

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 16, 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 **"Allemande" from French Suite #IV** J.S. Bach

Welcome

Hymn **Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

Cantor will sing the first verse alone, and then the congregation will sing ALL verses



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342-c. 1413

Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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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-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 55:8-13

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

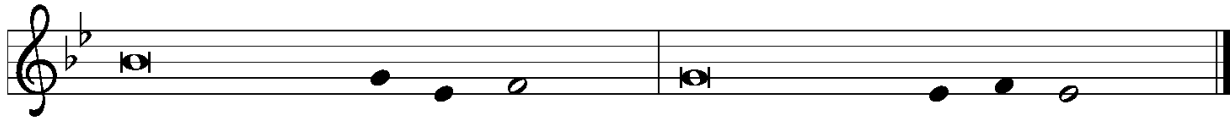
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Amen.

Psalm 65:9-13



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You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ^l full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide ^l for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth ^l out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ^l bless its increase.**

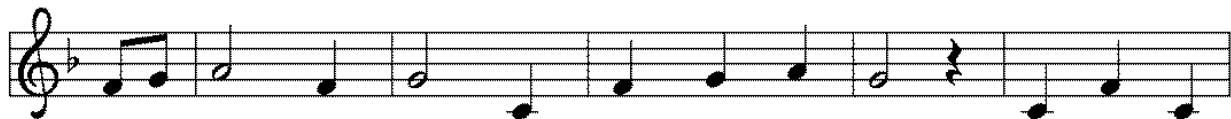
You crown the year ^l with your goodness,
and your paths over- ^l flow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be ^l rich for grazing,
and the hills be ^l clothed with joy.**

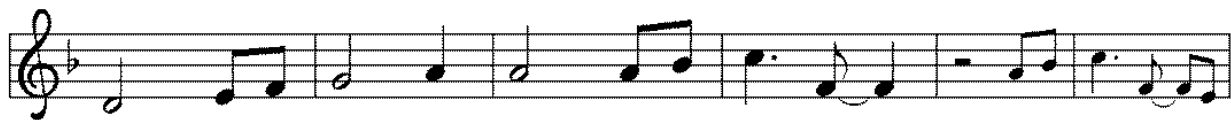
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- ^l selves with grain;
let them shout for ^l joy and sing.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



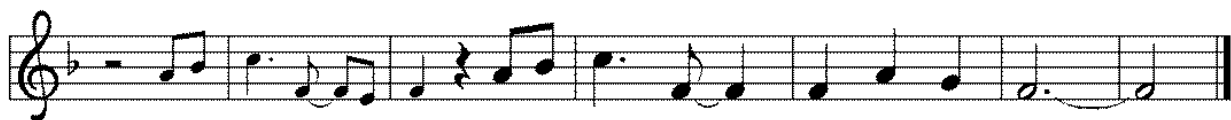
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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



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



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

Gospel **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** (The Message, inclusivised)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left the house where he had been staying and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. Some of the seed fell on the road, and birds ate it up. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and yielded a harvest beyond the farmer’s wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

“Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn’t take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person’s heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road.

“The seed cast in the gravel—this is those who hear and instantly respond with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.

“The seed cast in the weeds is those who hear the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

“The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Please be seated

Spoken Reflection **SOMETHING YOU SOMEHOW HAVEN’T TO DESERVE**

Musical Reflection

Blessed Be the Name

arr. Amy Tate Williams
Kathy Rapp

There is a name love to hear, I love to sing its worth,
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

A Name that tells of One whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe.
And Who in each and every sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

And it's a Name that tells me of a Saviour's love Who died to set me free!
And of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name,
blessed be the Name of the Lord!
Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name,
blessed be the Name of the Lord!

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 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, Matt Bird, Earl and Edwina Bradley's niece Tina Monroe, Chris Doss and Adam Howard, Kevin Bailey, Carolyn Moehring, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank, Al Debelak, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's granddaughter Brittany Amon

The people of Ibada ya Kiswahili Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community members Karen and Tom Kent

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who are not ready for close contact, please continue to use the namaste sign to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

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

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,"

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all."

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove"

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love."

