



Reflections

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Together

If you were in worship yesterday, you saw these words on the bulletin cover:

Awakening

by **Brian Andreas**

In those days,
we finally chose
to walk like giants
& hold the world
in arms grown strong
with love
& there may be
many things we forget
in the days to come,
but this
will not be
one of them.

I put these words on the bulletin cover because they express so beautifully what I hear **Jesus** saying in yesterday's gospel reading. In John 14, Jesus is speaking to his disciples the night before Rome will put him on a cross and the world his followers have known together since Jesus called them is shattered. In spite of the crisis they are facing, Jesus tells them, "I am leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace." (John 14.26, The Message)

As I said yesterday, I believe Jesus is telling his followers, "Our lives together have shown you how to be well, whole, and at-peace regardless of what's going on around you. Don't let the violence and cruelty of the world harden your hearts. Don't let the world around you cause you to forget who you are and what you are living for. You know how to choose to live well, whole, and at-peace."

Why does Jesus know they can make this choice to reject the ways of the world around them? Because in their lives together, Jesus had given them experiences of being well, whole, and at-peace. His followers had seen Jesus tear down dividing walls between Jew and Samaritan. They had experienced joy and life. On the same night Jesus shares these words with them, he washes their feet, so their bodies remember what love feels like, and he calls on them to love each other like that. Then Jesus tells them after he is gone, the Spirit will fill them and help them remember all they experienced with Jesus. In this way, they can resist all the ways the world tries to seduce them into believing violence, cruelty, and fear are how the real world works, so they'd better just go along. And they've experienced all these ways of being well and whole and at-peace *in community*. They know they cannot embody inclusion,

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The Redeemer Community

Narthex Art *A'Changin'*

Inspired by the first couple verses of Isaiah 35 which mention “Wilderness and desert will sing joyously... a symphony of song and color,” the Narthex art theme for Pentecost turns to “Colorful Creation.” Folks who have a piece of art that fits this theme and who would be willing to lend it for the display, please bring it to church by **Friday, June 6.**

Calling for Volunteers to Provide Summer Hospitality

Groups at Redeemer, friends or individuals are sought to provide refreshments following the worship services over the summer. This provides a chance for folks to linger and reconnect with members and friends here at Redeemer.

Jon Disbro writes, “It’s very easy and there are supplied snacks, coffee, and paper products if you need them.”

Sign ups for June, July, and August are on the bulletin board outside the Library in the hallway.

“Sign up and see how much appreciation you will receive for whatever you offer!”

Adult Ed to Hold Conversation with CRIS on June 1

Folks who have questions or concerns about the current realities facing immigrants and refugees in Central Ohio are invited to join the Adult Education Class after worship on **Sunday, June 1.** **Teresa Gibson**, community engagement coordinator for CRIS – the Community Refugee and Immigration Services, will explore with us one of the essential questions of our time, “Whom 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.”

Great Turnout at BREAD’s Nehemiah Action

Michele Disbro writes, “A huge thank you to all of you who attended the Nehemiah Action on **Tuesday, May 13.** We had an awesome turnout of 54 members and friends of Redeemer. We met our goal!”

“At the Nehemiah Action, we heard from **Columbus City Council Member Nick Bankston** as he pledged to present an ordinance creating a rental registry to protect renters. Unfortunately, **Council Member Nancy Day-Achauer** was not able to attend to pledge her support to present an ordinance to protect trees on private property in Columbus and to implement the Urban Forestry Master Plan with fidelity.

“A rally will be held on **Tuesday, May 27** at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1555 E. Hudson St. to show our continued support of this important issue.

“Thank you again for all your support of BREAD through your attendance, your prayers, and financial support!”

Save the Date for PRIDE

This year’s PRIDE parade will take place on **Saturday morning, June 14.** Once again, ELCA marchers will gather together at Trinity Lutheran Church downtown, at 404 S 3rd St., and will then march as a group behind the ELCA banner.

All marchers must register to receive a wristband, which is required to participate in the parade. To register, go [HERE](#). To order a tee-shirt, click [HERE](#), choosing both size and color. The shirt will be delivered to you.

More details will be shared in early June, but please put this on your calendar now. “It is such a meaningful way to show our support for the LGBTQIA community,” **Mary Benis** notes. Questions can be directed to **Pastor Brad Gee** at Epiphany Lutheran Church, who’s coordinating the efforts this year, or to Mary, who’s channeling the information that comes to Redeemer.

