

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Abraham and Isaac climbing Mt. Moriah

July 2, 2023

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- <u>Within the sanctuary</u> 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

Just As I Am

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome



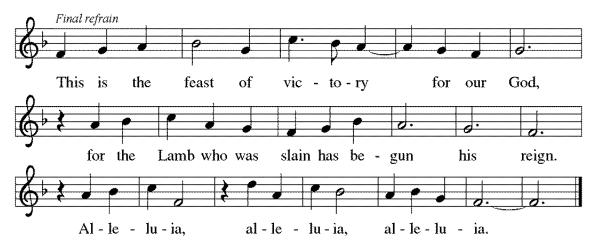
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Greeting

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.





Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

ReadingGenesis 22:1-14(The Message, inclusivized)A reading from the book of Genesis

God tested Abraham. God said, "Abraham!"

"Yes?" answered Abraham. "I'm listening."

- He said, "Take your dear son Isaac whom you love and go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I'll point out to you."
- Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. He took two of his young servants and his son Isaac. He had split wood for the burnt offering. He set out for the place God had directed him. On the third day he looked up and saw the place in the distance. Abraham told his two young servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I are going over there to worship; then we'll come back to you."
- Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and gave it to Isaac his son to carry. He carried the flint and the knife. The two of them went off together.
- Isaac said to Abraham his father, "Father?"

"Yes, my son."

"We have flint and wood, but where's the sheep for the burnt offering?"

Abraham said, "Son, God will see to it that there's a sheep for the burnt offering." And they kept on walking together.

They arrived at the place to which God had directed him. Abraham built an altar. He laid out the wood. Then he tied up Isaac and laid him on the wood. Abraham reached out and took the knife to kill his son.

Just then an angel of God called to him out of Heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Yes, I'm listening."

"Don't lay a hand on that boy! Don't touch him! Now I know how fearlessly you fear God; you didn't hesitate to place your son, your dear son, on the altar for me."

Abraham looked up. He saw a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Abraham named that place God-Yireh (God-Sees-to-It). That's where we get the saying, "On the mountain of God, God sees to it."

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

Amen.

Psalm 13



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How long, O LORD? Will you forget ¹ me forever? How long will you hide your ¹ face from me?
How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day ¹ after day? How long shall my enemy triumph ¹ over me?
Look upon me and answer me, O ¹ LORD my God; give light to my eyes, lest I ¹ sleep in death;
lest my enemy say, "I ¹ have defeated you," and my foes rejoice that ¹ I have fallen.
But I trust in your un- ¹ failing love; my heart is joyful because of your ¹ saving help.
I will sing ¹ to the LORD, who has dealt ¹ with me richly. Please stand in body or spirit



GospelMatthew 10:40-42(The Message, inclusivized)The Holy Gospel according to St. MatthewGlory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his followers,] "We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Abba, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God's messenger. Accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing."

The Gospel of the Lord Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Spoken Reflection

THE SACRIFICES WE ASK OF OTHERS

Musical Reflection

Scott Steiner

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....

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 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, John Caron, Kathleen Zwanziger, Wendy Stoica, Matt Bird, Earl and Edwina Bradley's niece Tina Monroe, Chris Doss and Adam Howard, Kevin Bailey, Tom Rabenold and friends and family of Lou Staffilino, Carolyn Moehring, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank

The people of Hope Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community member John Kennedy

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.

Amen.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

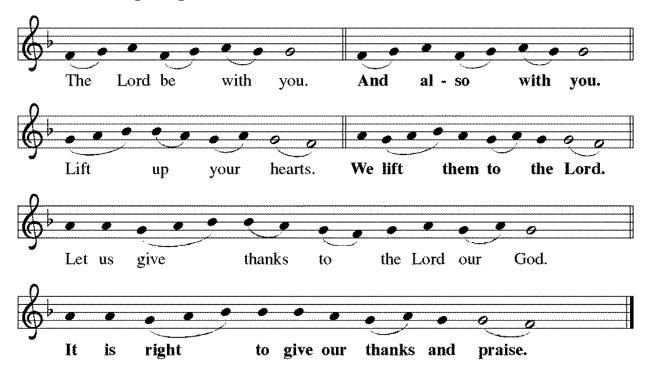
Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.



