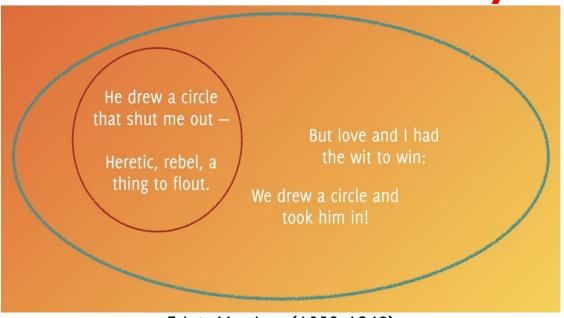




Reformation Sunday



Edwin Markham (1852-1940)

October 26, 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.

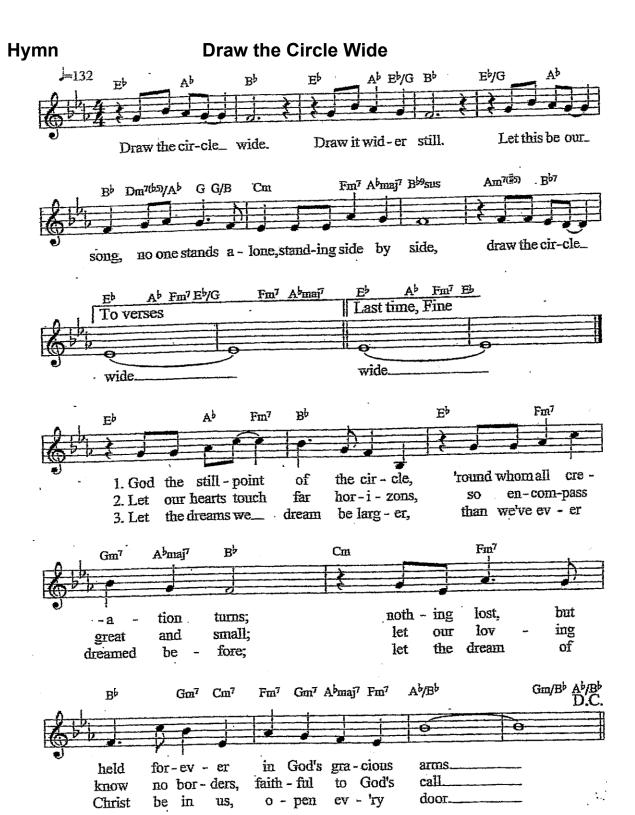
WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome





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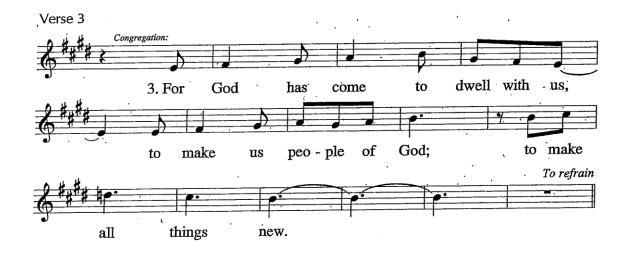
Greeting

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

Glorious God, on this Reformation Sunday, we sing the miracle of your grace that names all creation *beloved*. Open us to receive your grace. Let it change us, so we might truly see ourselves and others held in your embrace – that circle from which no one is excluded, that circle in which all can come alive.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Sirach 35:12-17

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Sirach

Give to the Most High as the Most High has given to you and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays, and will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer God a bribe, for God will not accept it, and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice,

for the Lord is the judge,

in whom there is no partiality.

God will not show partiality to the poor,

but will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

God will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

Psalm 84:1-7



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How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | LORD of hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may I lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be | praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength | is in you, whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

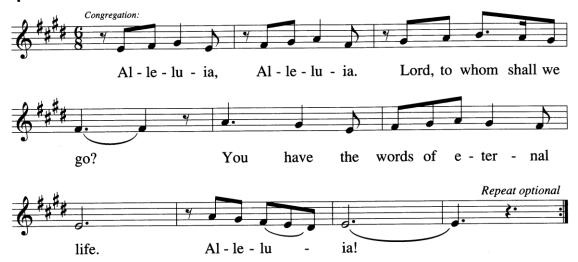
Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

They will climb from ¹ height to height, and the God of gods will be ¹ seen in Zion.



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Luke 18:10-14a (New Living Translation, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this story. "Two people went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood alone and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even look up to heaven. Praying in sorrow, the tax collector prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

TO LIMIT GRACE WOULD BE TO LIMIT GOD

Meeting the Moment Together

Kay Ernsthausen, Food Ministries

Dedication of 2026 Commitment Cards



Musical Reflection Ask Ye What Great Things I Know

arr. Jason W. Krug

Chime Choir

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 sister Kleta Childs, 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, Bill Boys, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott's son-in-law Russ Ward

For the people of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Columbus For Redeemer community members Kathy and Rich Pautsch

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.

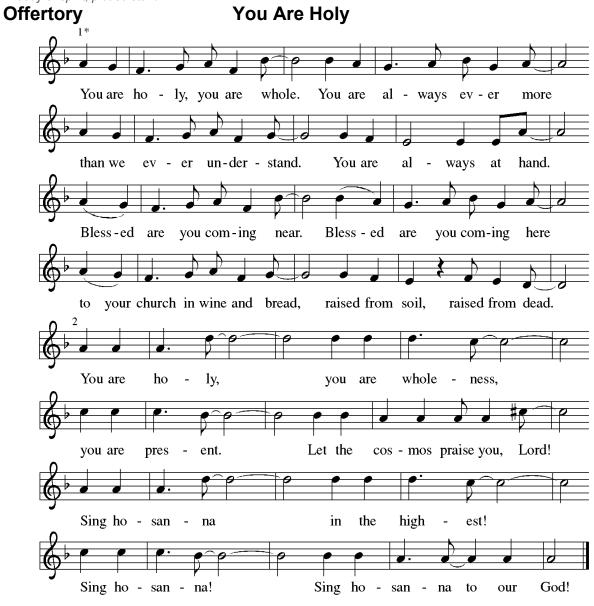
If you do not wish close contact, offer a sign of blessing to others to let them know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

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.





