

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**August 27, 2023**

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



# Hymn

# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## Greeting

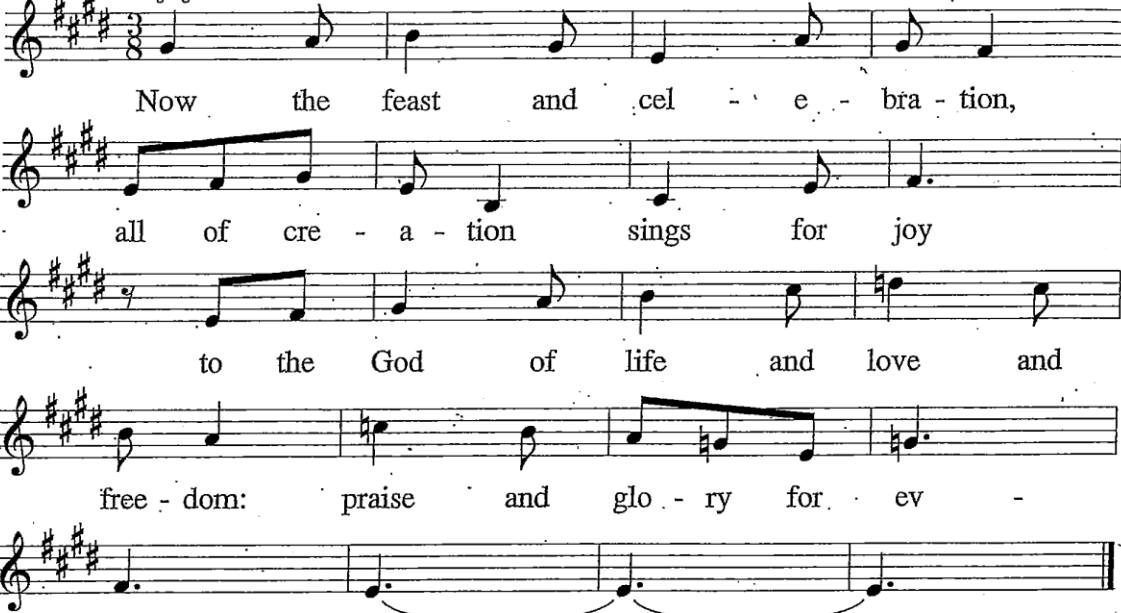
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

## Hymn of Praise

Refrain

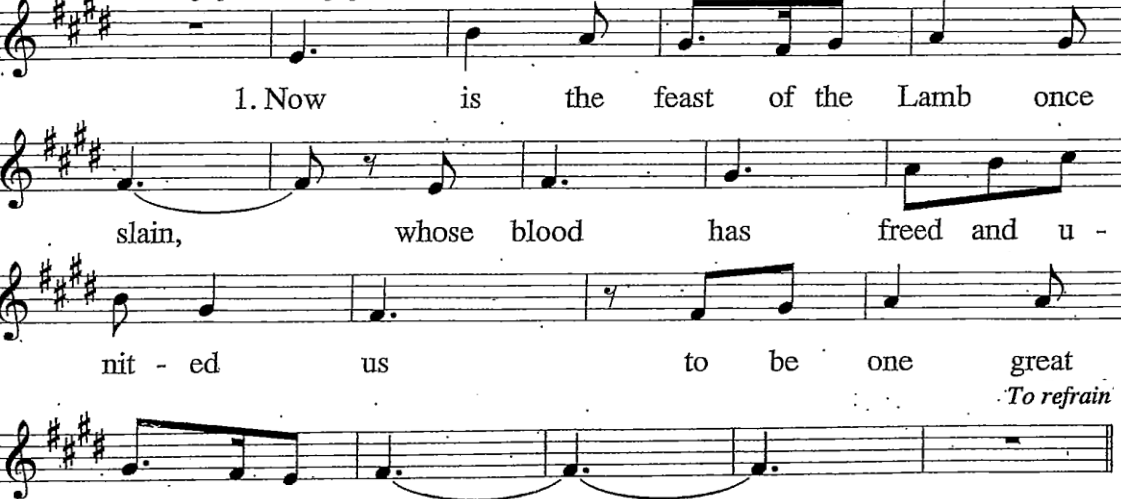
*Congregation:*



Now the feast and celebra - 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:*

