, May 14 what the Scriptures and early church tradition teach about the "personhood" of the Holy Spirit as a member of the Trinity – and why that still matters today!

The class follows the worship service in Room 2 or via ZOOM. Come join the group for a stimulating discussion!

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Phone only: 312 626 6799



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, May 14 == 11:15 am



Bible Study

Tuesdays - 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on ZOOM

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Phone only: 646-876-9923



LSS/MidOhio Food Collective Produce Giveaway

Thursday May 18

Extras this month: skin care

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, June 7
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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Phone Only: 312-626-6799

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



Healing Prayer
is offered at worship
the second Sunday of
each month.



Birthdays this week:

14 - Ty Pawlowski

17 - Mary Benis

17 - Ken Jones

19 - Al Debelak

20 - Jackson Barbour Harms

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
Reader	Karen Rider
Cantor	Jennifer Young
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Vergger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Misato In, Karen Rider
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs
Producers	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

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Noisy Offering will go to Kindway ministry.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 14 - 21

Today	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
Monday	7:00 pm	Congregation Council
Thursday	3-5:30 pm	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
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