



# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 7, 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

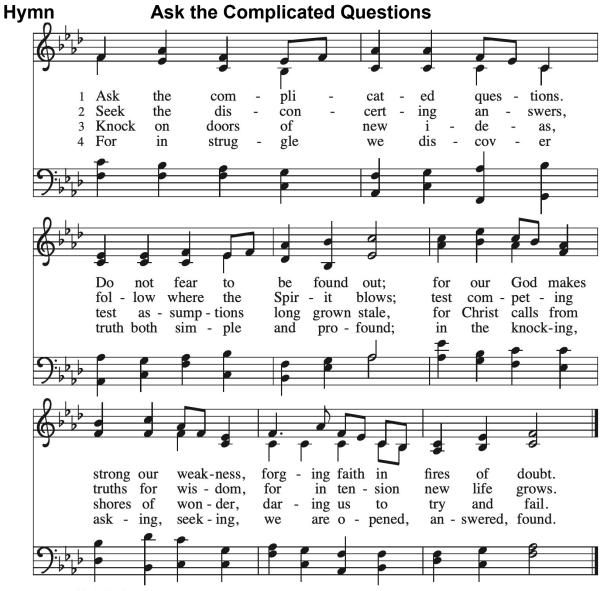
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**Prelude** 

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus, arr. Don Hustad

Welcome





Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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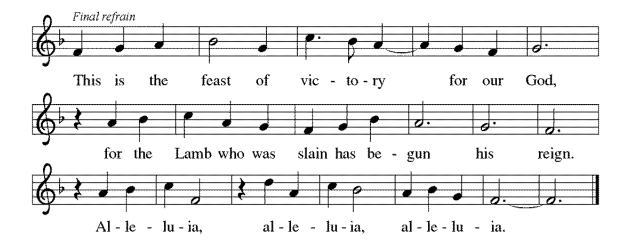
# Greeting

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**

Creating God, you call us to wake up to all that is going on around us and inside us. As we wake up, we ask you to give us the courage to free ourselves from simply going through the boring motions of our days. Light us with the spark of joy, energy, curiosity and creativity. Inspire us to come alive, and live fully into our calling as people who bless your creation with wholeness and life.

Amen.

Please be seated



### **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

#### Reading

Philemon 1-21 (The Message)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to Philemon

- I, Paul, am a prisoner for the sake of Christ, here with my brother Timothy. I write this letter to you, Philemon, my good friend and companion in this work—also to our sister Apphia, to Archippus, a real trooper, and to the church that meets in your house. God's best to you! Christ's blessings on you!
- Every time your name comes up in my prayers, I say, "Oh, thank you, God!" I keep hearing of the love and faith you have for the Master Jesus, which brims over to other believers. And I keep praying that this faith we hold in common keeps showing up in the good things we do, and that people recognize Christ in all of it. Friend, you have no idea how good your love makes me feel, doubly so when I see your hospitality to fellow believers.
- In line with all this I have a favor to ask of you. As Christ's ambassador and now a prisoner for him, I wouldn't hesitate to command this if I thought it necessary, but I'd rather make it a personal request.
- While here in jail, I've fathered a child, so to speak. And here he is, hand-carrying this letter—Onesimus! He was useless to you before; now he's useful to both of us. I'm sending him back to you, but it feels like I'm cutting off my right arm in doing so. I wanted in the worst way to keep him here as your stand-in to help out while I'm in jail for the Message. But I didn't want to do anything behind your back, make you do a good deed that you hadn't willingly agreed to.
- Maybe it's all for the best that you lost him for a while. You're getting him back now for good—and no mere slave this time, but a true Christian brother! That's what he was to me—he'll be even more than that to you.
- So if you still consider me a comrade-in-arms, welcome him back as you would me. If he damaged anything or owes you anything, chalk it up to my account. This is my personal signature—Paul—and I stand behind it. (I don't need to remind you, do I, that you owe your very life to me?) Do me this big favor, friend. You'll be doing it for Christ, but it will also do my heart good.
- I know you well enough to know you will. You'll probably go far beyond what I've written.

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

#### Psalm 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

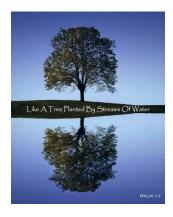
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>|</sup> do not wither; everything they <sup>|</sup> do shall prosper.

It is not so | with the wicked;

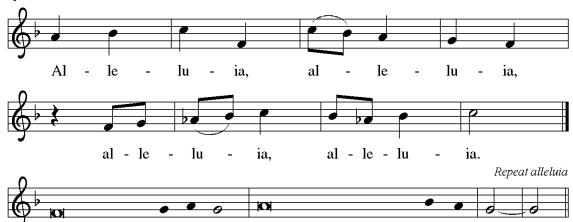
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.