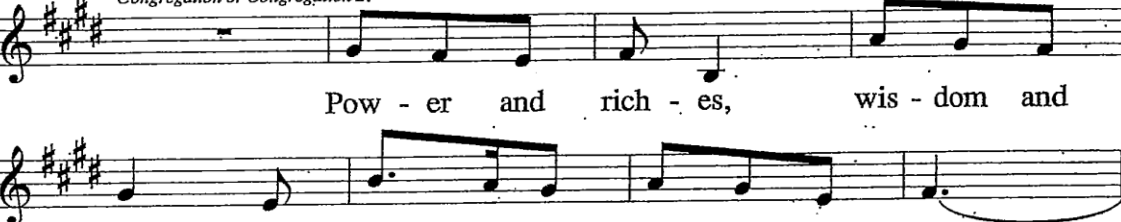


1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.

*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

**Exodus 1:8-2:10** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Exodus

A new ruler came to power in Egypt who didn't know Joseph. He spoke to his people with alarm, "There are way too many of these Israelites for us to handle. We've got to do something: Let's devise a plan to contain them, lest if there's a war they should join our enemies, or just walk off and leave us."

So they organized them into work-gangs and put them to hard labor under gang-foremen. But the harder the Egyptians worked them the more children the Israelites had—children everywhere! The Egyptians got so they couldn't stand the Israelites and treated them worse than ever, crushing them with slave labor. They made them miserable with hard labor—making bricks and mortar and back-breaking work in the fields. They piled on the work, crushing them under the cruel workload.

The king of Egypt had a talk with the two Hebrew midwives; one was named Shiphrah and the other Puah. He said, "When you deliver the Hebrew women, look at the sex of the baby. If it's a boy, kill him; if it's a girl, let her live."

But the midwives had far too much respect for God and didn't do what the king of Egypt ordered; they let the boy babies live. The king of Egypt called in the midwives. "Why didn't you obey my orders? You've let those babies live!"

The midwives answered Pharaoh, “The Hebrew women aren’t like the Egyptian women; they’re vigorous. Before the midwife can get there, they’ve already had the baby.”

God was pleased with the midwives. The people continued to increase in number—a very strong people. And because the midwives honored God, God gave them families of their own.

So Pharaoh issued a general order to all his people: “Every boy that is born, drown him in the Nile. But let the girls live.”

A man from the family of Levi married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and had a son. She saw there was something special about him and hid him. She hid him for three months. When she couldn’t hide him any longer she got a little basket-boat made of papyrus, waterproofed it with tar and pitch, and placed the child in it. Then she set it afloat in the reeds at the edge of the Nile.

The baby’s older sister found herself a vantage point a little way off and watched to see what would happen to him. Pharaoh’s daughter came down to the Nile to bathe; her maidens strolled on the bank. She saw the basket-boat floating in the reeds and sent her maid to get it. She opened it and saw the child—a baby crying! Her heart went out to him. She said, “This must be one of the Hebrew babies.”

Then his sister was before her: “Do you want me to go and get a nursing mother from the Hebrews so she can nurse the baby for you?”

Pharaoh’s daughter said, “Yes. Go.” The girl went and called the child’s mother.

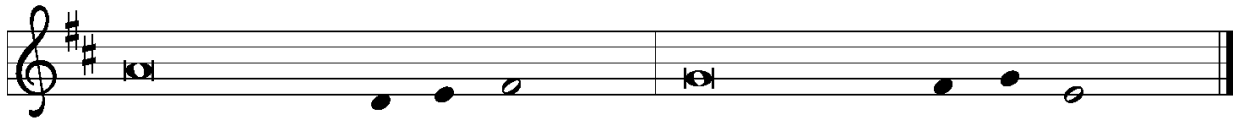
Pharaoh’s daughter told her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me. I’ll pay you.” The woman took the child and nursed him.

After the child was weaned, she presented him to Pharaoh’s daughter who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses (Pulled-Out), saying, “I pulled him out of the water.”

