



# Reflections

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## Holy Week Worship

### *Palm Sunday*

*March 24*

*10:00 am Worship*

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM

*11:15 am Sunday School Easter Party*



### *Maundy Thursday*

*March 28*

*7:00 pm Worship with Foot- and Hand-Washing*

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM



### *Good Friday*

*March 29*

*7:00 pm Worship - Seven Last Words of Christ  
at Christ United Methodist Church*

*1480 Zettler Road*

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM



## *Resurrection of Our Lord*

### *Sunday, March 31*

*Two Worship Services*

*8:30 am worship*

IN-PERSON

*9:45 am Brunch*

*11:00 am Worship*

IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM



## The Redeemer Community

### Youth Sponsor Easter Brunch to Raise \$\$ to Attend ELCA Youth Gathering

The five youth and two adults who will gather with 25,000 Lutherans in New Orleans this July invite you to celebrate Easter by coming to the **Easter Brunch** between the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on **March 31**. The youth and adults will be making the main dishes for the brunch; members are invited to sign up in the hallway outside the Library to bring other festive items.

Monetary donations are also appreciated as they work toward the goal of raising \$3,500. **Sachio and Toshi Phillips, Andrew, Izzy, and Sophie Skoog, and Wendy Stoica and Dave Shull** say “THANK YOU!”

### Binau Presents ‘Speaking of Frost: America’s (Human) Nature Poet’

On **Tuesday, March 19** beginning at 7 p.m. Redeemer member **Brad Binau** will continue an exploration of poet **Robert Frost** and his poetry. Sponsored by Sister Act, the entire congregation is invited along with members of Broad Street Presbyterian Church where Binau’s wife **Ann Palmerton** is an associate pastor. Snacks will be provided. The event will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall.

Binau writes, “150 years after his birth Robert Frost remains America’s most beloved, and likely its most misunderstood, poet. Famous for poems such as ‘Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening’ and ‘The Road Not Taken,’ Frost has frequently been viewed, by admirers as well as critics, as a ‘nature poet.’ Often missed, partly because of his mastery of rhyme and rhythm, is the depth of his perception regarding human nature.

“Robert Frost meant his poems to be heard as well as read so that they could fully convey his insights about physical and human nature. Through the speaking of well-known, and lesser-known poems, discover anew the world in which we live and the human being with who we share it.”

### ‘REJOICE!’ Theme for Upcoming Easter Art Exhibit

The Easter theme for Redeemer’s Narthex art is REJOICE! Members and friends are asked to consider loaning the church an item from their collection for display during this joyous season! Submissions should be turned in by **Palm Sunday, March 24**.

This replaces the current exhibit of paintings by **Cody Miller**. Stop by and enjoy his depictions of Bible stories and characters before they disappear.

### Redeemer to Commission BREAD Network Members

**Kristi Hildebrand** writes, “Have you ever been frustrated by all the issues you see in Franklin County and wish there was something you could do to help? Well, you can by attending the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, May 21**. Redeemer has committed to bringing 60 people that day (around our average weekly attendance). If you are interested in attending, please contact **Kristi Hildebrand, Michele Disbro, Emily Ott, or Kathy Zwanziger** or call the church office.

“This has been a particularly successful period for BREAD, as solutions that they have pushed for have been implemented and proven effective. As part of the Columbus Violence Reduction initiative, city agencies have engaged 56 known violent offenders. Columbus City Schools has trained over 750 staff which include administrators, counselors, social workers, and nurses in restorative practices. The ‘public tree code’ was passed in December. Thank you for all your support of BREAD that has contributed to these wins!

“The commissioning of the BREAD Network Members will take place during worship on **Sunday, March 24**.”

#### **BREAD Upcoming Dates**

- BREAD Rally: **Monday April 15** at 7 p.m., Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205.

- Nehemiah Action: **Tuesday, May 21**, 6:15 p.m. doors open; 6:40 p.m. event starts, Celeste Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds.

- BREAD Celebration!: **Monday, June 24** at 7 p.m., location TBA.

### Adult Ed to Conclude Sessions on ‘Meanings, Messages of Holy Week’

Ever wonder why it’s called “Passion Sunday” as well as “Palm Sunday?” Or why the day when we remember Jesus last meal with his disciples is called “Maundy Thursday?” Or what’s “good” about the Friday when Jesus was crucified? Or why Jesus’ followers were initially terrified by the sight of the empty tomb?

