



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



Resurrection of Our Lord



Sunrise on the Sea of Galilee, July 2014

April 20, 2025

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

THE ORDER OF 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

Thine Is the Glory, arr. Lloyd Larson



Choral Introit

First Light

Graham Kendrick, arr. Donald Thomson
Senior Choir

First light is upon our faces,
first light of the morning sun,
first sight of a new creation,
first hour of the age to come.

New life from the earth is waking,
first shoots of the second birth,
first bloom of an endless springtime,
first bud of the tree of life.

First rays of the sun of justice,
first note of the freedom song,
first breath of the coming Spirit,
first shout from the conquered tomb.

First light is the Father's glory,
first is the risen one,
first born over all creation,
we greet the unconquered Son.

First sound of a sacred rhythm,
first beat of a diff'rent drum,
first step of a dance with heaven,
first joy of the world to come.

Last sigh of an age that's passing,
last chill of a winter's breath,
last night of the king of terrors,
last days of the sting of death.

First light is the Father's glory,
first light is the risen Son,
the first and the last of all things,
Jesus the Light has come!


Welcome

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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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.



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



Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



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



Refrain
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

Please be seated

Alleluia

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, the songs and stories of this Easter day proclaim love can never be destroyed, life can always spring from places of death, and light shines even when all hope seems to have been extinguished. Open us to the Spirit's joyful presence in this place. May the wondrous joy of love, life, and light, live and reign in us this Easter Day. In the name of the Risen One we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Musical Reflection

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

arr. Lloyd Larson
Chime Choir

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (The Message)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

[God says to the people]: "Pay close attention now:

I'm creating new heavens and a new earth.

All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain
are things of the past, to be forgotten.

Look ahead with joy.

Anticipate what I'm creating:

I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy,
create my people as pure delight.

I'll take joy in Jerusalem,
take delight in my people:

No more sounds of weeping in the city,
no cries of anguish;

No more babies dying in the cradle,
or old people who don't enjoy a full lifetime;

One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—
anything less will seem like a cheat.

They'll build houses
and move in.

They'll plant fields
and eat what they grow.

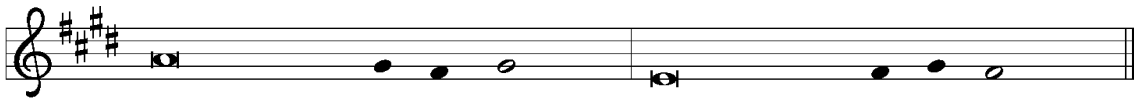
No more building a house
that some outsider takes over,
No more planting fields
that some enemy confiscates,
For my people will be as long-lived as trees,
my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their work.
They won't work and have nothing come of it,
they won't have children snatched out from under them.
For they themselves are plantings blessed by God,
with their children and grandchildren likewise God-blessed.
Before they call out, I'll answer.
Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard.
Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow,
lion and ox eat straw from the same trough,
but snakes—they'll get a diet of dirt!
Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill
anywhere on my Holy Mountain," says God.

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



Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

8:30



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11:00



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Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12 (The Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, women who accompanied Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled back from the tomb; when they entered the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus.

While they were still at a loss over what to think of this, two figures in dazzling garments stood beside them. Terrified, the women bowed to the ground. The two said to them, "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? Jesus is not here; Christ has risen. Remember what Jesus said to you while still in Galilee – that the Chosen One must be delivered into the hands of sinners and be crucified, and on the third day would rise again." With this reminder, the words of Jesus came back to them.

When they had returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but the story seemed like nonsense and they refused to believe them. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. He stooped down, but he could see nothing but the wrappings. So he went away, full of amazement at what had occurred.

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

First Light

Remembering God's Promise at Our Baptism and Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Musical Reflection

He Is Risen!

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He is risen! He is risen! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Let the song ring out through all the earth: "Our Savior's risen this day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing a joyful alleluia! For the chains of death can hold
Him no more.

Let us praise His name, Let the earth proclaim: "He is risen!"

He is risen! He is risen! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

On this happy morn a miracle comes to those who truly believe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing a joyful alleluia. For a new and glorious day has
begun.

Let the bells ring out, let the people shout: "He is risen!"

For Christ the Lord has been victorious freeing us from death and sin.

Now a new life waits before us. All on earth is born again.

Come rejoicing, come rejoicing. Raise your voice, raise your voice in
praise.

He is risen! He is risen! Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Let the message ring throughout the world; "He lives this Easter day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing a joyful alleluia. Let us celebrate the wonderful
news.

Let the anthems ring, let the people sing: "He is risen! He is risen!

Alleluia!"

Apostles' Creed

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time 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, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sisters Kleta Childs and Karla Weaver, 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 and their son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree,
Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie
and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Scott Steiner,
Al Debelak, Michelle Skoog, Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner,
Laura Warren's brother and sister-in-law Cynthia and Sam Hudson
For the people of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Newark
For Redeemer community members Sarah, Marques, Rosalie, and
Malcolm Highland

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.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

