

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus' followers did not sit around a fire and listen to lectures on Christian theology. [They] left their old lives and started a new community [shaped by] stories that taught them how to act toward one another [and] what to do in the world .... By doing these things together, they began to see [and believe] differently.

Diana Butler Bass  
*Christianity After Religion*

October 5, 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**

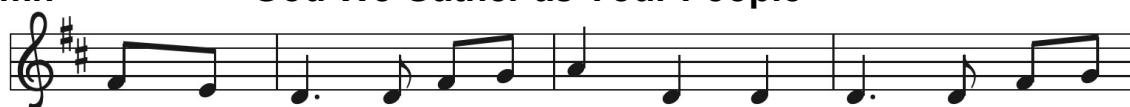
***Prelude on "Slane", arr. Gordon Young***

**Welcome**



# Hymn

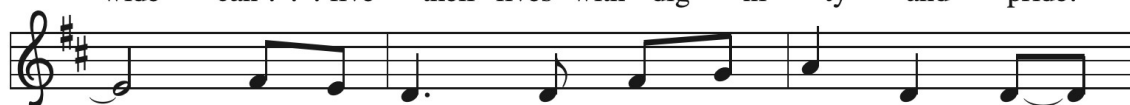
## God We Gather as Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

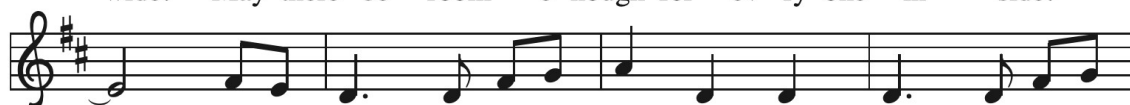
*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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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*

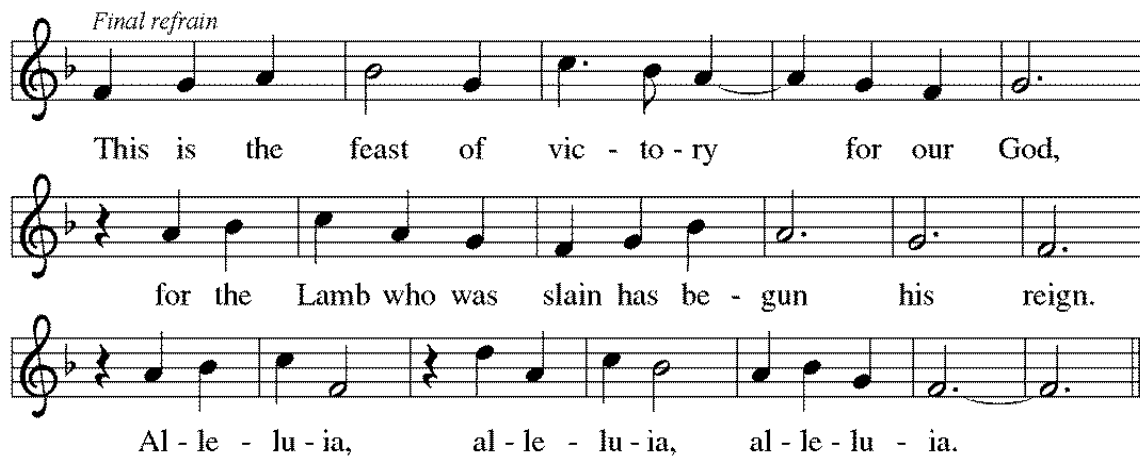
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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.



## Prayer of the Day

Creating One, you invite us to come together in community so we might experience loving people just as they are and being loved just as we are. May we give each other the gift of feeling like we truly belong, and so find the healing and joy that is Jesus' hope for all. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Reading

### 2 Timothy 1:8-14 (The Message)

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

Don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner.

Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us.

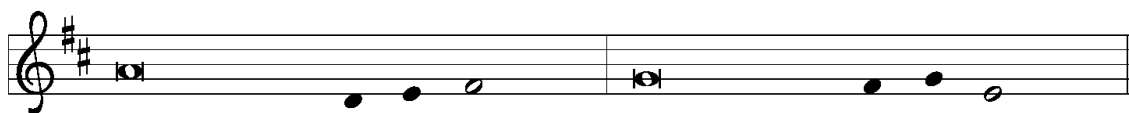
We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it. It was all God's idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life affirmed in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground—the One I've trusted in can take care of what Christ trusted me to do right to the end.

So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

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

## Psalm 137:1-6



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By the waters of Babylon we sat | down and wept,  
when we remembered | you, O Zion.

**As for our harps, we | hung them up  
on the trees in the midst | of that land.**

For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our  
oppressors | called for mirth:

“Sing us one of the | songs of Zion.”

