

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Three panels from the tapestry that line the nave at Cathedral of Our  
Lady of All Angels in Los Angeles

**August 17, 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**      ***Variations on "How Firm a Foundation",*** arr. Janet Linker

**Welcome**



## Hymn

### How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## 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 - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 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 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

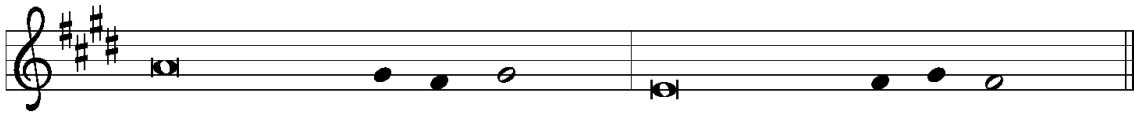
**Reading Jeremiah 23:23-29** (New Revised Standard Version Updated)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

## Psalm 82



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God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

**“How long will you | judge unjustly,  
and show favor | to the wicked?”**

Save the weak | and the orphan;  
defend the hum- | ble and needy;

**rescue the weak | and the poor;  
deliver them from the power | of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in  
darkness;

all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, | ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,  
and fall like | any prince.”

**Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations | for your own.**



**Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2** (New Revised Standard Version Updated)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews in the early church

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

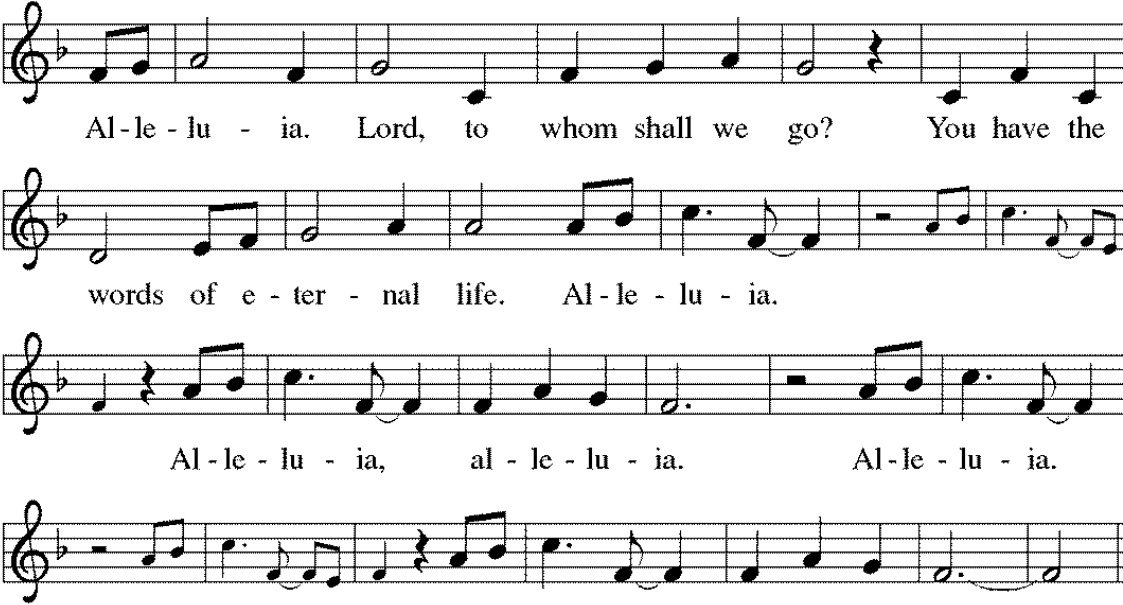
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

*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 12:49-56 (The Message)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“I’ve come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I’ve come to change everything, turn everything rightside up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I’ve come to disrupt and confront! From now on, when you find five in a house, it will be—

Three against two,  
and two against three;  
Father against son,  
and son against father;  
Mother against daughter,  
and daughter against mother;  
Mother-in-law against bride,  
and bride against mother-in-law.”

Then he turned to the crowd: “When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, ‘Storm’s coming’—and you’re right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, ‘This’ll be a hot one’—and you’re right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don’t tell me you can’t tell a change in the season, the God-season we’re in right now.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*



**Musical Reflection**

***Wisdom*** from ***“These Ancient Words”***

Heather Sorenson, based on Proverbs 4:1-13  
vocal solo by Emily Kent

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and my daughters.