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Great Thanksgiving

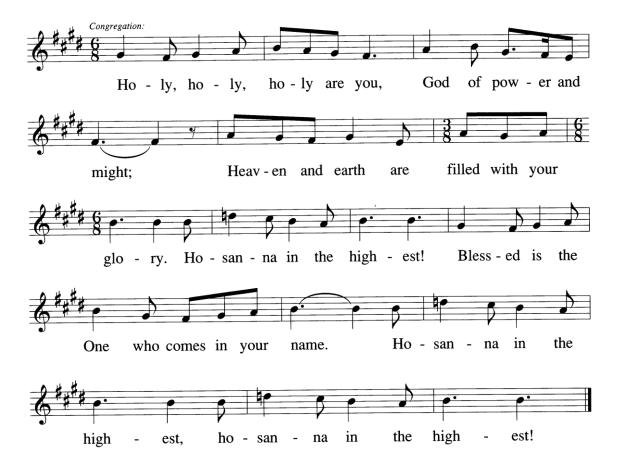


It is indeed right and good for us to praise you, Creator God. You made the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation. We give you thanks and praise.

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.



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.

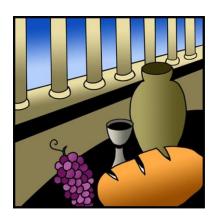
Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine. Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love healing, redeeming, making us whole. And through them let us together become, for you, your 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

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu



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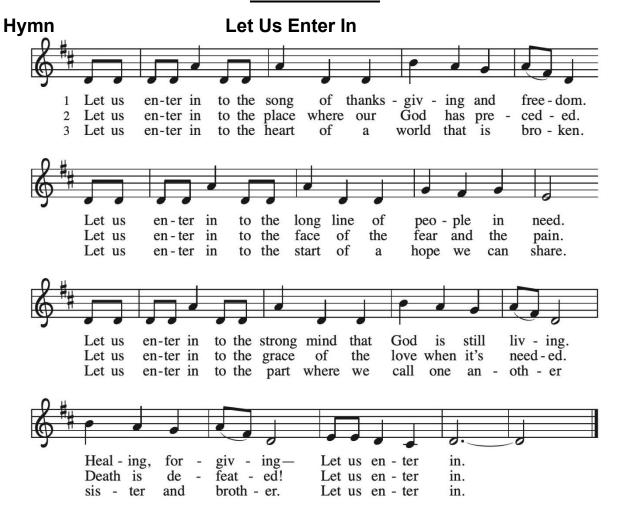
Please stand in body or spirit

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



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Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress, arr. Mark Hayes

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Adult Ed

Sunday October 26 - 11:15 a.m.

The Christian Movement that is Threatening Our Democracy?

A Podcast Conversation with Dr. Matthew D. Taylor on Christian Nationalism

Join us after worship to watch part of a conversation with the author of *The Violent Take it by Force: The Christian Movement that is Threatening Our Democracy.* This will help all of us understand essential aspects of the Christian Nationalism movement that is becoming increasingly powerful in this country.

To watch this in advance of the class, or if you can't join in person, enter this address in your web browser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMtw3eUb8xs

In-Person and Zoom:

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Adult Ed

Sunday November 2 - 11:15 a.m.

Getting to Know You -Bill Boys-

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

In-Person and Zoom:

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IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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

Sunday, October 26 4:30-6:30 pm

Voting Issues - League of Women Voters

Presented by First English Lutheran Church And Urban Connections

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

See *Reflections* for details



Care Kits for unhoused persons

Sunday School members will be assembling Care Kits for the unhoused that Redeemer folks can take and hand out to those they might see on the street corners.

We're asking for donations from the congregation:

- small bottles of lotion
- hand warmers
- soft breakfast bars
- small packets of wipes or
- small bottles of hand sanitizer
- quart-size zipper baggies

There is a box in the narthex for Care

Kit donations.



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

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

 ${\tt https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81952034409?pwd=IsIzRLXkWC}$

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You are encouraged to use a reusable cloth bag. Shopping lists are also printed out for your use.

Bags should be returned to RLC no later than November 17.

KEY ELECTION DATES November 4, 2025

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

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/2025-schedule/

Election Day: November 4 (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)





Pastor Bob Abrams of the Southern Ohio Synod Staff will be preaching on November 9

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister David Shull, Pastor **Assisting Minister** Michelle Clemence ASL Interpreter **Emily Ott** Al Rider Cantor **Organist & Senior Choir Director** Kathy Rapp **Pianist & Chime Choir Director** Karen Kent **Usher** Mike Benis Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Verger **Communion Prep** Misato In, Kathleen Zwanziger **Producers** Michele Disbro, April Smith Hospitality Stewardship Team

Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird** celebrating **daughter-in-law Sarah Sed's birthday**. The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 2

Today	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
Tuesday	11:00 am	Member Care Team
•	1:00 pm	In-Person and Zooм Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team
Next Sunday		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
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	10:00 am	In-Person and Livestream Worship
		with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Christmas Pageant Writing Session



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