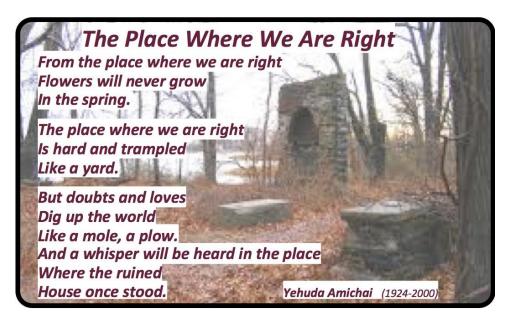


A Reconciling in Christ congregation, celebrating the diversity of God's children and fostering understanding and healing in community

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



January 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Lloyd Larson Senior Choir

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power as we seek the Living Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians, pray, and God's great blessing will be showered all around,

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for others till our God makes all things new. When God calls us home to heaven, at the table we sit down; There our loving Lord will serve us with great blessings all around.

O worship the King, all glorious above; and gratefully sing God's wonderful love.

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord, our God.

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

Reading I Corinthians 8:1-3 (Common English Bible) A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the early church at Corinth

Now concerning meat that has been sacrificed to a false god: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up. If anyone thinks they know something, they don't yet know as much as they should know. But if someone loves God, then they are known by God.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.



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Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with [|] my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the [|] congregation.

Great are your | works, O LORD,

pondered by all who de- | light in them.

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,

and your righteousness en- I dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered;

you are gracious and full | of compassion.

You give food to I those who fear you,

remembering forev-¹ er your covenant.

You have shown your people the power [|] of your works in giving them the lands [|] of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithful- I ness and justice;

all of your pre- I cepts are sure.

They stand fast forev- | er and ever,

because they are done in [|] truth and equity.

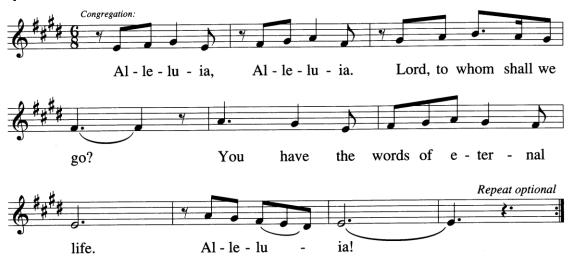
You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- I nant forever;

holy and awesome | is your name.

The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;

all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Mark 1:21-28 (The Message) Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his followers entered Capernaum. When the Sabbath arrived, Jesus lost no time in getting to the meeting place. He spent the day there teaching. The people were surprised at his teaching—so forthright, so confident-not quibbling and quoting like the religion scholars.

Suddenly, while still in the meeting place, he was interrupted by a man who was deeply disturbed and yelling out, "What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you're up to! You're the Holy One of God, and you've come to destroy us!"

Jesus shut him up: "Quiet! Get out of him!" The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly-and got out.

Everyone there was spellbound, buzzing with curiosity. "What's going on here? A new teaching that does what it says? He shuts up defiling, demonic spirits and tells them to get lost!" News of this traveled fast and was soon all over Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

Musical Reflection

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Sandra Eithun Chime Choir

Praise to you, O Christ.

CELEBRATING LOVE AND DOUBT

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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.... After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." Receive our prayer.

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, 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, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Pastor Tim Muller, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose and granddaughter Megan, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Tom Mimlitch, Kathie Ehrich and the Ehrich family, Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton's grandson Nathan Foltz, Frank-Thornton family on the death of Kelley's father, Wayne Frank, Elaine Warren, Becky Trover, Kevin Bailey, Maggie Rapp
The people of David Lutheran Church in Canal Winchester; Redeemer community members Kelley Frank and Trina Thornton

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

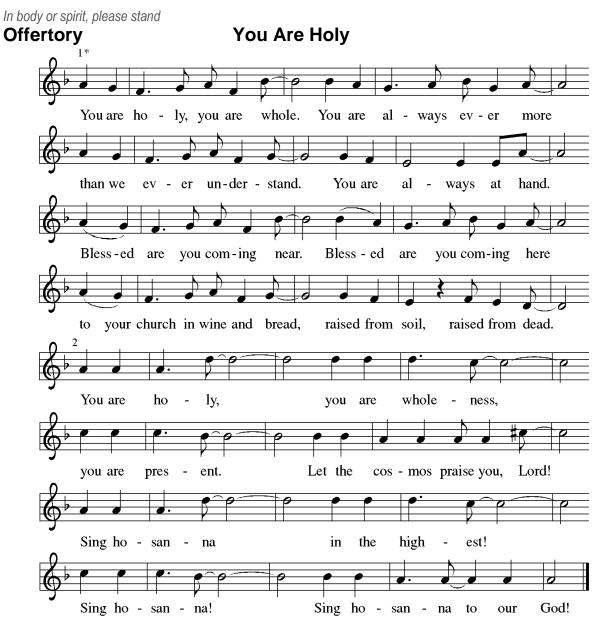
Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

And also with you.

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.