# **Gospel Acclamation**



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

**Gospel** Luke 14:25-27 (Common English Bible, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. Turning to them, he said, "Whoever comes to me and doesn't hate father and mother, spouse and children, and brothers and sisters—yes, even one's own life—cannot be my disciple. Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

**Spoken Reflection** 

**WAKING UP** 

### **Reception of New Members**

### **Introducing New Members**

### **Congregation's Commitment of Support**

All who are receiving these new members are invited to say these words:

Heather, Emily, Don, Brad, Joss, Melissa, Johnobentz, Micheline, Wilfrantz, Maddie, and Debbie, we thank God for you.

We welcome you!

We promise you our prayers, support, encouragement, and love.

We will walk with you as companions

in your journey of life and faith.

We open ourselves to receive the gifts you offer.

And we open ourselves to be changed

by the Spirit of Christ you bring into our midst.

With God's help, we pray our words and actions will help you know God looks on you with delight, and says to you,

"You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you." With God's help, we will keep creating here a free and fearless space where you can be authentically yourselves.

# **Commitment by New Members**

The New Members say together:

In response to the love of Christ you share, I commit myself with joy and gratitude to become a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

I commit to give my time in attendance, my energy in ministry, my attention in prayer, and my money in support.

I will continue to offer you and all who seek home here my prayers, support, encouragement, and care.

I know I will continue to be changed by you and by the Spirit of Christ in you.

If at times I feel like I am being stretched in uncomfortable ways, I will trust Christ's Spirit is at work, nudging me toward deeper spiritual maturity.

If I ever find that my journey leads me away from this community because my life and faith are growing more deeply elsewhere, I will not simply stop coming. I will let one of you know of my decision, so any leave-taking can be a time for healing and mutual blessing.

I thank God, and thank you, for the home I am finding here.

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

Musical Reflection Siyahamba

arr. Victor C. Johnson Miles Smith, trombone solo

#### **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, 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, the family of Larry Jones, Emily Crosley. For the people of Clinton Heights Lutheran Church in Columbus For Redeemer community members Ruth Murray and Donna Voelkel

# 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.

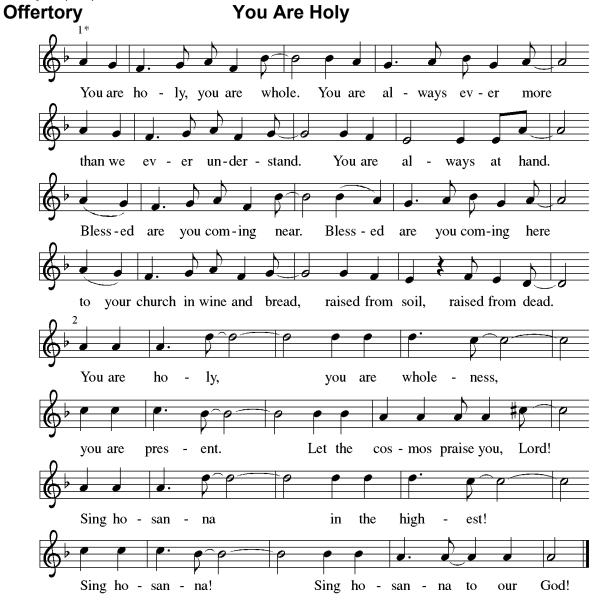


#### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

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.



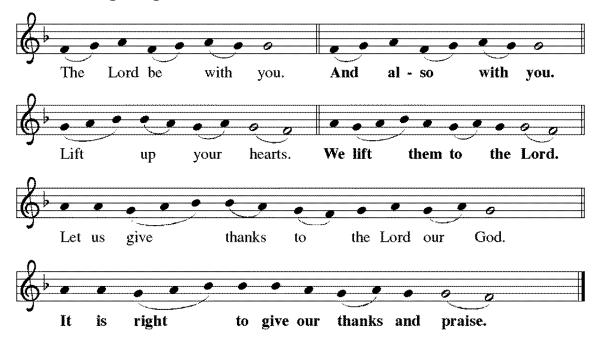


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# **Great Thanksgiving**

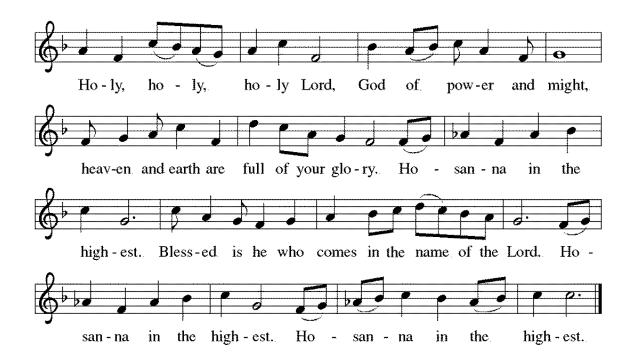


It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Glorious God. You are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

