

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"We Refuse to be Enemies": Prayer at a Palestinian educational center in the occupied territory -- July 2016



"We Can't Live": Images from the Palestinian side of the wall between south suburbs of Jerusalem – July 2016

September 3, 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

Rock of Ages

arr. Gordon Young

Welcome

Hymn

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go;



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
and let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual
Music: TUBMAN, African American spiritual

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.**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, 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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Exodus 3:1-15 (New Living Translation, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Exodus

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it."

When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am!" Moses replied.

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your ancestors." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."

But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"

God answered, "I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain."

But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is the name of this God?' Then what should I tell them?"

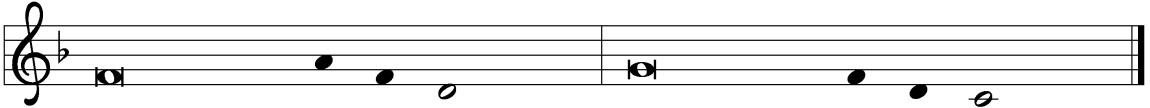
God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors has sent me to you.

This is my eternal name,
my name to remember for all generations."

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

Amen.

Psalm 26:1-3, 8-12



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Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faith- | fully with you.

**Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,

**whose hands are full of | evil plots,
and their right hands | full of bribes.**

As for me, I will live | with integrity;
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.

**I take my stand on | level ground;
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28 (Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, to suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and religious scholars, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to scold him. "Never, Rabbi!" he said. "This will never happen to you."

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, you Satan! You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You're setting your mind not on the things of God, but of mortals."

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very selves, take up the instrument of your own death, and begin to follow in my footsteps. If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it. What profit would you show if you gained the whole world but lost yourself? What can you offer in exchange for your very self?"

"The Promised One will come in the glory of Abba God accompanied by the angels, and will repay all according to their conduct. The truth is, some of you standing here will not taste death before you see the coming of the Promised One's reign."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

READING EXODUS THROUGH CANAANITE EYES

Musical Reflection

Draw Me Nearer

arr. Larry Shackley
Kathy Rapp

I am Thine O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me:
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

REFRAIN:

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer bless Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea:
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee. **REFRAIN**

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, Kelley Frank's parents Charlotte and Wayne Frank
The people of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Hilliard; Redeemer community member Barbara McCoy

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 others 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


You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

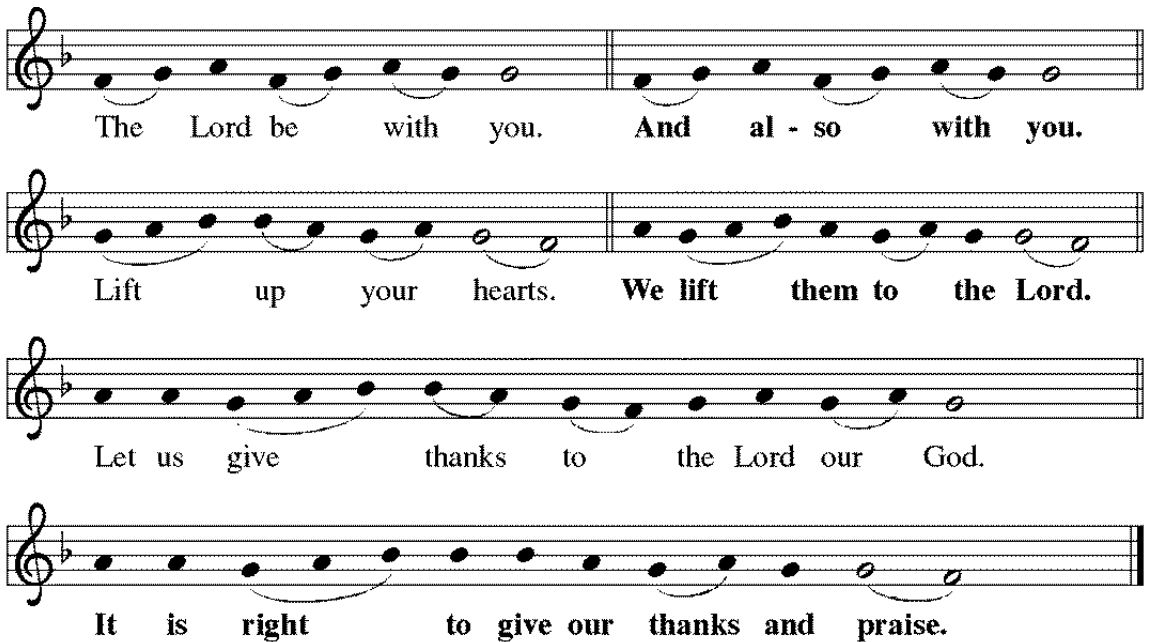
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Great Thanksgiving

