

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 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

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

Prelude ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.

by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,

sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

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

To refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us;

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

A reading from the book of Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Amen.

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24



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LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

Where can I go then | from your Spirit?

Where can I flee | from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**

If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

**even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"

**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike.**

Search me out, O God, and | know my heart;
try me and know my | restless thoughts.

**Look well whether there be any wicked- | ness in me
and lead me in the way that is | everlasting.**

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

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Spoken Reflection

Rev. Shari Ayers

Musical Reflection

Here I Am, Lord

arr. John Carter

Piano Duet, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp

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, family and friends of 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, Kris Kauffman, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's mother, Mary Watt

The people of Intercessor Lutheran Mission in Columbus; Redeemer community members Sarah, David and Dylan Kirkman

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,

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

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 musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is for the Presider, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with". The second system is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "you. Lift up your hearts. We". The third system is for the Presider, with lyrics: "lift them to the Lord. Let us give". The fourth system is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "thanks to the Lord our God. It is". The fifth system is for the Congregation, with lyrics: "right to give God thanks and praise." The score uses a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature.

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God 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:

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!

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

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The second and third staves continue the main melody. The fourth staff has two verses of lyrics. The fifth staff is also labeled 'Refrain' and concludes the piece.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

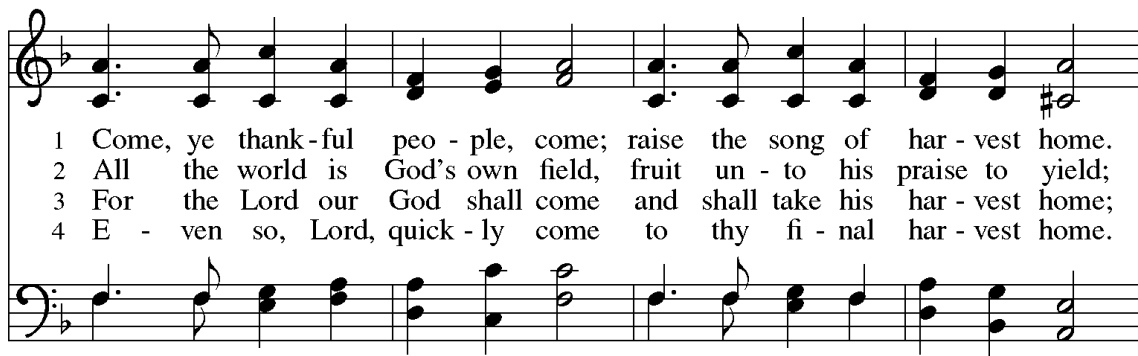
God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through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

Amen.


WE ARE SENT

Hymn


Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



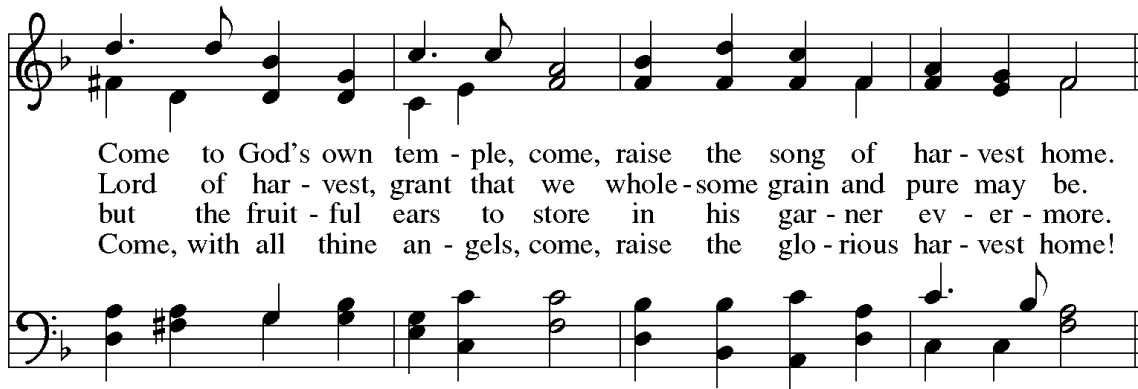
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Christians, We Have Met to Worship, arr. Mark Hayes
Piano Duet

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Pastor Shari is a member of Redeemer, although most Sundays will find her serving as a supply pastor at congregations in the Columbus area, including assisting frequently at Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg. In May, Pastor Shari returned to Trinity Lutheran Seminary as the Director of Contextual and Experiential Formation. She is married to Redeemer member, Rev. Dr. Lynn Nakamura. They live on the east side with their two cats Jett and Franny.

A BIBLE STUDY IN IMAGE AND VERSE

Adult Ed
Pastor Shari Ayers
July 23 = 11:15 am

The sermon, the hymns, the prayers — all of these provide the opportunity to reflect on this week's texts from Genesis and Matthew. There are other ways we might engage these words of scripture as well. Join us for the adult education hour beginning at 11:15 as we spend some time playing and praying with the themes of the day through art and poetry.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82689102919?pwd=V0NSY0c1SDBWUXZ1MWFzbXlWZHpPd09>

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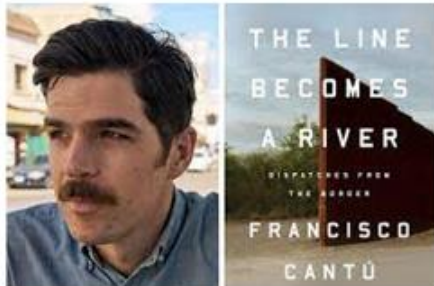
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

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**



Journaling
Workshop

7:00 pm

July 25

In-Person - Narthex



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.



KidsFest request

For one of our crafts, we
are collecting
straight-sided
water bottles with
no ridges [for
example, like those from
Ice Water]. You can drop
them off at church any
time before August 13.

Thank you!

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Shari Ayers
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Wendy Stoica
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, April Smith
Hospitality	Judith & Ashley Bird

*Flowers are dedicated by **Julianne Johnson** in memory of **her mom, Dody**
Noisy Offering will go to Star House*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 23 – 30

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 Banquet
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Book Group
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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