Listen, my child.

Receive the words of a mother, words to make you stronger, words for life that's longer.

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and my daughters.

Listen, my child.

Seek after wisdom and guard her. Hold her and applaud her, she will be your life.

Remember her, she will protect you.

And love her, she will watch over you.

Cherish her, she will exalt you.

Embrace her, and she will grace you with a crown, a crown of glory.

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and my daughters.

Receive these words,

this wisdom from creation's Author, ancient words to ponder, words for life and honor:

When you walk, your steps will not be shaken.

When you run, you will not falter, you'll not fall.

You will not stumble, you will not fall.

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and my daughters.

Receive these words:

seek after wisdom and guard her. Hold her and applaud her,  
for she is your life.

## **Apostles' Creed**

We open ourselves to fresh images for God and the Church as we proclaim these words:

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The United Church of Canada)*

## 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 Hegreiness, 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, Edwina Bradley, Karen Rider's niece Tammy and her friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Deb Turner's friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Larry Jones, the Sutphin Sisters' brother Jeff.

For the people of Bethel Lutheran Church in Grove City

For Redeemer community member Shirley Miller

## 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.*

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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.**

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Glorious God. You are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me."

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

## 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

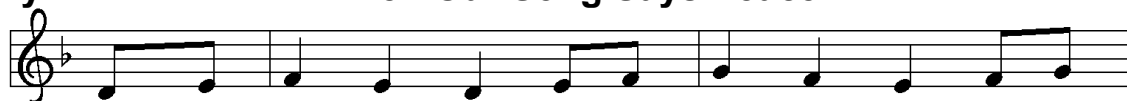
Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

*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

### When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will  
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will  
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.  
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

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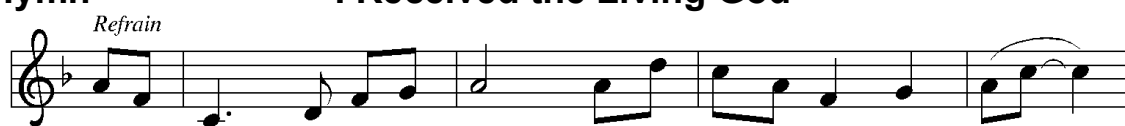
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## Hymn

## I Received the Living God


*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.




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1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;  
 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;  
 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.  
 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous

Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy.

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

## Hymn

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Postlude      *Variations on "How Firm a Foundation"*, arr. Janet Linker**

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Dave Shull will be on a week-long silent retreat for continuing education and then on vacation. For emergency pastoral care please contact:

***August 16-20 and August 30-September 5 –***

the Rev. Julianne Smeck (734-972-6126)

***August 21-29 –***

the Rev. Lorin Darst (503-886-9353).

Preaching and Presiding for those Sundays will be:

Aug. 17: Emlyn Ott

Aug. 24: James Child

Aug. 31: Lynn Carter-Edmands



***LSS Food Pantry***

***Thursday, August 21***

***12:30-4:00 pm***

***Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer***

## **Senior Choir**

Rehearsal Sundays  
Beginning September 7  
8:45 – 9:30 am



***Add your voice***

All are welcome to join and  
sing praise to our Creator!

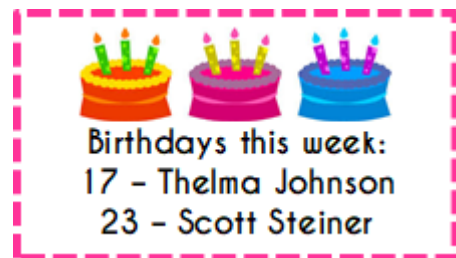
## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Emlyn Ott
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michele Disbro
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Sherer
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Marilyn Floyd
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Jon Disbro
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Becky Fisher, Eileen Day
<b>Producers</b>	Judith Bird, April Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>	Scott Steiner

*Flowers are given by **Julianne Johnson** in memory of **her Dad**.  
The Noisy Offering will go to Sikhona Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 17 – 24

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
<b>Thursday</b>	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
<b>Friday</b>		An Evening with Nadia Bolz-Webber
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion



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