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:



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

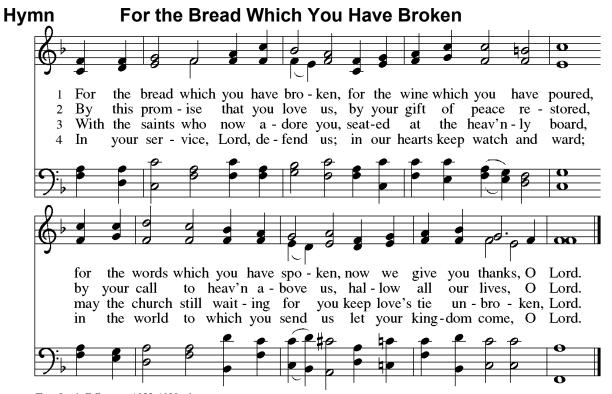
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.





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### 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**



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, Choralbuch, 1815

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Blessing Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Postlude**

# Allegro, Flor Peeters

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# We Welcome These New Members

#### Heather Coffman



Born and raised a Lutheran from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, I moved to Columbus in February 2023 to start a new job at the Columbus Museum of Art. Equipped with a list of Lutheran churches researched by my mom to check out before Easter (she didn't want to just show up at a random church on Easter Sunday), I started with Redeemer with the note from Mom, "I like that it said regular folks". I never explored any other churches, because I just liked Redeemer so much. I know my mom would be very happy to know that I am officially becoming a

member!

#### Emily and Don Crosley



Don and Emily met in Cincinnati and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yrs later were married in the Catholic church, as both were raised in Catholic homes. They have one daughter named Rebecca , age 26, who recently became engaged. They switched to the ELCA Lutheran church about 20 yrs ago, and have been married for 26 yrs. Don grew up in the Cincinnati area and Emily is originally from Alton Illinois (very close to St Louis). We've been in Columbus for a little over a year now and hope to be here for many more to come.

#### Brad Dana



Hi! I'm Brad Dana. You may have heard me from the back of the room with the choir. I have lived in various Columbus suburbs & exurbs. We settled in the Westerville school district for the START program to make my eldest's life better. After the kids graduated from high school, we decided to let others have an opportunity to have Westerville schools and moved to the south side. I have been all over the place with my theology. I am SO HAPPY to be involved with Redeemer Lutheran Church, a place where I don't have to be hidden in what I think and who I am! In life I

have been exposed to lots of things, some (hopefully a lot) of which I have learned from. Ask me questions, if I don't know, let's learn together!

#### Eowyn Dana



Hello, my name is Eowyn Dana. I am a 24-year-old woman who has autism. I don't often like writing about myself. I used to go to church at a place that is now known as Dwell with my family. I did not enjoy my time there due to the fact I was often excluded by the other church members. Eventually my family left this church because they didn't feel they fit in either. After moving to a new house, my family started searching for a new church that fit our political views. We eventually decided to give Redeemer a try since it is close to our new

house. I feel that Redeemer is more welcoming to my family and I. I think that the services are always interesting and bring some new perspective to the biblical passages that I'm used to reading. I also enjoy hearing the music during Redeemer's services. I hope that I can continue to enjoy my time with the members of the Redeemer community.

#### Joss Dana



Hi, I'm Joss Dana. I started attending Redeemer about 2 years ago. I had faced previous hurt and hardship from not being accepted at my old church. Going into this journey, I was unsure and uncertain of where it might lead me. As soon as I walked through those doors and was greeted with a smile and a warm welcome, my anxiety faded. This community has continuously welcomed me with open arms, provided me with a safe space and empowered me to be a strong woman of God in the Body of Christ. I am so grateful for all the love, support and kindness, and I hope to continue my

walk with God at Redeemer as an official member. God's peace.

#### Melissa Hackim



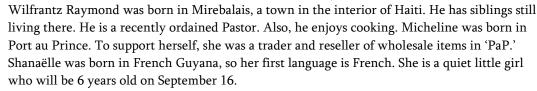
Yes, Becky has another sister! I relocated from Florida in March and finally thawed out around Mother's Day. I'd been worshipping online since the pandemic and am thrilled to become a member of this family. I find Redeemer cozy, familiar, bold yet humble. I am impressed by how active the hands and feet of God are in this community and want to be part of it. I look forward to getting to know you. God's Peace.

