

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Austrian farmer Franz Jägerstätter (played by August Diehl) kneels before a guard in a Nazi prison in the 2019 film "A Hidden Life."

June 1, 2025 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.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Services of worship and other events at Redeemer are routinely livestreamed or photographed. If you do not want your image to be captured on livestreaming or in photographs, please speak to an usher or the leader of the event so that you can be offered alternative seating in the gathering area or can be excluded from the photograph.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- 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.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

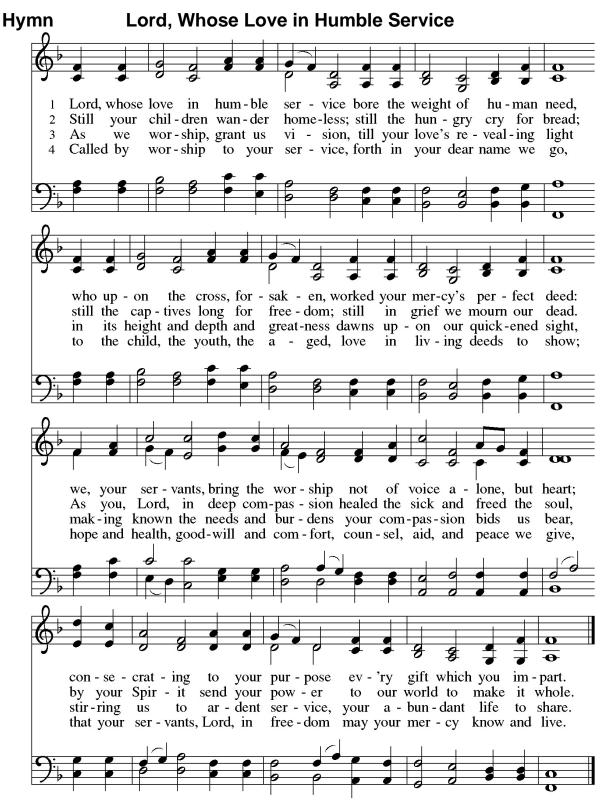
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Prelude

Just as I Am, arr. Dale Wood

Welcome





Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985

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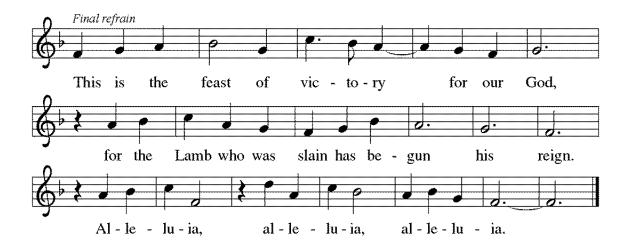
Greeting

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





Prayer of the Day

Loving Spirit, you move through our lives in ways we cannot predict and often do not understand. We ask for the openness and courage to let you unsettle our comfort and certainties, so we might let go of our prejudices and fears, and live more fully into the love we discover in the life of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Acts 16:16-34 (Common English Bible, inclusivized)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

- One day on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl. She had a spirit in her that gave her the power to tell the future. By doing this she made a lot of money for her owners. The girl followed Paul and the rest of us, and she kept yelling, "These people are servants of the Most High God! They are telling you how to be saved."
- This went on for several days. Finally, Paul got so upset that he turned and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I order you to leave this girl alone!" At once the evil spirit left her.
- When the girl's owners realized they had lost all chances for making more money, they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them into court. They told the officials, "These Jews are upsetting our city! They are telling us to do things we Romans are not allowed to do."
- The crowd joined in the attack on Paul and Silas. Then the officials tore the clothes off the two men and ordered them to be beaten with a whip. After they had been badly beaten, they were put in jail, and the jailer was told to guard them carefully. The jailer did as he was told. He put them deep inside the jail and chained their feet to heavy blocks of wood.
- About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, while the other prisoners listened. Suddenly a strong earthquake shook the jail to its foundations. The doors opened, and the chains fell from all the prisoners.
- When the jailer woke up and saw that the doors were open, he thought that the prisoners had escaped. He pulled out his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! No one has escaped."
- The jailer asked for a torch and went into the jail. He was shaking all over as he knelt down in front of Paul and Silas. After he had led them out of the jail, he asked, "What must I do to be saved?"
- They replied, "Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home."
- Then Paul and Silas told him and everyone else in his house about the Lord. While it was still night, the jailer took them to a place where he could wash their cuts and bruises. Then he and everyone in his home were baptized. They were very glad they had put their faith in God. After this, the jailer took Paul and Silas to his home and gave them something to eat.