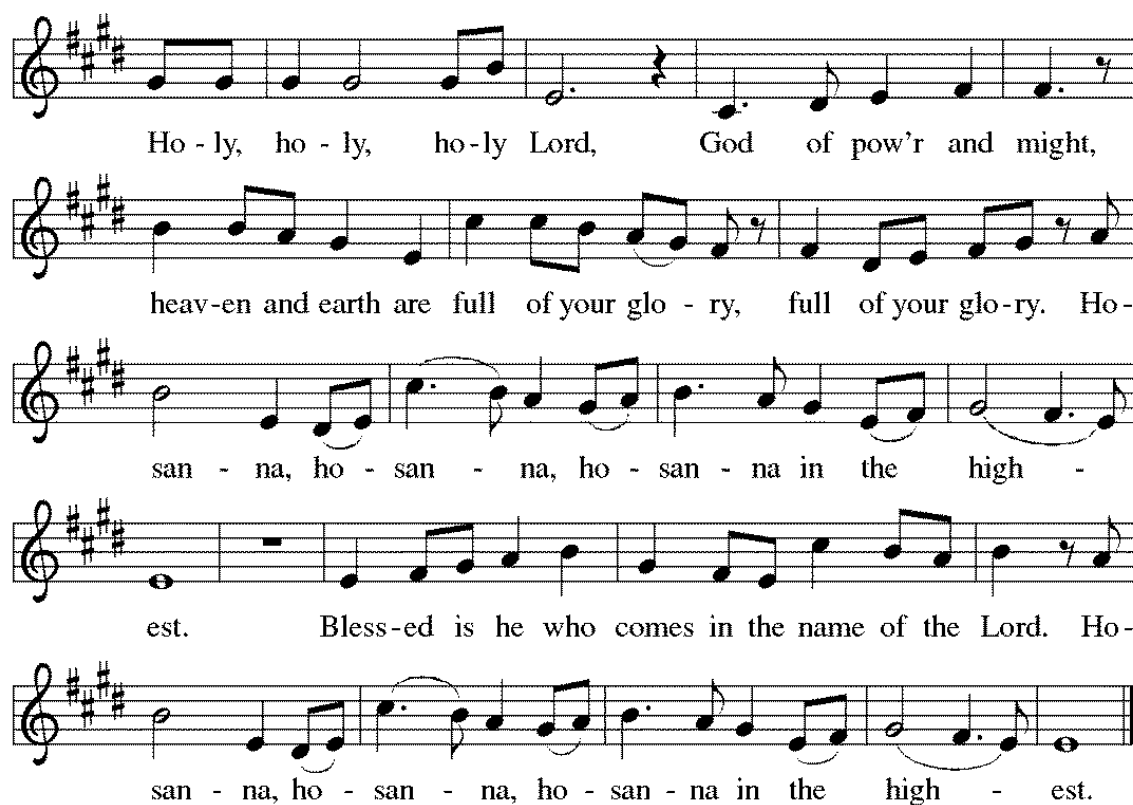
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, be healed by Love, and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken 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. Do this to remember me."

And so 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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

Sharing the Meal

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

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

Now the Green Blade Rises

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**



WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Blessing
Christ is risen!

Amen.
He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Announcements

Postlude

Lord of the Dance, arr. John Carter

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Adult Ed
Sundays April 27 - May 18
11:15 a.m.



Redeemer members **Don Luck** and **John Caron** will offer a series of adult education sessions on Buddhism.

Some of the topics that will be covered include:

- An introduction to the life of the Buddha.
- The Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path.
- What are the Refuge and Bodhisattva Vows?
- What is Enlightenment in Buddhist thought?
- What is Karma really?

We will also do various brief Buddhist meditation practices. Instruction and guidance will be provided.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEYyLFQeCnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GxcU.1>

Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Tuesday Bible Study
The stories of
Elijah and Elisha

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UlxjdA.1>

Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992

Passcode: 830218

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



*Journaling
Workshop
7:00 pm
April 22
In-Person - Outer
Pastor's Office*



Immigration Task Force
April 23 – 5:00 pm



Sister Act
PRAYING FOR PALESTINE
UPDATES ON GAZA / PALESTINE

Wednesday, April 23 – 6:30 pm

*For more information see **Reflections** or
contact Michele Disbro or
Julianne Johnson.*

Please join us for fellowship and service



Birthdays this week:
22 – Grayson Ullman
23 – Andrew Skoog
24 – Michelle Clemence
24 – Elaine Disbro

Easter Flowers are given by:

Donor

Kevin Bailey
Lynn Belhorn
Bruce Collins
Barbara Hairston
Ranel & Neil Hoddinott
Thelma Johnson
In/Phillips family
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Laura & Terry Warren

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Jennifer & Tim Young

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Dave Shull
Wendy Stoica
Kathleen Zwanziger

In Memory of

Ruth Anna & Vyron Bailey
Her parents –Maryland and Richard
Karen Collins
David Hairston
Loved ones
My family
Marcene and Don Phillips, Saichi In, and Lisa Price
Rev. John L & Mrs. Marcelene A. Kennedy
Loved ones
Loved ones John, Rick, and Marilyn
Our Parents, John Batts
Carol McCall
Our nephew Sam Hudson, and niece
Jennifer Hudson
John, Judith & William Huber
Shirley and Bob Young, Karen Collins

In Honor of

Our daughters Natalie & Caroline, and our
grandchildren
Our family
All the ways Redeemer makes newness possible
All Who Are Tired, Have Hope
Chris, Wendy, & Sue

To the Glory of God

Kay Ernsthausen

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Joss Dana [8:30]
	Mary Benis [11:00]
Reader	Izzy Skoog [8:30]
Cantor	Wendy Stoica [8:30]
	Heidi Sherer [11:00]
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal [11:00]
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore [8:30]
	Mike Benis [11:00]
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kathleen Zwanziger, Eileen Day
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips [11:00]

The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER – APRIL 20-27

Today	8:30 am	IN-PERSON Worship with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday		Office Closed
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Congregational Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	5:00 pm	ZOOM Immigration Task Force meeting
	6:30 pm	Sister Act
Next Sunday	9:30 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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