Sister Act Retreat Set for June 14

Summer is almost here! It's time for some summer sabbath at **Sue Yehling's** house. We hope you can join us for some fellowship and conversation. The group will gather at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, June 14** for an opening devotion and some conversation. Then, they'll enjoy a potluck lunch (with folks encouraged to bring whatever they'd like to share), the usual letter writing, crafts, and conversation. **Michele Disbro** adds, "If you have any craft that you'd like to bring to teach others, there's always some of us who love to craft. Hope you can join us!"

Christ Lutheran Invites Redeemer Youth to Its Vacation Bible School

Christ Lutheran Church (2314 E. Main Street in Bexley) has invited Redeemer's children, ages K - age 11, to their Vacation Bible School on **Monday-Thursday, June 23-26**. It runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." To register, scan the QR code on the poster on the kiosk in the Narthex.

RLC's 'Summer Picnic on Lawn' Set June 29

It's time for Redeemer's annual summer picnic on the lawn! Members and friends are invited to join the festivities after worship on **Sunday, June 29** outside on the lawn for a potluck summer picnic. "It will be a great time to wander around the Remembrance Garden, too, **Michele Disbro** adds.

Cane's Chicken will be provided and people are encouraged to bring sides and desserts. The canopies will be set up along with some tables and chairs, but folks are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. If it's hot, people can also eat at the tables in the Narthex and library.

"We hope you'll join us for some fun fellowship!"

From the Council

To keep the congregation informed about what Redeemer's Church Council is doing, each month look for an article that summarizes the significant matters before the Council.

The Immigration and Sanctuary Task Force has been gathering information about specific problems immigrants face, and the experience of other churches that have provided sanctuary. Although the group does not believe housing immigrants in our building is feasible, the group is looking for other ways to provide support.

The parking lot resurfacing is complete!

Council has approved installing automatic door openers for the restroom doors. In addition, the configuration will be changed so the doors will open in, rather than out into the hallway as they do now.

Redeemer may become a cooling center this summer. The city is looking for places to serve as cooling centers. Council views this as another way to offer welcome and hospitality to vulnerable people in the area. The Outreach Team will manage the details. Look for an article about this and members are asked to consider offering some time to help host. We can only do this if Redeemer has people present.

Council approved the Berwick Civic Association request to use our parking lot as a recycling drop off place for unwanted electronics. This event will take place on **Wednesday, May 28** from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (See separate article, this issue of *Reflections*.)

Sign Up Now to Receive *Living Lutheran* Print Editions

Redeemer is now compiling a list of members who are interested in receiving the print edition of the ELCA's *Living Lutheran* magazine by mail. Just sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the Library or call or email the church office.

For those who would like to cover the \$17 subscription cost, use the envelope on the bulletin board. For those who can't afford the cost, sign up anyway: gift subscriptions are available.

Basketball Camp Registration Open; Camp Starts June 16

Registration is now underway for Redeemer's Basketball Skill Building Camp under the direction of former NBA/ABA player and coach **Larry Jones**. The free camp is for girls and boys ages 8 to 14.

The camp, which runs Mondays through Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. rain or shine, begins **Monday, June 16** and goes through **Wednesday, July 23**. To register, call the Redeemer church office at 614-237-1263. The information meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 12** at 6:30 p.m. here at Redeemer.

Summer Book Group to Read/Discuss Book on James Baldwin

Pastor Dave wrote in the April 28 issue of *Reflections*: “I don’t know how many of us at Redeemer have read anything by **James Baldwin**. Baldwin (1924-1987) has been called the best-known Black writer during the period of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. Even though he died almost 40 years ago, more and more writers in this country are looking back to him to try to understand how the unwillingness among White people to look honestly at our country’s treatment of Black people keeps us from healing and being able truly to become a country whose laws and attitudes reflect we truly believe that ‘all are created equal.’

“This summer, we will do a deep dive into the thoughts, words, and faith of Baldwin as we read *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America’s Great Prophet Can Teach Us about Life, Love, and Identity*. At just under 200 pages, this 2024 work was written by **Greg Garrett**, whom BBC Radio has called “one of America’s essential voices on religion and culture.” Beginning **Wednesday, July 9** and then on July 23, 30 and Aug. 6, we will read and discuss this book from 7-8:30 p.m. in-person and on Zoom.”