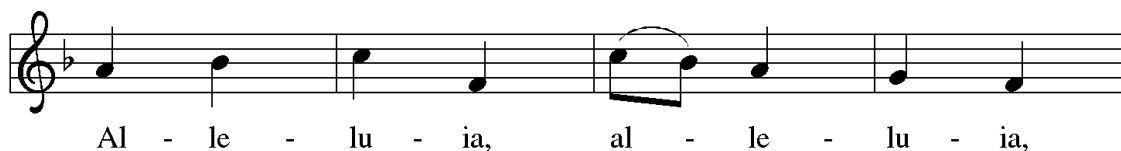
**How shall we sing | the LORD’s song  
upon an | alien soil?**

If I forget you, | O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand for- | get its skill.

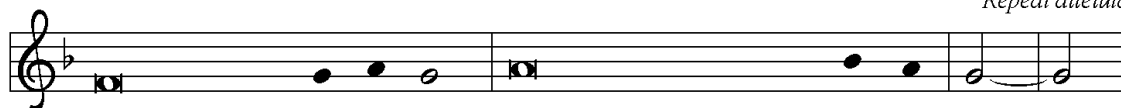
**Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not re- | member  
you,  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my | highest joy.**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



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

## Gospel

**Luke 17:5-10** (Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to Jesus, "Increase our faith!"

Jesus answered, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Uproot yourself and plant yourself in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"If one of you had hired help plowing a field or herding sheep, and they came in from the fields, would you say to them, 'Come and sit at my table?' Wouldn't you say instead, 'Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink afterward'? Would you be grateful to the workers who were just doing their job? It's the same with you who hear me. When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'WE are simple workers. We have done no more than our duty.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Spoken Reflection

***BELONGING, BEHAVING, BELIEVING***

*Meeting the Moment Together*

Julianne Johnson, ***Immigration Support***



## Musical Reflection

***Secure***

Susan Boersma/Craig Courtney  
Senior Choir

A storm is raging, Lord. The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail.  
The wind is blowing, Lord. I cannot hold the course against the gale.  
The light'ning strikes on ev'ry side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.  
Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me.

REFRAIN

I am sinking, Lord. The boat is taking water, going down.  
Part the waters, Lord, I long to plant my feet on solid ground.  
Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, Your hand is reaching out to me,  
I know that You have heard my plea, my hope is sure.

REFRAIN

Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, Your hand is reaching out to me,  
I know that You have heard my plea, I am secure,  
I am secure, I am secure.

## **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, 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, May and Anita Zimmer, Ruth Murray and family, Bill Boys, Grace and Ken Jone and their son Dan Jones.

For the people of Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Emily, Nate, Kathryn, and Caroline Ott



## 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 indeed right and good for us to praise you, Creator God. You made the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation. We give you thanks and praise.

For you, God of all, the church in its many forms and countless languages honors its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the joy of worship.

Beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of Mystery.

So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

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

We remember on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his closest friends for a meal. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this and eat: this is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave it to his friends, 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."

As we prepare to eat the meal Jesus offers, we join in the words he teaches us to 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.**

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine. Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love healing, redeeming, making us whole. And through them let us together become, for you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills and always being transformed until we and all humanity resemble the One whose food we now share.

## 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

## O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

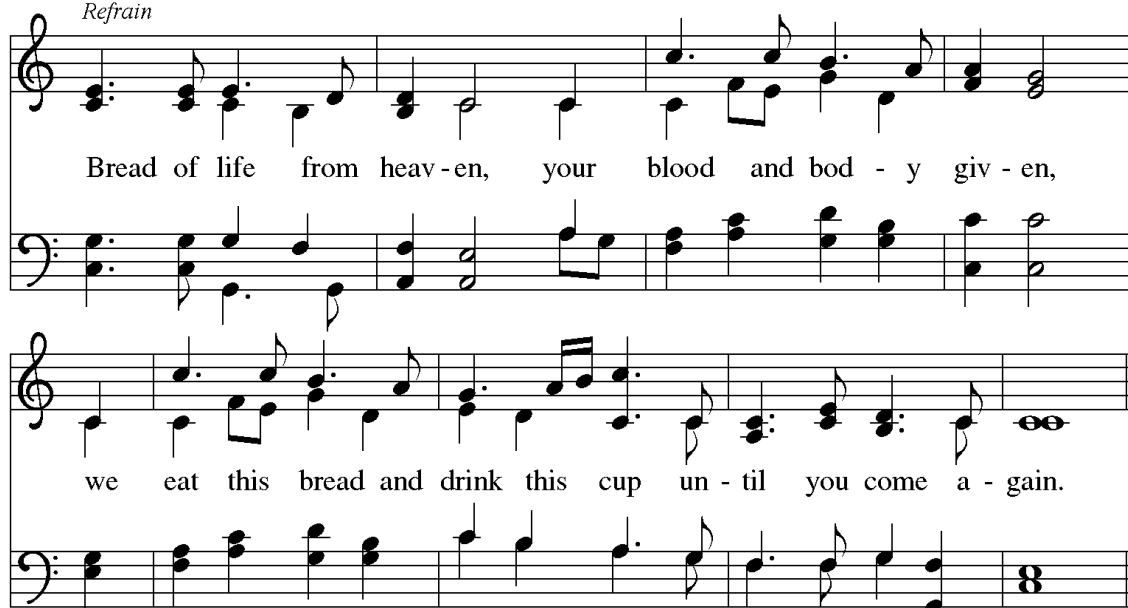
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 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898