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

Psalm 97:1-2, 9-12



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The LORD reigns; let the [|] earth rejoice; let the multitude of the [|] isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD, righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.

For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;

you are exalted far a- bove all gods.

You who love the | LORD, hate evil!

God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

Light dawns | for the righteous, and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's | holy name.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



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

Gospel

John 17:20-26 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed to his Abba, "I'm praying not only for my disciples,

but also for those who believe in me

because of them and their witness about me.

The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—

just as you, Abba, are in me and I in you,

so they might be one heart and mind with us.

Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.

The same glory you gave me, I gave them,

so they'll be as unified and together as we are—

I in them and you in me.

Then they'll be mature in this oneness,

and give the godless world evidence

that you've sent me and loved them

in the same way you've loved me.

Abba, I want those you gave me

to be with me, right where I am,

so they can see my glory, the splendor you gave me,

having loved me

long before there ever was a world.

My Abba, the world has never known you,

but I have known you, and these disciples know

that you sent me on this mission.

I have made your very being known to them—

who you are and what you do-

and continue to make it known,

so that your love for me

might be in them

exactly as I am in them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

BUT I AM FREE

Musical Reflection

Morning Has Broken

arr. Larry Shackley Kathy Rapp, piano

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 sister Kleta Childs, 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, Becky and Larry Trover's son-in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose and family, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Al Debelak, Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner, Laura Warren's brother and sister-in-law Cynthia and Sam Hudson, Edwina Bradley, Kevin Bailey, Emlyn Ott and the Sabeel Organization, former members Julie and Bruce Hutson

For the people of The Church on Oakland Park in Columbus For Redeemer community member Thelma Johnson

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.

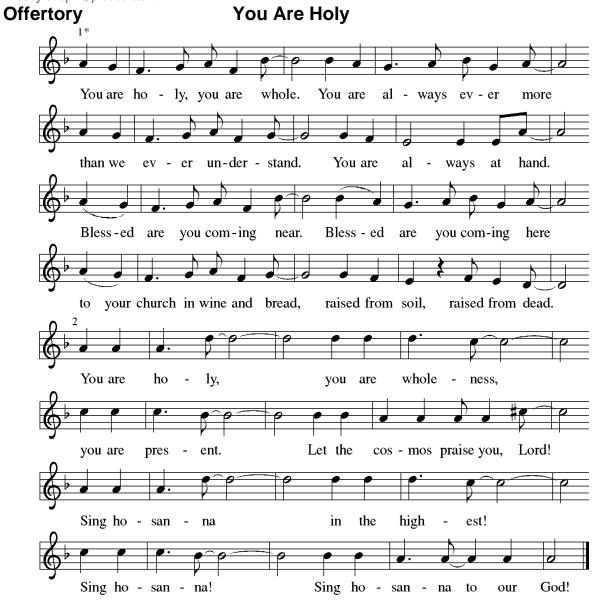
For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance. We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

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.