Non-Police Crisis Response Ballot Initiative Moves Ahead

Michele Disbro announced Sunday that the petitions are available for the local ballot initiative to create the non-police crisis response in the city. The goal is to collect 50,000 valid signatures by **Friday, June 27**. Registered voters who live in the city of Columbus can sign the petition. “The benchmark used is if you can vote in the mayoral race, you live in the city of Columbus. If you match this description, please consider signing. We will have them available to sign in the Narthex after church.”

Kristi Hildebrand added, “To collect signatures, you only need to be 18 or older. There are no requirements to validate signatures and that can be done from home. If you are interested in collecting signatures or validating signatures, please see **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro**.”

Columbus Safety Collective Campaign - FAQs answered

Q. What is The Community Crisis Response Amendment?

A. A city charter amendment that will provide the Department of Public Safety the authority to establish a division of community crisis response that will

- Oversee the training of community responders
- Oversee the management and administration of services in coordination with other departments and programs within City government and coordinate City programs with other community programs
- Respond to 911 calls and other calls for assistance with non-violent crises, where appropriate
- Conduct community outreach
- Establish the community crisis response advisory board to make recommendations to the Department of Public Safety regarding the implementation of this amendment and provision of its services and funds the division.

If you live in the city of Columbus, you can sign the petition! Please see **Kristi Hildebrand** or **Michele Disbro** to sign.

Tuesday Bible Study Explores Parables of Jesus

Continuing this week on **Tuesday, May 27**, the Bible Study group is exploring the parables of Jesus. The group meets from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays for the Bible study. Folks can participate in-person or on Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UIxjdA.1>; Meeting ID: 862 5949 7992; Passcode: 830218. Phone only: 1-312-626-6799.

Sign Up Now to Read at Worship Services

Readers for Sunday morning services can now sign up for services over the winter. Readers, including youth and children, are encouraged to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, next to the Library. Readers are still needed for **Sunday June 1**.

Readings are sent out the week before to give folks a chance to go through the lessons ahead of Sunday mornings. **Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate.**

'Noisy Offering' Going to CRIS

Redeemer's Noisy Offering will be going to the Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). (See separate story, this issue for more information on CRIS.) CRIS' mission is to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the Central Ohio community.

Due to the current political climate the funding for CRIS has been cut drastically, so those who can are asked to help.

The "Noisy Offering" is that donation of loose change that is made as one enters the Sanctuary.

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joy, life, and love on their own. They need each other to do that. They need each other to hold the world in arms grown strong with love, because sometimes they will feel strong enough to love in that way, and sometimes they will feel so broken they will need others in the community to hold them in that strong love.

And yesterday I celebrated how all of you hold the world in arms grown strong with love.

As we mark the beginning of June, and the coming of the Pride Parade on June 14, I remember again your remarkable, and even miraculous, embrace of people like me which you declared by becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation 33 years ago – way before most ELCA congregations had even heard of this movement, let alone taken the risk to invite their community into conversations about their attitudes toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. You had done that, and you'd chosen to go public as a place of genuine, heartfelt welcome of them ... of us. Most of you know you were the first RIC congregation in the state of Ohio. You. You. If the ELCA bishops in Ohio had been asked which congregation in this state would be the first to declare themselves RIC, would any have named Redeemer?

But you did it. You did it. And you're still doing it. You're still holding this world in arms grown strong with loving. You continue to keep looking at who our government and some faith communities continue to give us permission to hate – even tell us it's our duty to hate. And you're loving them. You are loving them. It is remarkable. It is miraculous.

As we mark Pride Day on June 14, as hundreds of Lutherans march down High Street, embodying the inclusion, joy, life, love, and community that is Jesus' gift to all his followers, I thank you, Redeemer, for your courage, your openness, your adventuresomeness, your trust, your leaders throughout your history, and the Spirit who helps you never forget who you are and how you want to live.

Your arms continue to grow stronger and stronger in love. You keep choosing to love. What a brilliant way to resist all the ways the world is trying to convince us Jesus is calling us to go along with the violence, cruelty, and fear that this world is built on.

Dave Shull

Important Emails

Dshull@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating directly with **Pastor Dave**.