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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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.**

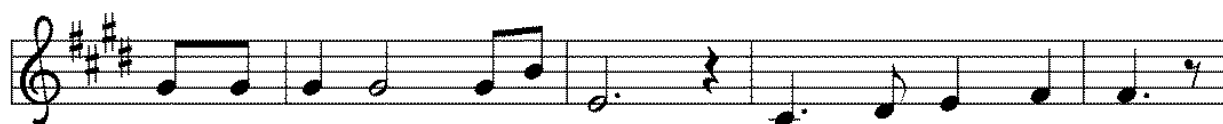
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, you are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

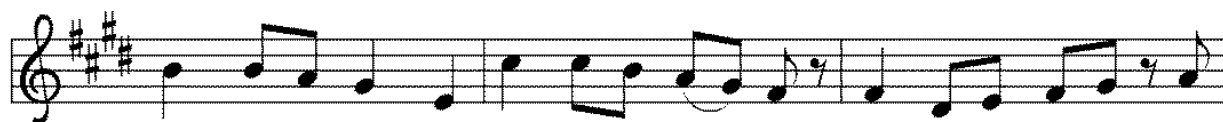
In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:



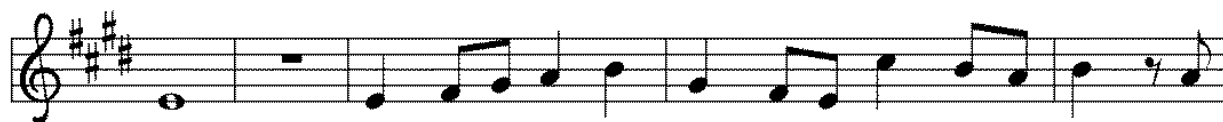
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me."

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

Nourish us with your brokenness, renew us with your poured out life, empower us with your powerlessness, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

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.**

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.

Hymn

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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Hymn

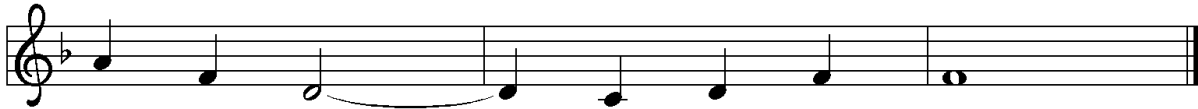
God, Whose Farm is All Creation



1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i -
2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of
3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -



tude we give; take the fin - est of our har - vest,
sun and rain, all our think - ing, plan - ning, wait - ing,
dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,



crops we grow that we may live.
rip - ened in this fruit and grain.
take, O God: they are our prayer.

Text: John Arlott, 1914–1991
Music: HARVEST GIFTS, Larry J. Long, b. 1954
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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

The Trees of the Field

[sing twice]

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the
moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be
shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. The
trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will
clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

Text: Steffi Geiser Rubin, b. 1950

Music: THE TREES OF THE FIELD, Stuart Dauermann, b. 1944

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***Fugue*, William Selby**

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Dave Shull is on vacation from Sunday afternoon, July 16, through Sunday, July 23. If you have an emergency pastoral care need between Sunday afternoon and Saturday, July 22, please contact Pastor Julianne Smeck at 734-972-6126. If your need happens on Sunday, July 23, please contact Pastor Dan Hille at 614-832-2461. The Rev. Shari Ayers, a member of Redeemer, will preach and preside on July 23.



Jennie Telfer
Adult Ed
July 16 = 11:15 am

The program director of Peace Catalyst International will speak about her peace work experiences in North Korea.

In-Person and Zoom:

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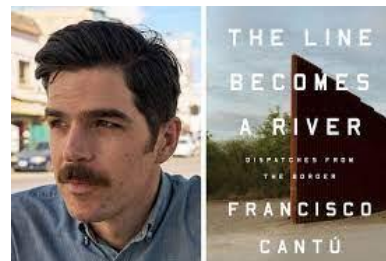
Meeting ID: 851 3206 1190 = Passcode: 919341
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

Summer Book Study

Wednesdays in July

7-8:30 pm

Read the Author's note
for July 26



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**

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88609447155?pwd=NndZcXNTcHhrQjVIMTI2ZWVKUkUyUT09>



**LSS/MidOhio Food Collective
Produce Giveaway**

Thursday July 20

Extras this month: school supplies and tissues

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!



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



KidsFest has been scheduled for

Sunday, August 13th

from **1-3 pm!**

Please join us for a cookout to
start the afternoon.

If you are interested in helping
out with this event, contact
Katie Jacobs.



Birthdays this week:

16 - Cora Marquez

17 - Jasmin McFarland

18 - Kelley Frank

19 - Leslie Roy

19 - Terry Warren

21 - Grace Jones

22 - Alta Boreman

22 - Kim Faulk

22 - Noah Gosnell

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Becky Trover, Wendy Stoica
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro

Noisy Offering will go to Star House.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 16 - 23

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Book Group
Thursday	1:00 pm	Food Giveaway Setup
	3:00 pm	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
	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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