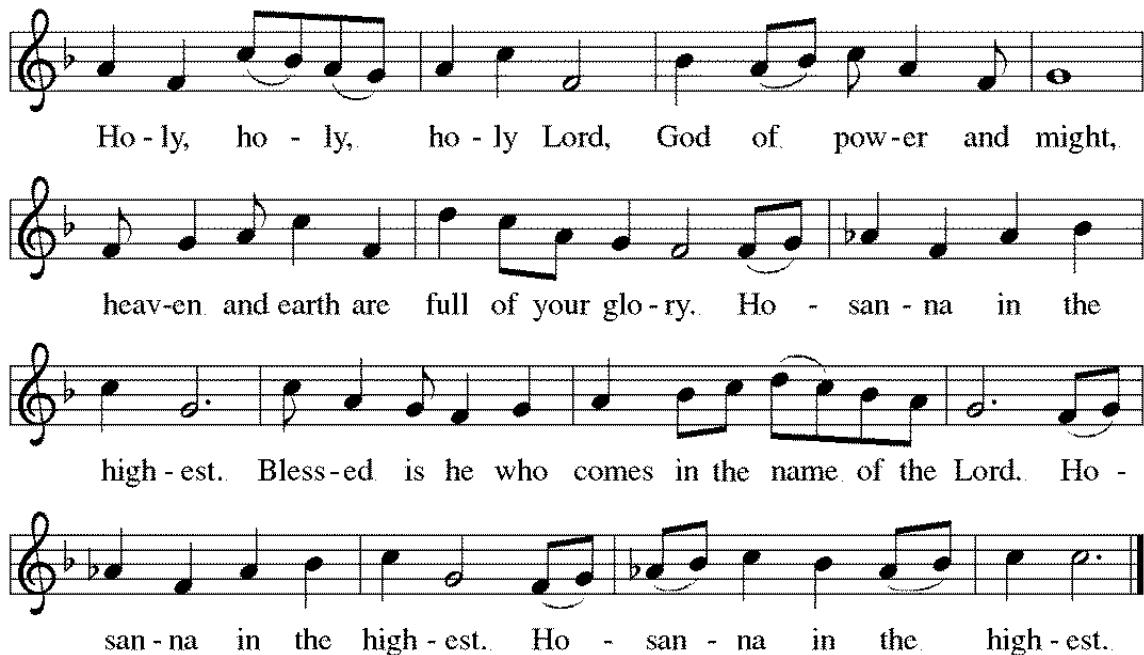


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his tokens of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come – whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at the feast of love.

We join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.



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

We remember on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said — “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

We commit ourselves to becoming a people of hope as 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.**

And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upstairs room, send your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become Christ's presence for us. May Christ's story of hope – of death and rising of new life, and the fruit of your beloved community –continue on in us and through us.

Sharing the Meal

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

Please be seated

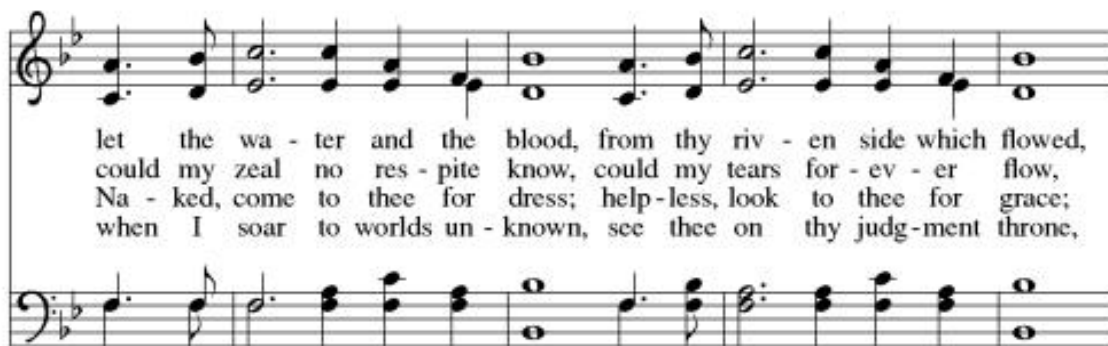
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

Hymn

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world – we praise you for stories of creation and compassion, the Word becoming flesh, and life that endures beyond death – your unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – your eternal music of hope. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit



Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Marching to Zion

arr. Gordon Young

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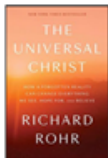
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*The Universal Christ:
The Extraordinary
Embedded in the Ordinary*
Father Richard Rohr



Adult Ed

**Wrap-up with Pastor Dave
September 3 = 11:15 am**

Bring your insights and questions.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>

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Bible Study

Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, September 10 == 11:15 am



Sister Act

IMAGINE—

what we're cooking!

Sunday – September 10

12:30 pm , after church

Fellowship Hall kitchen

RSVP to Kay Ernsthausen by August 30

Please join us for fellowship and service



LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays

12:30-3:30 pm

**Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer**

The Fruit of “Our Mothers’ Gardens”

Adult Ed Class

September 10, 24, October 1, 8

11:15 am

Exploring the themes and ideas of
Womanism

Led by Naomi Fae Morgan

In-Person and Zoom:

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September 17

Celebrate!!!

Celebrate Music!
Celebrate Redeemer's 66th Anniversary!
Celebrate Redeemer Ministries!
Celebrate New Basketball Hoops!

Worship 10:00 am

Potluck following worship

Basketball Hoop dedication 12:30 pm



Birthdays this week:

- 3 - Kathy Pautsch
- 5 - Julie Denniss
- 5 - Clayton Ullman
- 6 - Bret Jimison
- 8 - Jessica Marquez
- 9 - Justin Marquez



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



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

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
Cantor	Scott Steiner
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	Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

Flowers are dedicated by **Laura and Terry Warren** in memory of **Laura's brother, Bill Hudson, and his daughter, Jennifer Hudson.**

Noisy Offering will go to *ELCA Pacifica Synod Hawai'i Relief Fund*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 3 - 10

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Monday		Office closed
Tuesday	5:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	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

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