As Lent moves into Holy Week, **Brad Binau** has been leading the adult education class, exploring the events, characters, and context of the passion story. The final session on **Sunday, March 24** will look at Good Friday.

## Flower Sponsors Needed for April

Have an event to celebrate or remember? Somebody's birthday to recognize? The chart to sign up for flowers for Sunday services is now on the bulletin board next to the library. As of now, there is no one signed up for flowers on **April 14, 21** or **28**.

Flowers run \$20 and can be paid ahead of the date by using the envelopes that are also available on the bulletin board. The envelope provides additional space for spelling out the designation – information that is shared in *Reflections* and the Sunday bulletin.

Folks can also call **Office Manager Becky Trover** to sign up. Flowers can be taken home after the Sunday service or picked up later in the week.

## Final Soup Luncheon Set for March 20

Another soup is needed for this week's Soup Luncheon on **Wednesday, March 20** – the last of this Lenten season. The luncheon runs from noon to 1 p.m. here at Redeemer.

## Redeemer Book Group to Discuss *Anxious People* on April 17

The author of *Anxious People*, **Fredrik Backman**, is best known for *A Man Called Ove*, which was Americanized in last year's movie, "A Man Called Otto," starring **Tom Hanks**. All of Backman's writings reveal truths about the challenge, beauty, and endless humor involved in being human.

Join Redeemers Book Group on **Wednesday, April 17**, from 7-8:30 p.m., as they discuss *Anxious People*. There are lots of copies in the library.

Those wishing to join the group by Zoom should go to [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86071756592?pwd=dm5VN2FaZWlVcUk3bEQycTVRTmpSUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86071756592?pwd=dm5VN2FaZWlVcUk3bEQycTVRTmpSUT09;); Meeting ID: 860 7175 6592; Passcode: 322720; Phone only: 312 626 6799.

## Tuesday Bible Study Looking at Letter of James

Continuing on **Tuesday, March 19**, the Tuesday Bible study will be examining the Letter of James. The group meets at 1 p.m. here at the church. It runs until 2:30 p.m.

## Being Good Stewards of the Earth

A big shout out to **Sara Auman, Julianne Johnson, Kay Ernsthansen, Sue Yehling, Kathy Zwanziger, Scott Steiner, Kathy Mimlitch, Jon Disbro, and Michele Disbro** for helping clean up the interchange of I-70 and James Road on **Saturday, March 9**. The group collected 11 bags of trash and two bags of recycling in only two hours of the citywide effort to clean up the ramps in Columbus, Michele reports.

"The group was certainly motivated to clean up more of James Road heading north from the exit ramps so we may organize our own event.

"Lots of information was shared with us regarding recycling so leading up to Earth Day we plan to share information of how you can be a good steward of the Earth. ..."

First off, "The Westland Area Library (4740 W. Broad St.) will be hosting a Recycling Drop-Off event on **Saturday, March 23** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. They will be collecting batteries, used toothbrushes, razors, toothpaste tubes, candy wrappers, plastic bags, trigger sprayers, pet food packing, water filters, Hasbro toys, and so much more. Check out [www.ColumbusRecycles.com](http://www.ColumbusRecycles.com) for a complete list."



Redeemer's clean-up crew!

## Noisy Offering to Go to Star House

Redeemer's "Noisy Offering" will now go to Star House – a drop-in center for youth experiencing homelessness and the only housing village of its kind in Central Ohio for college-age youth who are exiting homelessness. Young people experiencing homelessness, ages 14-24, are provided a safe location along with basic needs and access to crucial, stabilizing resources.

In addition, Star House, along with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and Finance Fund, jointly owns and operates Carol Stewart Village, an affordable neighborhood for youth coming out of homelessness. It has 62 studio apartments and onsite access to a wide array of programs and social services.

## Important Emails

[Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

[Info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Info@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

[MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

[FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for stewardship campaigns.

[Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com) – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

[Property@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:Property@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

[SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com) – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

[Transportation@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Transportation@redeemerluth.com) – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

[Communications@redeemerluth.com](mailto:Communications@redeemerluth.com) – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer’s social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

## Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

### For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to [info@RedeemerLuth.com](mailto:info@RedeemerLuth.com) and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

### For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put “Bulletin” in the subject line.

## Prayers and Personals

Prayers for healing are asked for **Rose Jordan**, mother-in-law of **Nathaniel Bird**, who has been in the hospital for three weeks with an infection and now faces surgery.

