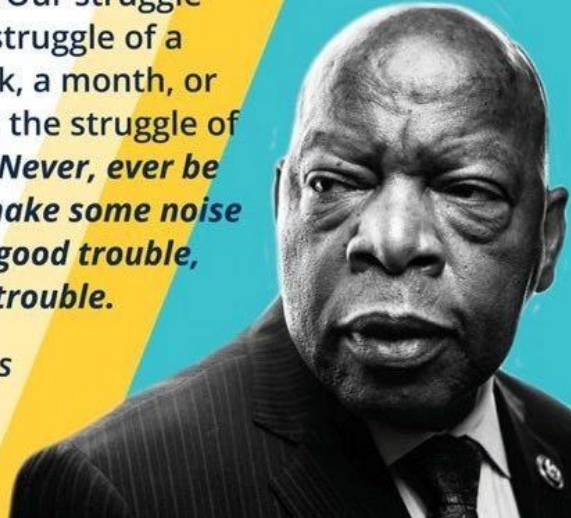


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. *Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.*

– John Lewis



September 21, 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, arr. Mary McDonald

Welcome



Hymn

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; 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

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

Compassionate One, you command us to follow your commandments and live honest lives. Yet in today's gospel, Jesus celebrates the shrewdness of one who can only survive if he disobeys this path. Open us to look clearly at whom laws and policies are designed to protect and whom they seem designed to punish. Broaden our vision for what true love and justice sometimes require. We pray in the name of Jesus, who refused to obey laws or traditions that crushed the lives and dignity of those without power. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Deuteronomy 30:15-19** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

[Through Moses, God says to the people:] Look at what I've done for you today: I've placed in front of you

Life and Good

Death and Evil.

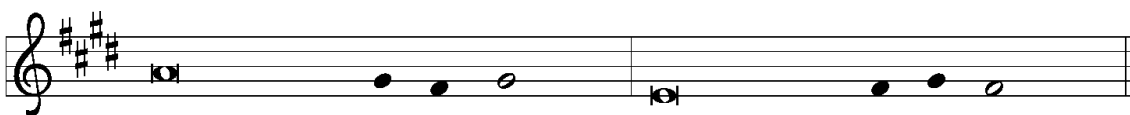
And I command you today: Love God, your God. Walk in God's ways. Keep God's commandments, regulations, and rules so that you will live, really live, live exuberantly, blessed by God, your God, in the land you are about to enter and possess.

But I warn you: If you have a change of heart, refuse to listen obediently, and willfully go off to serve and worship other gods, you will most certainly die. You won't last long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you today: I place before you Life and Death, Blessing and Curse. Choose life so that you and your children will live.

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

Psalm 113



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Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants [|] of the LORD;
praise the name [|] of the LORD.

**Let the name of the [|] LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- [|] evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its [|] going down
let the name of the [|] LORD be praised.

**The LORD is high a- [|] bove all nations;
God's glory a- [|] bove the heavens.**

Who is like the [|] LORD our God,
who sits en- [|] throned on high,

**but stoops [|] to behold
the heavens [|] and the earth?**

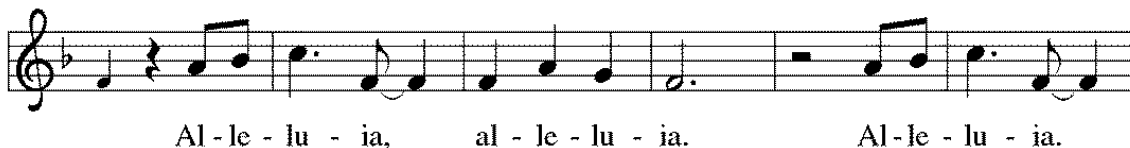
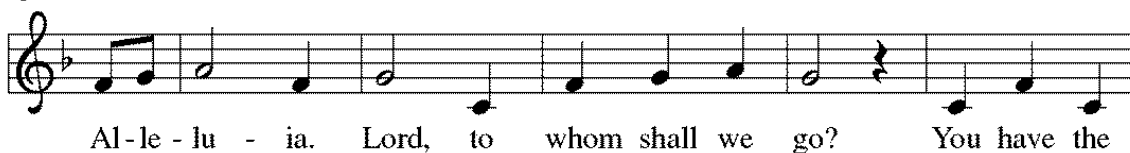
The LORD takes up the weak out [|] of the dust
and lifts up the poor [|] from the ashes,

**enthroning them [|] with the rulers,
with the rulers [|] of the people.**

The LORD makes the woman of a [|] childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. [|] Hallelujah!

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Luke 16:1-9 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? You’re fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What am I going to do? I’ve lost my job as manager. I’m not strong enough for a laboring job, and I’m too proud to beg. . . . Ah, I’ve got a plan. Here’s what I’ll do . . . then when I’m turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.’

“Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“He replied, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’

“The manager said, ‘Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now—write fifty.’

“To the next he said, ‘And you, what do you owe?’

“He answered, ‘A hundred sacks of wheat.’

“He said, ‘Take your bill, write in eighty.’

