

## Fifth Sunday of Epiphany



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the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.*

**February 4, 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

- 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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

# WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

**Prelude**

**"Adagio**

**Heinrich Schutz**

**Welcome**

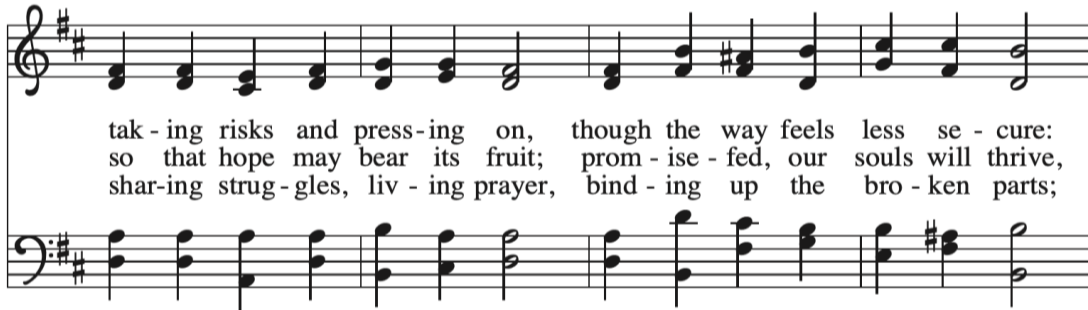
*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Hymn**

**Faith Begins by Letting Go**



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,  
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live  
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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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 - 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

Isaiah 40:21-31 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah said to the people [in exile in Babylon], “Have you not been paying attention?

Have you not been listening?

Haven’t you heard these stories all your life?

Don’t you understand the foundation of all things?

God sits high above the round ball of earth.

The people look like mere ants.

God stretches out the skies like a canvas—

yes, like a tent canvas to live under,  
 and ignores what all the rulers say and do.

The rulers of the earth count for nothing.

Royalty and rulers don’t amount to much.

Like seeds barely rooted, just sprouted,  
 they shrivel when God blows on them.

Like flecks of chaff, they’re gone with the wind.”

“So—who is like me?

Who holds a candle to me?” says The Holy.

“Look at the night skies:

Who do you think made all this?

Who marches this army of stars out each night,  
 counts them off, calls each by name

—so magnificent! so powerful!—

and never overlooks a single one?

Why would you ever complain, O Jacob,  
 or, whine, Israel, saying,

'God has lost track of me.

God doesn't care what happens to me'?  
Don't you know anything? Haven't you been listening?  
God doesn't come and go. God lasts.

God is Creator of all you can see or imagine,  
so doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch a breath.

And God knows everything, inside and out,  
energizing those who get tired,  
giving fresh strength to dropouts.

For even young people tire and drop out,  
young folk in their prime stumble and fall.

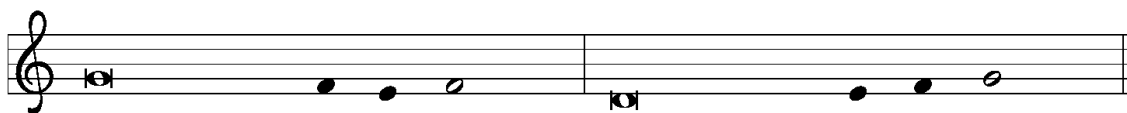
But those who wait upon God get fresh strength.

They will spread their wings and soar like eagles,  
They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

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

### Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c



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Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>l</sup> to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor <sup>l</sup> God with praise!

**The LORD re- <sup>l</sup> builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- <sup>l</sup> iles of Israel.**

The LORD heals the <sup>l</sup> brokenhearted  
and binds <sup>l</sup> up their wounds.

**The LORD counts the number <sup>l</sup> of the stars  
and calls them all <sup>l</sup> by their names.**

Great is our LORD and might- <sup>l</sup> y in power;  
there is no limit <sup>l</sup> to God's wisdom.