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 – 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 – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer's IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

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 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 comfort are asked for **Ellen Rose**, daughter of **Ruth Murray**, who recently entered hospice care. Prayers for comfort are also asked for **Helen Ward**, mother-in-law of **Kandice Hoddinott**. Prayers for healing are asked for **Edwina Bradley** and for **Kevin Bailey**.

Directory Update: Add the **Sutphin Household**, 2362 Whispering Brook Lane, Grove City 43123-3761; **Maddie Sutphin**, 407-620-1208, Maddie.Sutphin@yahoo.com; **Melissa Sutphin**, 407-488-8858, MelissaHackim@yahoo.com; and **Deb Turner**, 765-821-0643, DebbieKS.Turner@gmail.com.

Christ in Our Home for July-Sept. Available

The latest edition of the daily devotional booklet *Christ in Our Home* for July through September is now available on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Copies are free for anyone who would like one.

Parking Lot Now Open; Thanks to Those Overseeing Project

Redeemer’s parking lot has been repaved and restriped!! Thanks to **Julianne Johnson**, **Sue Yehling**, **Dave Lippert** and others on the Property Team for overseeing this massive job. *It looks great!!*

ONE LAST CHANCE: ‘Like New’ Microwave for Sale FREE!

A “like new” 1.9 cu stainless steel Frigidaire Electrolux over the range microwave oven (Model FMOS17468SA) is available. It has been used only a few times. To pick up, contact **Becky Trover** at becky.trover@gmail.com.

Flower Sign Up Sheet for 2025 Now Up

The sign-up sheet to provide flowers for the worship services in 2025 is on the bulletin board next to the Library. This is a good opportunity to remember a loved one, a special occasion or just because. To pay for the flowers use the special envelope that is also available on the bulletin board. They run \$20.

May Birthdays

26-Brad Dana 26-Kathie Ehrich

June Birthdays

1-Rachel Day 3-Malcolm Highland
3-Rob Skoog 4-Scarlett Ann Brush
6-Nancy Steiner 9-Elinn Neal
11-Cassandra Reinoehl 12-Clyde Boreman
13-Jim Riley 16-Jil Williams
18-Jessica Fisher 20-Katie Jacobs
23-Nathaniel Bird 24-Andy Day
26-Eric Reinoehl 30-Julie Brush

The Wider Church

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Eaton on Election of Pope Leo XIV

“We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America join with people around the world in praying for the ministry of **Pope Leo XIV**. We rejoice with the people of the Roman Catholic Church, especially those in our communities, as they joyfully receive their new shepherd.

“Today we witnessed the historic election of the first Augustinian and the first U.S.-born pope — only the second to come from the Americas. Thus we share with him both context and theological roots (**Martin Luther** was also an Augustinian). We pray that this will provide us, as Catholics and as Lutherans, with an opportunity to strengthen our visible unity in Christ through dialogue and cooperation for the life of the world.

“In his first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica, the new pope extended the blessing of **Pope Francis**, saying: ‘God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace.’

“We pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain Pope Leo XIV for the ministry to which he has been called, and will strengthen us all in our vocations as bridge-builders and as witnesses to God’s love for all people and creation.”

Considering Ways to Support Immigrants

Church Council has appointed **Julie Johnson** to lead a new ministry group to explore ways Redeemer can support those seeking to immigrate legally to or to remain legally in the United States. People on this ministry group include **Elaine Disbro, Kelley Frank, Emily Ott, Karen Rider** and **Dave Shull**.

The ELCA is a “Sanctuary Denomination.” As the ELCA website states: “In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.”

Among the tasks the ministry group has identified are the following:

- Keeping informed of the rapid changes affecting specific refugee and immigrant groups initiated by the Trump administration.
- Keeping informed of the legal actions and the status of those actions.
- Ensuring that those we know who are potentially affected have access to resources to help them.
- Learning about the various ways that Redeemer can consider how to be a sanctuary to immigrants and refugees.
- Learning what churches in our area are doing and have done to support immigrants and refugees.
- Exploring what the implications and factors would be in considering all of the options that we might be called upon to consider.
- Reporting our findings to the Congregation Council.

“One immediate way that individuals and Redeemer can walk along with immigrants at this critical time is by supporting CRIS Ohio. The Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) is a nonprofit agency in Central Ohio that provides a variety of services to refugees and immigrants. “The quickest way to support CRIS is directly through either their website at crisohio.org or by calling 614-235-5747. You can also donate by writing a check to Redeemer and note in the memo line CRIS. Donations through Redeemer are usually delayed by at least a month.