# Hymn

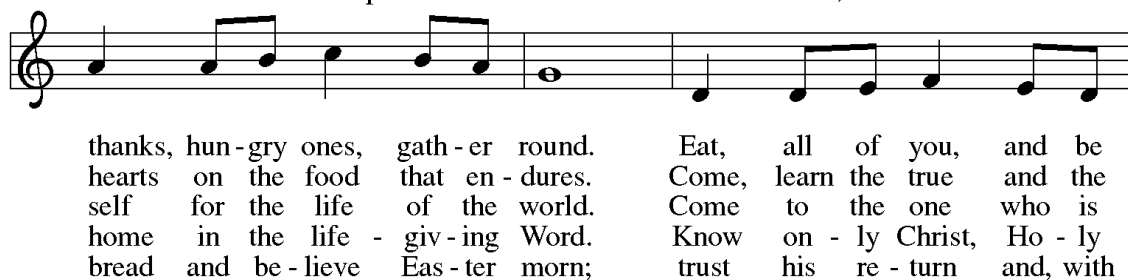
## Bread of Life from Heaven

*Refrain*



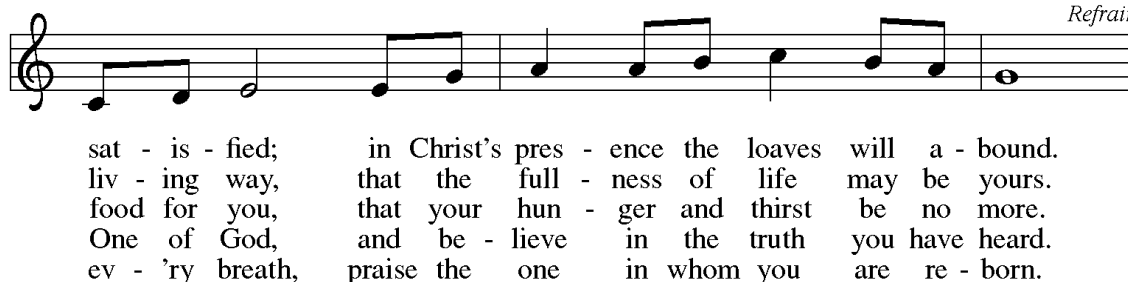
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

*Refrain*



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share. Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love.

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### 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

## Blessing

**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Postlude

***God of Grace and Glory***, arr. Anna Laura Page

## Adult Ed

Sunday October 5 & 12 - 11:15 a.m.

### What We Can (and Can't) Say About God

Join us to watch an episode of the "*Faith for Normal People*" podcast with guest Janet Williams.

She will discuss a branch of theology which explores what we can and can't say about God, and how there are things we both need to say and unsay.

We'll divide the one-hour podcast into two weeks to leave plenty of time for discussion.

In-Person and Zoom:

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

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Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

TODAY == 11:15 am

Join us for:



Blessing of  
the Animals

(pets & animals of all sizes are welcome -  
from schnauzers to snakes!)

Sunday, October 5, 2025

2:00-4:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church lawn





**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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***Meeting the Moment Together***

**Dedication of Commitment Cards**

**10 am worship**

**Sunday, October 26**

**KEY ELECTION DATES**

**November 3, 2025**

***Deadline to Register to Vote: 9:00 pm October 6***

Check your voter registration status at:

<https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

Register to vote or update your registration online at:

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/register/>

***Absentee Voting begins: October 7***

Deadline for *mail ballots* to be personally delivered to your

County Board of Elections: **November 3, 7:30 pm**

Deadline for boards to receive *mail-ballots* that have been postmarked on or before November 3: **November 8**

***Early In-Person Voting: October 7-November 2.*** See hours and full schedule at

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/2024-schedule/>

***Election Day: November 3 (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)***



**October Birthdays:**

2 - Ryland Neal

4 - Misato In

4 - May Schwartz

9 - Bill Boys

9 - Eileen Welker

11 - Sue Watson

11 - Thea Barbour Harms

16 - Eileen Day

19 - Renee McFarland

19 - Miles Smith

23 - Skye Andree

23 - Sandra Keaton

24 - Bret Day

25 - Madeline Gosnell

26 - Kennedy Jacobs

26 - Avery Martin

26 - Krista Skipper

27 - Brad Phillips

29 - Jeremy Davis

30 - Brad Binau

31 - John Caron

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Emily Ott
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Judith Bird
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Misato In, Kathleen Zwanziger
<b>Producers</b>	Miles Smith, Tom Mimplitch
<b>Hospitality</b>	Kay Ernsthause

*Flowers are given by **Brad Binau and Ann Palmerton** celebrating their **37<sup>th</sup> anniversary**.  
The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 5 – 12

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
<b>Monday</b>	4:30 pm	ZOOM Executive Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:15 pm	Outreach Team
<b>Friday-Sunday</b>		Sister Act Retreat, Hopewood Pines
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
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