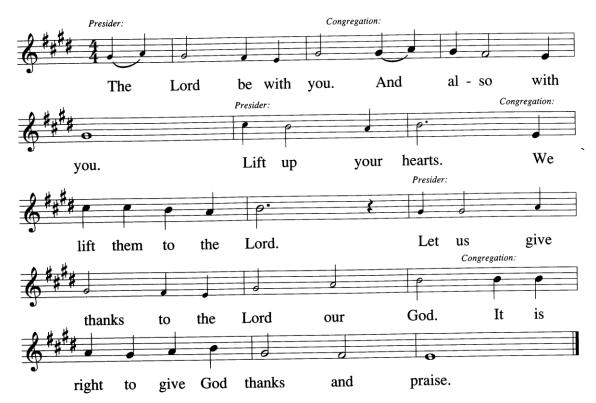


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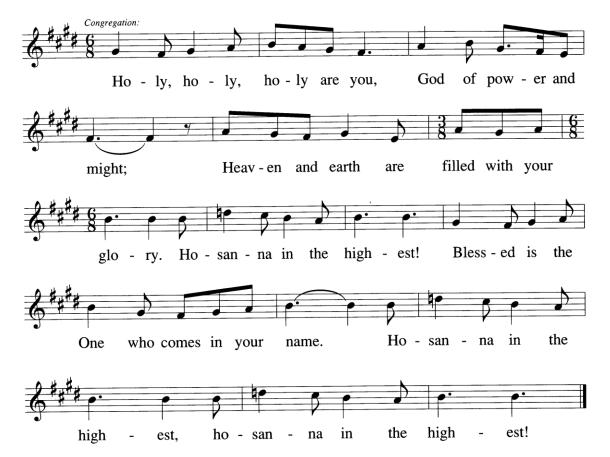
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Great Thanksgiving



- In a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.
- In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.
- Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.
- Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus 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, Jesus took the 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

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.



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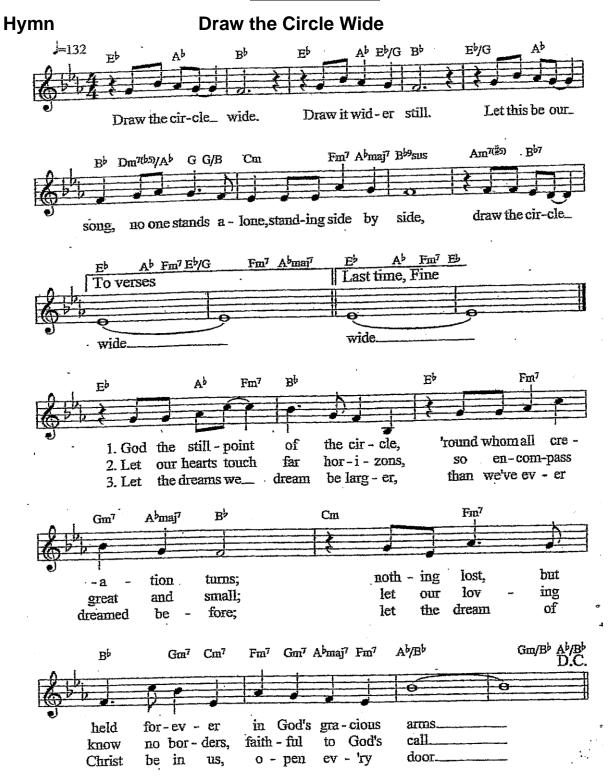
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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us with the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

WE ARE SENT



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Announcements

Postlude

Standing on the Promises

arr. Mark Hayes

Amen.

Annual Congregational Meeting

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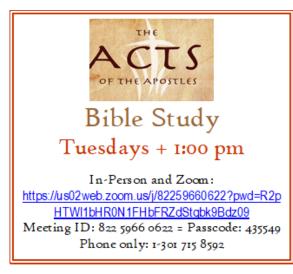


LUNCH FOLLOWING THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE ON JAN 28

> Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your table service

The youth heading to the National Youth Gathering this summer will be serving lasagna (meat, vegetarian and gluten free) and accepting donations







This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant's Manifesto

by *Suketu Mehta* Copies are available in public libraries.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM <u>https://us02zoom.us//j/86581504887?pwd=ZkFSV2tK</u> <u>M2xEd3dyK1RvSURJY1FuZz09</u> Meeting ID: **865 8150 4887** +++ Passcode **274918** Phone Only: **312-626-6799**

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Reader Cantor ASL Interpreter Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chime Choir Director Usher Verger Communion Prep Producers David Shull, Pastor Jon Disbro Joss Dana Connie Criswell Bryan Neal Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Ashley Bird Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson Michele Disbro, April Smith

Flowers are given by **Michelle Clemence** in memory of **Kaarina Clemence on her 100**th **birthday**. Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 4

Today	8:45 am 10:00 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON ONLY Annual Congregational Meeting
	12:30 pm	Potluck sponsored by Redeemer Youth
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Book Group
Next Sunday	8:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 12:30 pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education Confirmation Class



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