**The LORD lifts <sup>l</sup> up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked <sup>l</sup> to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD <sup>l</sup> with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp <sup>l</sup> to our God,

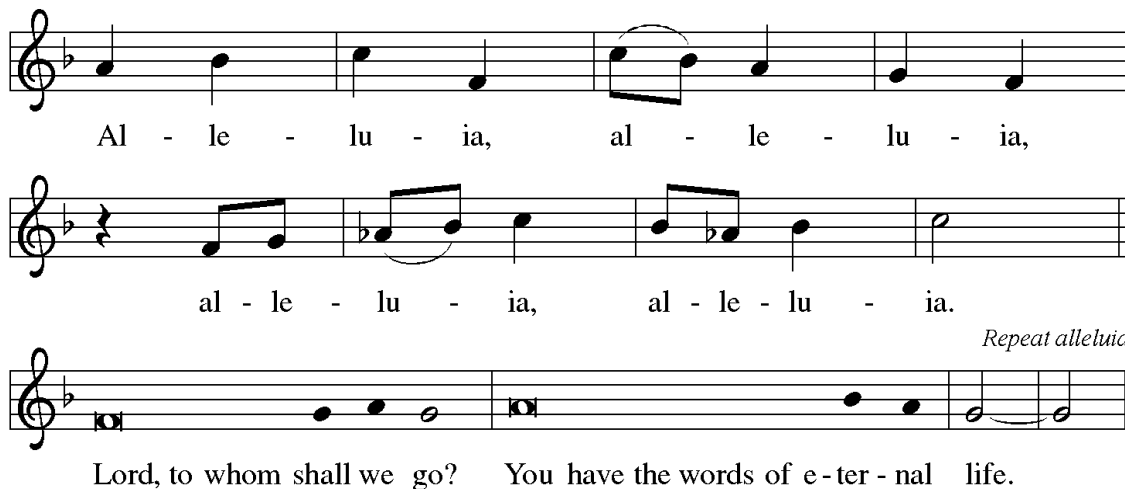
**who covers the heav- <sup>l</sup> ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- <sup>l</sup> on the  
mountains.**

God provides food <sup>l</sup> for the cattle

and for the young ravens <sup>l</sup> when they cry.  
**God is not impressed by the might <sup>l</sup> of a horse,**  
**and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>l</sup> of a runner,**  
 but finds pleasure in those who <sup>l</sup> fear the LORD,  
 in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

*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

**Mark 1:29-39** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Directly on leaving the meeting place, Jesus, Simon, and Andrew came to Simon and Andrew's house, accompanied by James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed, burning up with fever. They told Jesus. He went to her, took her hand, and raised her up. No sooner had the fever left than she was up fixing dinner for them.

That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him, the whole city lined up at his door! He cured their sick bodies and tormented spirits. Because the demons knew his true identity, he didn't let them say a word.

While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed. Simon and those with him went looking for him. They found him and said, "Everybody's looking for you."

Jesus said, "Let's go to the rest of the villages so I can preach there also. This is why I've come." He went to their meeting places all through Galilee, preaching and throwing out the demons.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### Spoken Reflection

**WHAT DO YOU TRUST GOD TO DO?**

## Musical Reflection

"Only God"

Mary McDonald  
*Choir*

Only God can move a mountain; only God can calm the sea.  
Only God can heal a wounded spirit; only God, only God.  
Only God can hear my heart's cry; only God my sin atone.  
Only God can give us calm assurance, only God, only God!

### REFRAIN

God Almighty, most Holy wise God;  
You are the power and the glory, O God our God!

Only God can be our refuge; only God can be our strength.  
Only God will stand as our Defender, only God, only God!  
Only God is the power; only God in majesty!  
Only God will reign as King forever, only God, only God!

### REFRAIN

Only God can move a mountain; only God, our God!

## 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 Mimplitch, 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, Terry and Laura Warren's son-in-law Dan Patterson

For the people of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington.

For Redeemer community member Heidi Sherer.

## 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

## 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.*

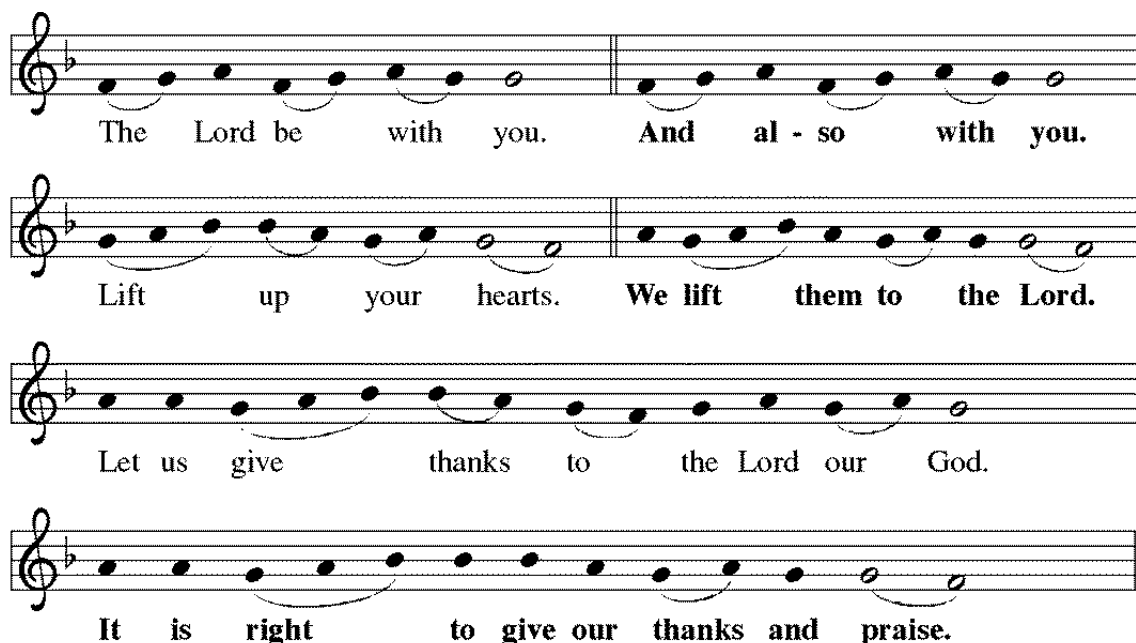
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## Great Thanksgiving