#### Johnobentz Joseph



We are happy to have Doctor John as a part of the Redeemer community, and look forward to getting to know him better.

#### Micheline Saint Felix and Wilfrantz Raymond



When asked about his hopes for being in America, he responded, "I would like to be a member of Redeemer Church because I have found a good family here. This church is a real community. At this church, we make each other feel very welcome and treat each other as family. We don't treat people differently because of race or color or background. Here we treat each other like the Lord says, 'We are one people. We are all God's children.'"

#### Maddie Sutphin



I recently moved to Grove City from Auburndale, Florida (between Orlando and Tampa). I had lived in Florida for 37 years and it was time to be with family so we could take care of each other during this season of our lives. I was a long-time member of St Stephen Lutheran Church in Orlando and have experience as usher, altar guild, special event planning and several other committees. In 2022 I suffered a stroke and ended a long-time career in Consumer Market Research.

Not only am I overwhelmed with joy to be worshiping with my family, I feel so very welcomed by the wonderful members of this vibrant congregation.

#### Debbie Turner



I recently moved to Grove City from Connersville, Indiana to live with my sisters from Florida and to be closer to our sister Becky Trover. I have a low vision condition, and we decided as a family it would be best for all of us to live in the same town instead of different states as we get older. It is wonderful to be with family, and it is wonderful to be part of this church. My first visit to Redeemer was at Christmas time in 2013. I felt so very welcome as I celebrated the holiday with my sister Becky and her family. The visit to Redeemer just added to a magical

holiday experience. My church I attended in Connersville closed in 2016 and since then I've worshipped online. I cannot express how wonderful it feels to become a member of this congregation.

# Adult Ed

Sunday September 7 - 11:15 a.m.

# Getting to Know You -Jon Disbro-

As a way to deepen our relationships by getting to know each other better, Brad Binau will interview Jon about his life. You'll have a chance to ask questions as well.

#### In-Person and Zoom:

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#### Adult Ed

Sunday September 14 - 11:15 a.m.

# Getting to Know You -Johnobentz Joseph-

As a way to deepen our relationships by getting to know each other better, Pastor Dave will interview Dr. John about his life. You'll have a chance to ask questions as well.

#### In-Person and Zoom:

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Monthly Sunday School for all ages! Sunday, September 14 == 11:15 am

The Education Team has decided to introduce our youth to the country of our new friends from Haiti. The new year of Sunday School begins on September 14 in Fellowship Hall with the youth. We will read the story of "Salma the Syrian Chef" by Danny Ramadan and imagine what it would be like to be a refugee and like in a new Country. Wilfrantz Raymond will prepare a Haitian food for us to taste.



Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 pm
Eastside Brewing Company - Reynoldsburg
1421 Davidson Dr

#### **Senior Choir**

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



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



# Chime Choir

Rehearsals Saturdays - 10:00 am September 13 & 27

Make a joyful noise with us!



**RLC Serves** 

# First English Lutheran Church Community Dinner

Thursday, September 11

Food donations and volunteers needed See *Reflections* for details



LSS Food Pantry

Thursday, September 18 12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger to volunteer



Celebrate Redeemer's 68th Anniversary!

Worship 10:00 am Potluck following worship Sister Act Sing-Along after









September Birthdays:

- 1 Joanie Engel
- 5 Trina Thornton
- 7 Bonnie Hegreness
  - 8 Julie Boreman
    - 8 Tom Kent
- 8 Andrea Steiner
  - 13 Ashley Bird
- 14 Elyce Herring
- 15 Kris Kauffman
- 16 Michele Disbro
  - 18 Bryan Neal
- 20 Paula Carson
- 21 Jenny Peresta
- 24 Adam Darst
- 24 Sheryl Owens
- 26 Sarah Binau
- 27 Becky Fisher
- 27 Karen Rider
- 29 Jennifer Young

#### **OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

**Presiding Minister** David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Mary Benis Jennifer Young Cantor **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent Kathleen Zwanziger **Usher** Verger Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica **Communion Prep** Cathy Oldham, Nancy Magargal Scott Steiner, Judith Bird **Producers** Hospitality Becky Trover, Michelle Clemence

Flowers are given by the **Steiner family** in **celebration of Andrea's Birthday**. The Noisy Offering will go to Sikhone Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya.

### THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 7 – 14

Today		Senior Choir rehearsal
	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	In-Person and Zoom Adult Education
	11:15 am	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	6:30 pm	A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	10:00 am	Remembrance Garden team
Thursday	4:30 pm	RLC at First English Lutheran Church
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
-	10:00 am	Chime Choir rehearsal
	12:00 pm	Hymn Pickin' Team
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages

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