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

**Amen.**

## Psalm 124



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If the LORD had not been | on our side,  
let Isra- | el now say;

**if the LORD had not been | on our side,  
when enemies rose | up against us,**

then would they have swallowed us | up alive  
in their fierce | anger toward us;

**then would the waters have | overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone | over us;**

then would the | raging waters  
have gone right | over us.

**Blessed | be the LORD**

**who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.

**Our help is in the name | of the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

Please stand in body or spirit

## Gospel Acclamation

### GOSPEL VERSE

*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 16:13-20** (The Message, inclusivized)  
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “What are people saying about who the Chosen One is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

He pressed them, “And how about you? Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter said, “You’re the Messiah, the Firstborn of the living God.”

Jesus came back, “God bless you, Simon, child of Jonah! You didn’t get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Abba in heaven let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I’m going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of Hades will be able to keep it out.

“And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to the reign of heaven, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.”

He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated



**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, Maddie Sutphin,  
Skye Andree, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson, Julie Larson and husband Eli who is  
receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Kathleen Zwanziger, Phillip Hall and  
Kirstin Roberts, Chris Doss and Adam Howard, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman,  
Mary Watts, Nate Bird, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank  
The people of Reformation Lutheran Church in Columbus; Redeemer community member  
Jessica, Justin, Cora, and Isaac Marquez

**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 do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing 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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*Please be seated*



*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.

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.

*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

O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879  
 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

## Hymn

### Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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## 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

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Hymn

### This Is My Song

Musical notation for the hymn 'This Is My Song', featuring a treble and bass clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

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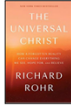
**Postlude**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

arr. Mark Hayes

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**The Universal Christ**  
**The Extraordinary Embedded in**  
**the Ordinary**  
*Father Richard Rohr*



**Adult Ed**  
**Led by Pastor Al Rider**  
**Sundays in August = 11:15 am**

Father Rohr - like many Lutherans - proposes an "alternate orthodoxy" focused more on the resurrected "universal Christ" and the joy of "original blessing" than on "original sin" as the foundation of our faith journey and decision-making.

In-Person and Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82689102919?pwd=V0NSY0c1SDBWUXZlMmFzZkxWZHpPdZ09>  
 Meeting ID: 826 8910 2919 = Passcode: 430914  
 Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



**Sister Act**  
**IMAGINE—**  
*what we're cooking!*  
**Sunday – September 10**  
**12:30 pm , after church**  
**Fellowship Hall kitchen**

**RSVP to Kay Ernsthausem by August 30**


*Please join us for fellowship and service*

**Senior Choir**

**Rehearsal Sundays**  
**8:45 – 9:30 am**



**Add your voice**



**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Wednesday, September 20**  
**7-8:30 pm**

**Their Eyes Were Watching God**  
 by Zora Neale Hurston

Copies are available in public libraries.

**IN-PERSON and ZOOM**

<https://us02zoom.us/j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tKM2xE3dyK1RvSURJYlFuZz09>  
 Meeting ID: **865 8150 4887** +++ Passcode **274918**  
 Phone Only: **312-626-6799**



**Chime Choir**  
**Rehearsal**  
**Thursdays**  
**6:30 pm**

**Make a joyful noise with us!**



**RLC Garden Giveaway**  
 Produce from our own garden  
 and donations from friends and neighbors

**Saturday mornings**  
**10 am until gone**

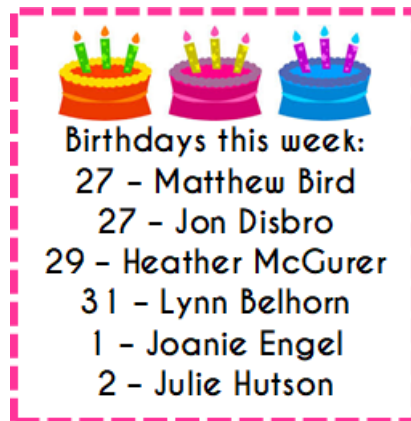
## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Rider
<b>Cantor</b>	Mary Benis
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Mike Benis
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Lynn Belhorn, Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling
<b>Hospitality</b>	Judith and Ashley Bird

*Flowers are dedicated by **Judith and Ashley Bird** celebrating **Matt's birthday**.  
Noisy Offering will go to Star House*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 3

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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