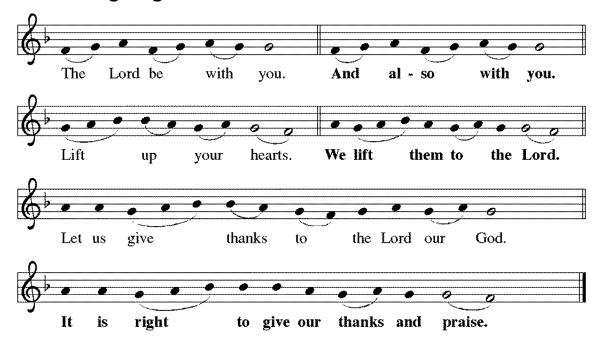


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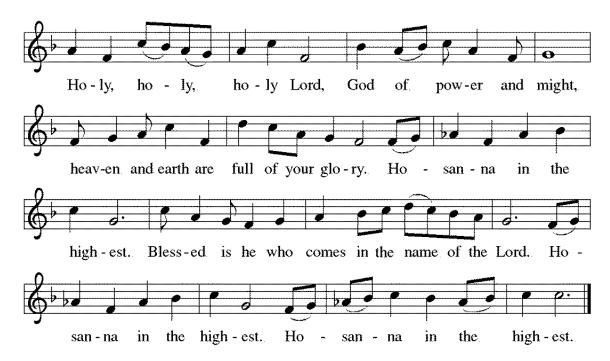
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Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed a joy to give you thanks and praise, God of Love and Life. 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 Christ – 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. Come and 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.

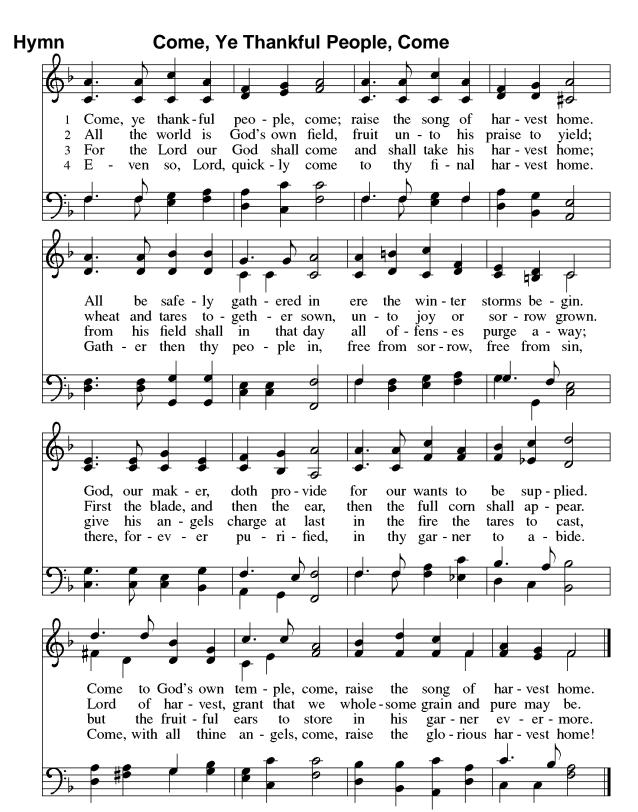
Sharing the Meal

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

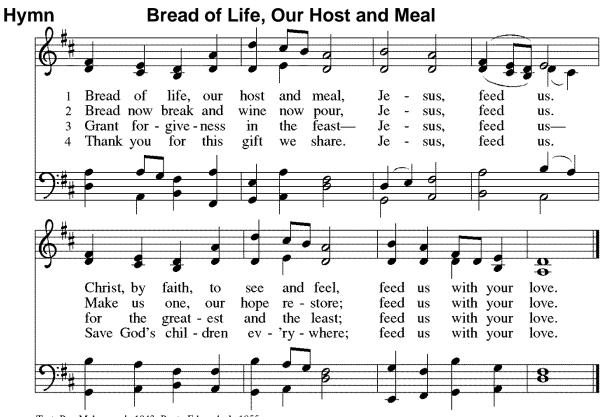
Please be seated

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.