“Now here’s a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you’ll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

BLACK, AND WHITE, AND A HEALTHY DOSE OF GRAY

Musical Reflection

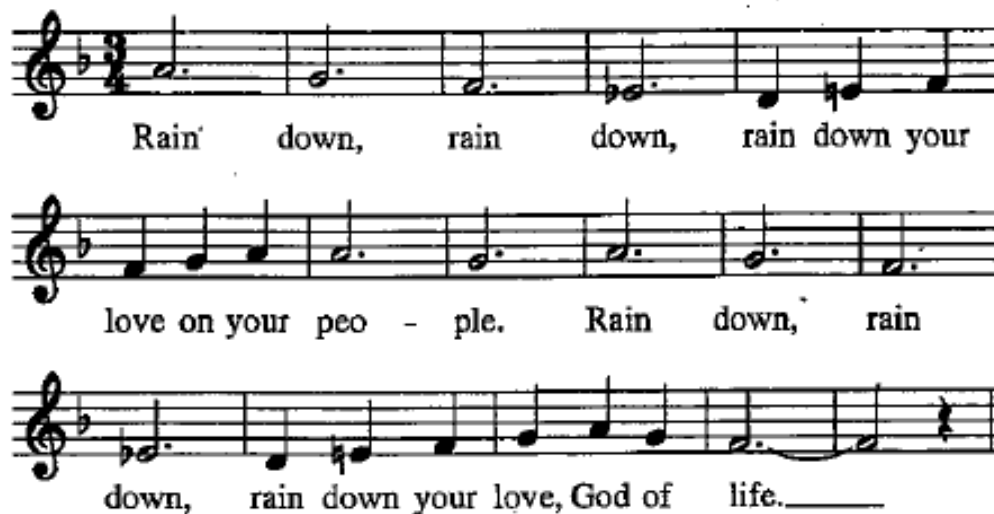
Rain Down

Jaime Cortez, arr. John Carter
Senior Choir and **Congregation**

Based on Psalm 33

Jaime Cortez
Arr. by JOHN CARTER

REFRAIN:



The musical notation for the Refrain is written on three staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is as follows:

Staff 1: Rain' down, rain down, rain down your

Staff 2: love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain

Staff 3: down, rain down your love, God of life._____

CHOIR: REFRAIN

SOLO: Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

CHOIR: God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth.

CHOIR AND CONG. : REFRAIN

CHOIR: We who revere and find hope in our God
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death;
God will not leave us to starve.

CHOIR AND CONG. : REFRAIN

CHOIR: God of creation, we long for your truth;
you are the water of life for our thirst.
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
all of our hope lies in you.

CHOIR AND CONG. : REFRAIN

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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 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, 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, Emily Crosley, the Zimmer family, May and Anita, Ruth Murray and family of her daughter Ellen Rose.

For the people of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington

For Redeemer community member Dottie Odrosky

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

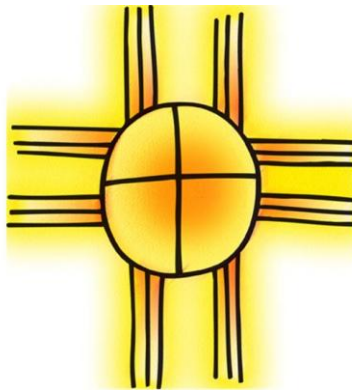
We greet those who are livestreaming with us by waving to the camera in the back of the sanctuary above the choir loft. Then you are encouraged to greet each other in a way that expresses the peace and love of Christ.

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 ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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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, 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:

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.

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

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional



Hymn

We Are an Offering

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING
PM

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Morning Has Broken, arr. John Carter

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TODAY!!!
Celebrate!!!

Celebrate Redeemer's 68th Anniversary!

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

International Day of Peace ☺

Community Sing-along

Imagine an afternoon of singing to **Heal the World**. **All You Need is Love** to join our International Day of Peace Community Sing-along. Don't drive by, **Turn Turn Turn** off of Scottwood and we will say **What a Wonderful World** when you add your voice.



When: Sunday, September 21, 2025
1:00pm–2:00pm
Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church
1555 S. James RD
Columbus, OH 43227
North Lawn, weather permitting
(Rain location: RLC Sanctuary)
Bring: Yourself, a chair, friends
Cost: Free



FREE EVENT



Adult Ed

Sunday September 28 - 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 continue his interview with Dr. John about his life. You'll have a chance to ask questions as well.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>

Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Tuesday Bible Study
**An exploration of things we might
wish weren't in the Gospels.**

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

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Good Neighbors Picnic
Saturday, September 27
Volunteers needed
See *Reflections* for more details



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings
10 am until gone

**IMPACTING
COMMUNITY**

A discussion series for those who want
steps that cause change.

Sunday, September 28

4:30-6:30 pm

Mental Health - ADAMH

Presented by

**First English Lutheran Church
And Urban Connections**

At FELC: 1015 E. Main St
Columbus, OH 43205

See *Reflections* for details

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Connie Criswell
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Cathy Oldham, Nancy Magargal, Michelle C.
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Anniversary Picnic

*Flowers are given by **Kevin Bailey** in memory of **Ruth Ann Bailey**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Sikhone Rescue Centre in Kitengela, Kenya.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 21 – 28

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Anniversary Picnic
	1:00 pm	Day of Peace Sing-Along
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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