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**Kay Ernsthausen** thanked everyone for their donations for the brown bag luncheons that were distributed by First English Lutheran Church. She also thanked those who helped assemble the bags on Saturday.

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## March Birthdays

24-Carol Heacock

27-Margie Farnham 30-Colin Young

# The Wider Church

## A Letter from Bishop Dillahunt on Ohio Tornadoes

On Saturday, March 16, **Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt** sent the following update:

“Late on Thursday evening, several communities within our synod experienced storm damage from tornadoes and high winds. We continue to hold these communities in prayer, especially Russells Point and Lakeview.

“Cleanup crews have been hard at work since the storms cleared on Thursday night. There is still much work to be done.

“I have been in regular contact with **Pastor Karen Torrez** (Galilee Lutheran Church, Russells Point) and Lutheran Disaster Response, to coordinate a response that meets the most immediate needs.

“Indian Lake High School is serving as Command Center for the response. This afternoon, Galilee Lutheran Church is receiving a variety of categories of supplies to continue serving as a Distribution Center for the community.



“Local authorities are still requesting that those who want to help continue to hold off as roads are still being cleared and should be used for EMS, first responders and supply vehicles. If you are curious for ways to help, please be in touch with the Southern Ohio Synod Office for more information.

“If you would like to donate to the relief efforts across our synod, you may do the following:

- Mail a check to the Southern Ohio Synod at Box L-4394, Columbus OH 43260-4394.
- Donate online at <https://southernohiosynod.org/donate/>, designating it for ‘SOS – Disaster Relief.’

“Thank you all for your prayers and your willingness to serve your neighbors! We are ‘Stronger and Better Together ... Joining Jesus in the Restoration of the World.’”

## Gaza and Palestine - What Can We Do? Part 2

**Julie Johnson** submitted the following as a follow-up to article she wrote for the March 4 issue of *Reflections*.

This past week the ELCA’s Council of Bishops issued a call for a permanent, bilateral ceasefire urging “**President Joe Biden**, our legislators, and all who lead and make decisions on behalf of the United States to do everything in their power to bring an end to the current suffering and lay the foundation for lasting peace with justice. .... We mourn the loss of 1,200 precious lives in Israel on Oct. 7 by the actions of Hamas and the trauma for those 250 others who were taken hostage. We mourn the loss of over 30,000 precious lives in Gaza – including tens of thousands of women and children – who have died in Israel’s military action since then and the trauma that ripples outward from this loss. We grieve the deaths of more than 400 Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel since Oct. 7 as the circle of violence expands and makes casualties of yet more civilians.”

The statement continues: “Too many have suffered. Too many lives have been lost. Strong U.S. leadership is needed to help bring a comprehensive permanent cease-fire and lasting peace. Our country’s leadership is needed to support human rights and the Geneva Conventions, to resume funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and to provide greater access for humanitarian relief in Gaza, as well as to advocate for the immediate and safe return of the hostages and release of political prisoners, for affirmation of both Israel and Palestine’s right to exist, and for a path forward that disrupts cycles of violence. Mindful of the rise in hate targeted at people across complex intersections of race, ethnicity and religion – worldwide and nationally – we exhort our legislators, leaders and neighbors to oppose hate in all its forms, and we recommit ourselves to partnership in that same work.” See complete statement at <https://on.elca.org/News-and-Events/8217>.

Julie writes, “I want to highlight two things.... A call for a permanent bilateral ceasefire is not the position of the Israeli government, nor of the Biden administration, but it is the rising sentiment of many that it is the only way. Gaza is a wasteland now, and current reports are that one-fourth of the population of Gaza is facing imminent famine. That’s more than 500,000 people. It will take a huge, ongoing effort to avoid that catastrophe. It will take years. A temporary ceasefire is not enough.

“The second thing I want to emphasize is that the U.S. must resume funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Several countries, including the U.S., suspended funding for an investigation of UNRWA because there is evidence that 12 employees of UNRWA participated in the October 7 attack by Hamas that killed 1,200 people in Israel. UNRWA fired those employees who were still alive. There were over 30,000 employees of UNRWA and it is uniquely positioned to distribute aid to people in Gaza. It is the arm of the UN that has been distributing aid for years in Gaza. Prior to October 7 there were 500 or more trucks a day delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza, due to Israel’s blockade of Gaza by land and sea.