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Please stand in body or spirit

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

Hymn

Sing Hey for the Carpenter



Text: John L. Bell, b.1949 Tune: SING HEY, Irregular; John L. Bell, b.1949 © 1987, The Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

In Christ There Is No East or West, arr. Dale Wood

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We welcome as Presiding Minister *Jill Disbro*, who grew up at Redeemer. Jill is the Director of Admissions at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA. She helps people discern their call to ministry and then works with them if they decide to enroll in PLTS. Jill serves in a Shared Time Ministry call as part-time Assistant Pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in El Sobrante, CA. She preaches and leads worship once a month, leads a Bible Study, serves on Church Council, and other various roles in coordination with the head pastor, Sara Schultz. Jill will be marrying Connor Williams on June 7, 2025, in Columbus, OH.

Adult Ed

Sunday June 1 - 11:15 a.m.

Who Do We Welcome?- A conversation with Community Refugee & Immigration Services

If you have questions or concerns about the current realities facing immigrants and refugees in central Ohio, join the adult education class after worship on Sunday, June 1. We will host Teresa Gibson, who is the Community Engagement Coordinator for CRIS. She will explore with us one of the essential questions of our time, "Who do we welcome?" Learn about immigration statuses, common myths, and the realities refugees face, while discovering how CRIS supports displaced individuals. You're invited to grow in both understanding and compassion.

In-Person and Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230 Phone only: 1-312-626-6799





Tuesday Bible Study

An exploration of the

Parables of Jesus.

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd =zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1

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LSS Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 4 12:30-4:00 pm Friday, June 20 11:00 am -2:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger



Columbus Pride March

Saturday, June 14

Pre-parade check-in 8:00 am Join us and other local Lutheran RIC congregations

Register at

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To order a t-shirt https://epiphanypickerington.second slide.io/products/PRIDE/pride

See Reflections for details.



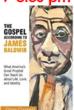
Sister Act
REJOICE WITH OUR SISTERS
SUMMER RETREAT

Saturday, June 14 – 11:00 am Sue Yehling's home

For more information see Reflections or contact Michele Disbro

Please join us for fellowship and service

Summer Book Study Wednesdays July 9, 16, 23, 30 7-8:30 pm



Greg Garrett

The Gospel According to James Baldwin

Summer book group to discuss life, love, race, identity and culture

If you'd like to gather with others to discuss the thoughts of a deeply wise, compassionate, honest observer of human nature, culture, and history, then plan to come to our summer book group to discuss

The Gospel According to James Baldwin. If you Google Baldwin's name, you will see the range and power of his intellect. Even though he died almost 40 years ago, people are writing about him and reading him because his observations are remarkable relevant and challenging for us today.



June Birthdays:

1 - Rachel Day

3 - Malcolm Highland

3 - Rob Skoog

4 - Scarlett Brush

9 - Elinn Neal

11 - Cassandra Reinoehl

12 - Clyde Boreman

13 - Jim Riley

16 - Jil Williams

18 – Jessica Fisher

20 - Katie Jacobs

23 - Nate Bird

24 - Andy Day

26 - Eric Reinoehl

30 - Julie Brush



Ages 8 - 14 To register, call the church office 614.237.1263



RLC Picnic on the Lawn

June 29

Immediately following worship Please join us!

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Pastor Jill Disbro **Preaching** David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Julianne Johnson **Emily Kent** Cantor **ASL Interpreter Emily Ott Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Usher Kathleen Zwanziger Verger Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica **Communion Prep** Katie and Ruby Jacobs, Karen Rider Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner **Producers** Hospitality Judith and Ashley Bird

Flowers are given by **Kathleen Zwanziger** in honor of **Daniel's birthday**. The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 1 – 8

Today	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Education
Monday	4:00 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
	6:30 pm	Inquirers' Class at Pastor's home
Tuesday	1:00 pm	In-Person and Zoom Bible Study
	5:15 pm	Outreach Team
Wednesday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
Friday-Saturday		Synod Assembly
Next Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages

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