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.

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.

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.

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.*

# Hymn

# On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## Hymn I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has  
 free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the  
 love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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## 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.

Amen.

### WE ARE SENT

#### Hymn

#### Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

**"Allegretto"**

Johann Scholze

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***OU Professor to lead discussion of  
Gaza-Israel war***

**Adult Ed Class  
February 4 – 11:15 am**

Islamic Professor Loren Lybarger returns Feb 4 to continue our conversations about Israel/Palestine

Dr. Loren Lybarger, who spent an hour with our adult education class last month to discuss the war between Israel and Hamas will return, Feb. 4. Loren seeks not to demonize either party in this conflict, but instead wants to help us understand the history and context of this land and the various people who call it home.

Dr. Lybarger is a professor of Islamic Studies and Comparative Religions at Ohio University. He has degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and the University of Chicago. He spent eight years living in the Middle East, much of that in Gaza. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Bexley.

In-Person and Zoom:

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Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.



**Sister Act**

**WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD**  
*Praying humbly with God  
Planning for our World Day of  
Prayer*

**Wednesday February 7 – 6:30 pm**

*Please join us for fellowship and service*



**Bible Study**

**Tuesdays + 1:00 pm**

In-Person and Zoom:

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



Birthdays this week:  
4 - Donna Voelkel  
5 - Andre Freiderich  
5 - Georgene Slagle  
6 - Richard Amon Jr  
8 - William Goshen  
8 - Robin Stokes



*LSS Food Pantry*

*First Wednesdays  
12:30-3:30 pm*

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer*



*Adult Ed - February 11, 11:15 am*

**Nancy DeRoberts Moore,**

Executive Director of the Bishop Griffin Resource Center in Berwick, will talk about the ministries of this organization and the ways we might partner with this neighborhood program.

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>                   | David Shull, Pastor              |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>                   | Julianne Johnson                 |
| <b>Reader</b>                               | Kathleen Zwanziger               |
| <b>Cantor</b>                               | Scott Steiner                    |
| <b>ASL Interpreter</b>                      | Emily Ott                        |
| <b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b> | Kathy Rapp                       |
| <b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>   | Karen Kent                       |
| <b>Usher</b>                                | Judith Bird                      |
| <b>Vergers</b>                              | Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>                       | Katie & Ruby Jacobs, Karen Rider |
| <b>Producers</b>                            | Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips  |
| <b>Hospitality</b>                          | Michelle Clemence                |

*Flowers are given by **Julianne Johnson** in honor of **Sara Auman's birthday**.  
Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.*

### THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 4 - 11

|                    |                |   |
|--------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Today</b>       | 8:45 am        | Senior Choir Rehearsal                                  |
|                    | 10:00 am       | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship<br>with Holy Communion |
|                    | 11:15 am       | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education                      |
|                    | 12:30 pm       | Confirmation Class                                      |
|                    | <b>Tuesday</b> | 1:00 pm   |
| 5:15 pm            |                | Outreach Team   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | 12:30 pm       | RLC at LSS Food Pantry                                  |
|                    | 6:30 pm        | Sister Act  |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | 10:00 am       | Chime Choir Rehearsal                                   |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | 8:45 am        | Senior Choir Rehearsal                                  |
|                    | 10:00 am       | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship<br>with Holy Communion |
|                    | 11:15 am       | Sunday School for all ages                              |
|                    | 11:15 am       | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education                      |
|                    | 12:30 pm       | Confirmation Class                                      |

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