

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Craigie Aitchison, *Boat*, 1998
Timothy Taylor Gallery, London

July 27, 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

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

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Hymn

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal Or
 2. The pain that will not go a - way, The
 3. So some have come who need your help, And

an - swer ev - 'ry suf - f'rer's prayer, Yet
 guilt that clings from things long past, The
 some have come to make a - mends, As

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds Where faith and
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, Are pres - ent
 hands which shaped and saved the world Are pres - ent

doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied
 as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is
 in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it

on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and heal and
 love which tends The hurt we nev - er hoped to
 meet us here To mend the bod - y, mind, and

warn, To car - ry all through death to
 find, The pri - vate ag - o - nies in -
 soul, To dis - en - tan - gle peace from

life And cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 side, The mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 pain, And make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949

Tune: YE BANKS AND BRAES, 8 8 8 8 D; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

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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

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
To refrain
peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
To refrain
for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Loving Mother/Father God, you invite us to come before you in prayer just as we are. You long for us to let ourselves fall into a love which catches hold of us and strengthens us to face whatever life brings. May we trust your love in the way of Jesus, who even when he felt abandoned by you on the cross, trusted you enough to say, *Into your hands I commit my spirit.*

Amen.

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Genesis 18:20-32 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Genesis

God told Abraham, “The cries of the victims in Sodom and Gomorrah are deafening; the sin of those cities is immense. I’m going down to see for myself, see if what they’re doing is as bad as it sounds. Then I’ll know.”

Those who had been visiting Abraham and Sarah set out for Sodom, but Abraham stood in GOD’s path, blocking the way.

Abraham confronted God: “Are you serious? Are you planning on getting rid of the good people right along with the bad? What if there are fifty decent people left in the city; will you lump the good with the bad and get rid of the lot? Wouldn’t you spare the city for the sake of those fifty innocents? I can’t believe you’d do that, kill off the good and the bad alike as if there were no difference between them. Doesn’t the Judge of all the Earth judge with justice?”

GOD said, “If I find fifty decent people in the city of Sodom, I’ll spare the place just for them.”

Abraham came back, “Do I, a mere mortal made from a handful of dirt, dare open my mouth again to my Master? What if the fifty fall short by five—would you destroy the city because of those missing five?”

God said, “I won’t destroy it if there are forty-five.”

Abraham spoke up again, “What if you only find forty?”

“Neither will I destroy it if for forty.”

He said, “Don’t be irritated with me, but what if only thirty are found?”

“No, I won’t do it if I find thirty.”

He pushed on, “I know I’m trying your patience, Master, but how about for twenty?”

“I won’t destroy it for twenty.”

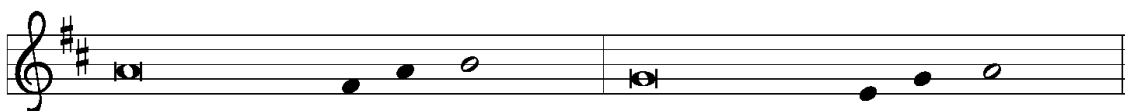
He wouldn’t quit, “Don’t get angry, Master—this is the last time. What if you only come up with ten?”

“For the sake of only ten, I won’t destroy the city.”

When God finished talking with Abraham, God left. And Abraham went home.

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

Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8



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I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|] bove all things.**

When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right [|] hand shall save me.**

You will make good your pur- [|] pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works [|] of your hands.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”

So he said, “When you pray, say,

Abba God,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.”

Then he said, “Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don’t have a thing on hand.’

“The friend answers from his bed, ‘Don’t bother me. The door’s locked; my children are all down for the night; I can’t get up to give you anything.’

“But let me tell you, even if he won’t get up because he’s a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he’ll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

“Here’s what I’m saying:

Ask and you’ll get;

Seek and you’ll find;

Knock and the door will open.

“Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we’re in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn’t think of such a thing—you’re at least decent to your own children. And don’t you think your Abba who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask?”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

COMING BEFORE GOD UNPROTECTED

When we pray, we are carried [like a sailboat on the water], borne along by a power that we do not and cannot direct. It is our prayer, our boat. It is we who have launched it on this sea of faith and we who stay quiet within it. But all the movement comes from God, [whom] we wait for. Where we want to go is not the point; it is where God wants to take us. We do not see where that is. There is starlight, yes, but no sun or moon, no clarity of vision All that is within our power is choice: do we stay still, [letting go of] control, or do we [try to] ... steer that boat ourselves?.... [So] the essential act of prayer is to [come] before God [unprotected] Whether you are aware of [God's] presence does not matter. God is there, whatever your feelings You pray for God's sake, you are there for [God] to look on you, to love you, to take ... pleasure in you

(Sister Wendy Beckett, *Sister Wendy on Prayer*,
Harmony Books, 2007, pp. 36, 38, 45).



Musical Reflection

The Best of Rooms

Donald Busarow
Jennifer Young

Christ, He requires still, where to e'er He comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house; the best of all's the heart,
The best of all is the heart, the heart, the heart.

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

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, 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 and Karen Riccio, Edwina Bradley, Karen Rider's niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Bill Boys, Deb Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Larry Jones

For the people of All Saints Church in Worthington

For Redeemer community member Nancy Magargal

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet those who are livestreaming with us by waving to the camera in the back of the sanctuary above the choir loft. Then you are encouraged to greet each other in a way that expresses the peace and love of Christ.

If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.



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 ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score is divided into sections for the Presider and the Congregation, with the Congregation parts starting on the second, fourth, and sixth lines of music.

Presider: The Lord be with you. And al - so with
Congregation:
you. Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Creator God. In the beginning, your Spirit brooded time into being, so that you could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, your Spirit breathed your time into being, so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought a new time into being, so that the Word could meet us everywhere.

Holy God, you send the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow the Way of Jesus. As inheritors of both the challenge and the comfort of your Way, we join with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in this timeless song of praise:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time, and makes Christ alive in this meal to comfort, challenge, and transform us. Here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, making grace something we can touch and taste.

We recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. We remember how his words and actions disturbed and dismayed them; but also how he offered them comfort and encouragement. We remember that he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper he took a cup, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Hear us now as we commit ourselves to your Way, and 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.**

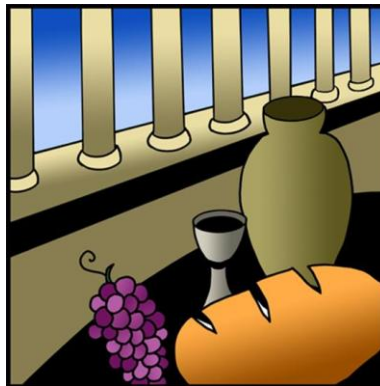
As we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them that we may know both their comfort and their challenge, and so transform ourselves and our days. Here is bread and wine – touched and transformed by the Spirit. Come, eat and drink, and be healed and strengthened to face all that life brings.

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4. The score includes a main hymn with three verses and a refrain. The lyrics are: '1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Refrain When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.' The score is written on four staves, with the first two staves for the Soprano and Alto parts, and the last two staves for the Tenor and Bass parts. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving Spirit, continue to form and nurture us as we grow in following you.

As you led Jesus into the wilderness, stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ. As you transformed the disciples, grace and gift us for the task of building the beloved community Christ lived, died, and rose for. Continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4

Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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Blessing

Amen.

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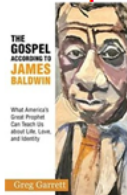
Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, arr. John Carter

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Summer Book Study

Wednesdays
July 23, 30
7-8:30 pm



Greg Garrett

The Gospel According to James Baldwin

Read the final chapters for July 30 class.

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 remarkably relevant and challenging for us today.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



Berwick Civic Association
Tuesday, August 5
6 pm
Berwick School

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kay Ernsthausen, Kathy Denhard
Producers	Miles Smith, Tom Mimlitch
Hospitality	Melissa Hackim

*Flowers are given by **Laura and Terry Warren** celebrating
Terry's and daughter Caroline's birthdays.*

The Noisy Offering will go to Sikhona Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 27 – AUGUST 3

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	11:00 am	Member Care Team
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Summer Book Study
Saturday	10:00 am	RLC Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion



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