“There are nonprofit organizations (NPOs) trying to deliver food to Gaza but there is no one equipped to distribute it. I urge you to send emails to President Biden, **Sens. Sherrod Brown** and **J.D. Vance** and your congressional representative to advocate for these two things. It is especially important that you contact President Biden since his administration are the people directly involved. The link to contact the White House is <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>.

## Prayer Concerns from ELCA

**March 19 First day of spring** Praise our Creator and give thanks for the sun and the heavenly bodies of the universe, which impact every aspect of life and reflect the amazing creativity, mystery and power of God.

**20** Let our Lenten prayer for today be: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2).

**21** Remember in prayer youth, adults and congregations preparing for their faith-stirring experience at the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events in New Orleans this summer.

**22** Rejoice and give thanks for the wonderful variety of songs and musical styles that calm, energize, unite and inspire us.

**23** Pray for God to open our hearts and minds to the needs of our neighbors and to guide our responses of love, support and advocacy. Give thanks for the ways our church encourages and provides opportunities for service and volunteerism, including Young Adults in Global Mission, ELCA World Hunger, Young Adult Ministry, Lutheran Disaster Response and “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday.

**24 Palm Sunday** With shouts of “Hosanna!” and the waving of palm branches, we plead for Jesus to save us and welcome him into our lives and the world as our true hope and salvation -- the risen Messiah and Savior, who endured betrayal, suffering, public ridicule and death for the sake of all people.

**25** Ask the Spirit to help us when we feel ill-prepared to talk about our faith, that we might tell the story of God’s love and mercy revealed in Jesus and how our faith in Christ shapes our daily lives.

## The Community Beyond

### Polls Open Tuesday, March 19

The Primary Election is finally here! Polls will be open **Tuesday, March 19** from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for in-person voting.

Need help finding your polling location? Go to the Ohio Secretary of State’s website at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/> >Find Your Polling Location.

### Library Offering Free Eclipse Glasses, to Hold April 8 Watch Party

Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) will offer Central Ohioans free eclipse glasses beginning **Monday, March 18**, ahead of the near total solar eclipse on **Monday, April 8**. CML has also unveiled a dedicated webpage for the upcoming eclipse featuring a schedule of programs taking place throughout the CML system for all ages.

Glasses will be handed out at all 23 CML locations while supplies last and will be limited to four per person. Those interested are encouraged to call ahead at 614-645-2275 to check availability.

Within the next few days, all 23 CML locations will also offer free COSI-supplied solar kits, each of which includes a pair of eclipse glasses and activities that customers can do at home. Due to the items included, the kits will only be available to adults 18 and older. Limit four per adult, while supplies last.

Central Ohioans are also invited to attend a special eclipse watch party on **Monday, April 8** from 1-4 p.m. at Main Library, 96 S. Grant Ave. Representatives from COSI will join CML staff on the front lawn for science activities before and after the eclipse.

At 3:10 p.m. on Monday, April 8, Central Ohio will experience a near total solar eclipse -- with totality lasting around three to four minutes. Safe glasses are essential for viewing this celestial phenomenon.

## Getting Ready for Worship

### Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 10 a.m.

#### Lessons

**Readings:** Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11

#### Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## A Prayer for Peace

For those who are fleeing: sanctuary  
For those who are staying: safety  
For those who are fighting: peace.  
For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort  
For those who see no future: hope.

## Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Grace of God Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community member Damon Stewart.

**Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and 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, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law Becky and Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrlich; Terry Warren's sister Elaine Warren, and David Williams.

## Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	<b>Dave Shull</b>
Assisting Minister	<b>Mary Benis</b>
Reader	<b>Georgene Slagle</b>
Cantor	<b>Heidi Sherer</b>
ASL Interpreter	<b>Bryan Neal</b>
Organist & Senior Choir Director	<b>Kathy Rapp</b>
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	<b>Karen Kent</b>
Usher	<b>Mike Benis</b>
Verger	<b>Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica</b>
Communion Prep	<b>Becky Fisher, Lynn Belhorn, Michelle Clemence</b>
Producers	<b>Judith Bird, April Smith</b>
Hospitality	<b>Lorien and Joss Dana</b>

*Noisy Offering will go to Star House center for youth.*

## This Week at Redeemer

**March 18 – 25, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 2462
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Brad Binau -with Robert Frost – Sister Act
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	7:00 p.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM <b>Lenten Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 a.m.	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Ed
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Easter Party
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143

**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all

**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community

**Redeemer's Values:** Inclusion, Compassion, Justice