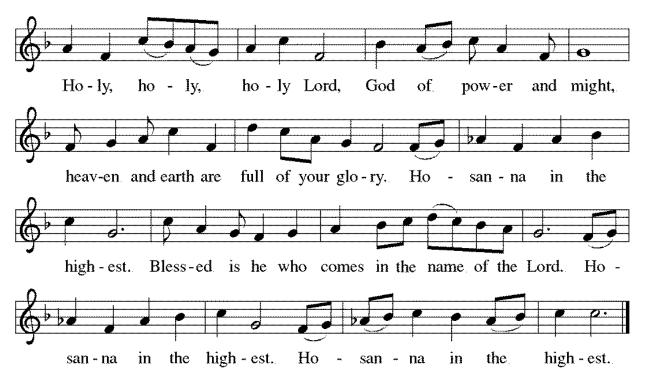
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Great Thanksgiving



- In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought a new time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.
- Holy God, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:



- Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge, and transform us. Here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, making grace something we can touch and taste.
- We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper he took a cup, 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."
- Hear us now as we commit ourselves to your Way, and 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.

As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.

Sharing the Meal

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

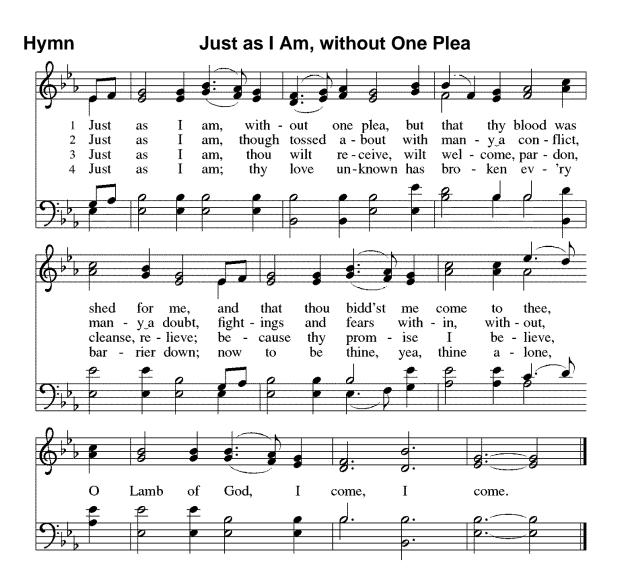
Please be seated

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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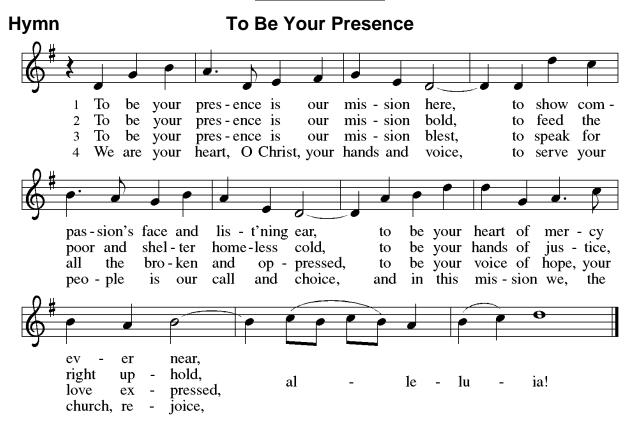
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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Spirit, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you. As you led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. As you transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.

WE ARE SENT



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Engelberg, arr. Charles Callahan

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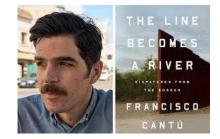


Mary Ann Horton Adult Ed July 2 = 11:15 am

Mary Ann will sign her book, *Trailblazer*, and speak about her transition experiences.

In-Person and Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82689102919?pwd= V0NSY0c1SDBWUXZ1MWFzbXIWZHpPdz09 Meeting ID: 826 8910 2919 = Passcode: 430914 Phone only: 1-929-436-2866.

Summer Book Study Wednesdays in July 7-8:30 pm Read the Prologue & Part 1 for Wednesday's class



Cantú is a Mexican-American who worked for the U.S. Border Patrol on the Mexican border from 2008-2012.

"There is a line dividing what we know and do not know. Some see the world from one shore and some from the other. Cantú brings the two together to a spiritual whole. My gratitude for this work of the soul."

- author Sandra Cisneros

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister Connie Criswell** Scott Steiner Cantor **ASL Interpreter Bryan Neal Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Usher Helen Brunston Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Verger Katie Jacobs, Wendy Stoica **Communion Prep Producers** Tom Mimlitch, Michele Disbro Hospitality Michelle Clemence

> Flowers are given by **Kevin Bailey** in memory of **Vyron Bailey**. Noisy Offering will go to Star House.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 2 – 9

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	5:00 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
	5:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Tuesday		Office Closed – Independence Day
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Book Group
Thursday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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