“Another way that Redeemer is walking alongside immigrants is to be of assistance to those who worship with us. Whether through transportation to church, providing a bulletin in their language, connecting them to needed services or helping with daily needs, we have opportunities to help. We ask for your prayers as we continue in this work.”

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

May 27 “May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us” (Psalm 67:1). Pray that all people and nations will know and give thanks for God’s boundless love, forgiveness and power to make all things new through Jesus Christ, even when we can’t envision the possibility.

28 Ask the Spirit to help us respond to the call to participate in God’s work in the world, no matter where it might lead, who we might encounter or what God might ask of us.

29 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana, North Carolina and Southeastern synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

30 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Delaware-Maryland, Greater Milwaukee, Metropolitan Chicago, Nebraska, New England, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northwestern Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Southeastern Minnesota, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Southwest California and Western North Dakota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

31 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Upstate New York and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

June 1 Pray that our words and actions will glorify God and reflect the immeasurable, unprejudiced grace God has shown humankind through the gift of Jesus Christ.

2 Pride Month Give thanks to God for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us as we work together for justice, total inclusion and love for humanity in all its diversity.

The Community Beyond

Virtual Death Cafes Now on Zoom!

Emily Kent hosts a virtual Death Cafe on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The next cafe is **Tuesday May 27** from 7-8:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID 880 4396 8579, passcode 478465. “Please join us for a non-judgmental conversation about death and dying.”

Berwick Civic Association Sponsors E-Waste Recycling Wednesday

Folks are encouraged to dispose of their outdated, broken or unused electronics this **Wednesday, May 28** by bringing them to Redeemer to participate in the Berwick Civic Association’s Community E-Waste Recycling Day. It will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Redeemer’s parking lot.

Accepted items include the following: aluminum scrap, automotive parts, battery chargers, cables, CD/DVDs, cell phones, iPads and iPhones, battery backups, computers and computer parts, digital clocks, DVD/Blu-Ray platters, hard drives, floppy drives, household electronics, keyboards and mice, laptops, lithium-ion batteries, video game systems, overhead projectors, power tools, printers, recording devices, routers, speakers, steel scrap, stereo equipment, and telecom equipment, among other items.

Items that will NOT be accepted include the following: e-cigarettes, light bulbs, chemicals, smoke detectors, alkaline batteries, paints, aerosol/pressure air canisters, refrigerators, microwaves, and air conditioners.

Reynoldsburg Community Band Announces Concerts

The Reynoldsburg Community Band has announced the schedule for its free concerts this summer. Please come and join the band ... and **April Smith** and **Linda Williams**, who both play in the group! More information about the band can be found [HERE](#). *Mark you calendars for the following concerts:*

Sunday, June 1 at 6 p.m.
Groveport Zion Lutheran Church
6014 Groveport Rd, Groveport

Saturday, June 7 at 5 p.m.
Alum Creek North Park Amphitheater
221 W Main St, Westerville

Monday, June 9 at 7 p.m.
Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg

Monday, July 14 at 7 p.m.
Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg

Monday, August 11 at 7 p.m.
Reynoldsburg Senior Center
1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg

Sunday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Village Green Park
47 Hall St, Powell, OH

Getting Ready for Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97:1-2, 9-12; John 17:20-26

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

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

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, 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 and family, Kathie Ehrich, Barbara Hairston and family, Dottie and Larry Bird, Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Al Debelak, Edwina Bradley, for Laura Warren's brother and sister-in-law Sam and Cynthia Hudson, and Karen Rider's friend Betsy Wagner.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Dave Shull
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Ruby Jacobs
Hospitality	The Birds

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

Upcoming Events at Redeemer

May 26 – June 2, 2025

Monday		Memorial Day -- Church office closed
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	7:00 p.m.	Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Suzuki School
	10:00 a.m.	Remembrance Garden Team
	3:00 p.m.	Berwick Civic Assoc. Electronics Disposal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Suzuki School
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 a.m.	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	3:00 p.m.	Suzuki School
	4:30 p.m.	ZOOM Executive Team
	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2462
	6:30 p.m.	Inquirers' Class at Pastor's home

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