

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Tikkun olam: the call to help mend the world

November 16, 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 ***If You Will Only Let God Guide You***, arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome



Hymn

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

1 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and like a
 2 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with lov - ing
 3 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands like bread we
 4 Give thanks for strong - yet ten - der - hands, held out in
 5 Reach out in friend - ship, stay, with faith, in touch with

treas - ure hold it; pro - tect it like a
 ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your
 break for shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly
 trust and bless - ing. Where words fall short, let
 those a - round you. Put peace in - to each

can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.
 words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.
 in the eye: our life is meant for car - ing.
 hands speak out, the heights of love ex - press - ing.
 oth - er's hands: the Peace that sought and found you.

Words: Fred Kaan, 1929–2009
 Music: Irish melody; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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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 call us to imagine new heavens and a new earth, a beloved community in which all enjoy abundant lives. We know we cannot wait for you to bring that about. You call all humanity to join as partners in mending the torn fabric of your beautiful world. Open each one of us to claim the gifts we have that can mend one of those tears, and so the world can be a bit freer of want and fear, and more can celebrate the goodness of this life.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

[God said these words through Isaiah to the people of Judea, who had returned from sixty years of exile in Babylon]

“Pay close attention now:

I'm creating new heavens and a new earth.

All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain
are things of the past, to be forgotten.

Look ahead with joy.

Anticipate what I'm creating:

I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy,
create my people as pure delight.

I'll take joy in Jerusalem,
take delight in my people:

no more sounds of weeping in the city,
no cries of anguish;

no more babies dying in the cradle,
or old people who don't enjoy a full lifetime;

one-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—anything less will seem like a cheat.

They'll build houses
and move in.

They'll plant fields
and eat what they grow.

No more building a house
that some outsider takes over,

no more planting fields
that some enemy confiscates,
for my people will be as long-lived as trees,
my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their work.

They won't work and have nothing come of it,
 they won't have children snatched out from under them.
 For they themselves are plantings blessed by God,
 with their children and grandchildren likewise God-blessed.
 Before they call out, I'll answer.
 Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard.
 Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow,
 lion and ox eat straw from the same trough,
 but snakes—they'll get a diet of dirt!
 Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill
 anywhere on my Holy Mountain," says God.

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

Psalm 12

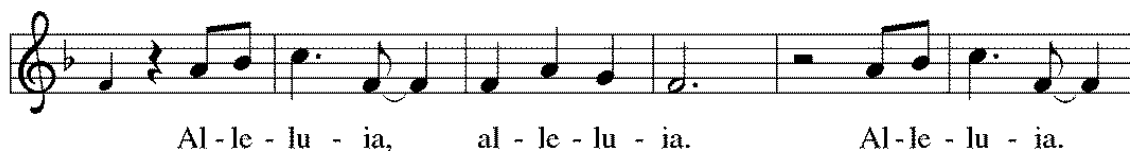
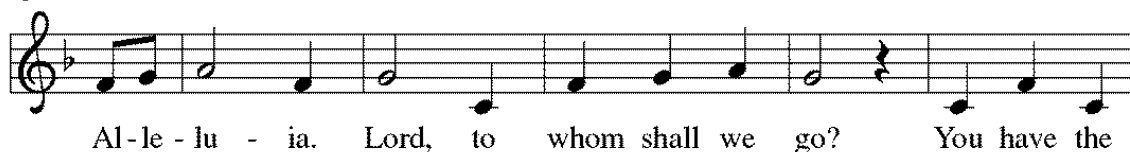


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Help me, LORD, for there is no god- | ly one left;
 the faithful have vanished | from among us.
People tell lies | to each other;
they use smooth words but speak from a | double heart.
 May the Lord cut off all | lips that flatter,
 and the tongues | that speak boastfully—
those who say, “With our tongue we | will prevail;
our lips are our own; who is lord | over us?”
 “Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry | out in misery,
 I will rise up,” says the LORD, “and give them the | help they long for.”
The words of the | LORD are pure,
like silver refined from ore and purified seven times | in the fire.
 O LORD, watch | over us
 and save us from this genera- | tion forever.
The wicked prowl on | every side,
and everyone prizes that | which is worthless.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Luke 21:5-19 (The Message, inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

One day people were standing around talking about the Temple, remarking how beautiful it was, the splendor of its stonework and memorial gifts.

Jesus said, "All this you're admiring so much—the time is coming when every stone in that building will end up in a heap of rubble."

They asked him, "Teacher, when is this going to happen? What clue will we get that it's about to take place?"

He said, "Watch out for the doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, 'I'm the One,' or, 'The end is near.' Don't fall for any of that. When you hear of wars and uprisings, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history and no sign of the end."

He went on, "Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over.

Huge earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines.

You'll think at times that the very sky is falling.

"But before any of this happens, they'll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone at your throat because you carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters.

"You'll even be turned in by parents, siblings, relatives, and friends. Some of you will be killed. There's no telling who will hate you because of me. Even so, every detail of your body and soul—even the hairs of your head!—is in my care; nothing of you will be lost. Staying with it—that's what is required. Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

THE IMPOSSIBLE WILL TAKE A LITTLE WHILE

"Our locating ourselves with those who have been endlessly excluded becomes an act of visible protest. For no amount of our screaming at the people in charge can change them. The margins don't get erased by simply insisting that the powers that be erase them. The trickle-down theory doesn't really work here. The powers bent on waging war against the poor and young and "other" will only be moved to kinship when they see it. Only when we can see a community where all that is excluded is valued and appreciated, will we abandon the values that seek to exclude."

*Father Greg Boyle, Founder of Homeboy Industries,
which has helped thousands of gang members in Los Angeles imagine they could leave their violent
pasts behind and create new heavens and a new earth here and now.*

Musical Reflection

Luther's Morning Prayer

Carl Schalk
Choir

I thank you, heavenly Father,
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You kept me safely through the night,
And brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray,
And keep me safe from Satan's sway
That all I think or do or say
Please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend
My body and soul until life's end.
Your angel keep me safe from harm
Until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.



Statement of Faith

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 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, the Bradley family, 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 Grace of God Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Kathy and Bob Rapp

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 ÄR 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'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 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

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Hymn

When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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

Abundant Life

1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flow'rs grow-ing,
2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and, wea-ry, wait for morn-ing,
3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-at-ing

for we are part of all that is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing,
when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing,
a fu-ture free from want and fear, life's good-ness cel-e-brat-ing.

With o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion,
God calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bor,
That new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-or,

that all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-'ry earth-ly na-tion,
that all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bor,
that all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1984, 1989
MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Hymn to Joy, arr. Charles Callahan

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Sundays November 9-30 - 11:15 a.m.

Exploring Your Spirituality


"**Spirituality**" is a word we hear a lot these days. But what is it? And how might we explore what it could be for us, and how paying attention to it might change our lives?

Kelley Frank and Dave Shull invite you on a four-week journey to explore your spirituality. Both of them are in the second year of a training program to become spiritual directors, and look forward to sharing with you some of what they've discovered, and engaging you in conversation about bringing your faith more alive.

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbaqxGY44GXcU.1>
Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Poinsettia orders due November 23
Pick up an order envelope from the hallway bulletin board



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

Tuesdays + 1:00pm
In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81952034409?pwd=IsLzRLXkWCVvjlAgAzG6mvTT2N9uIR.1>
Meeting ID: 819 5203 4409
Passcode: 781179
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Annual Assembly
November 17 = 7:00 pm
St. Josephine Bakhita
Catholic Church
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, November 19
10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex
Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Sister Act **PLANNING FOR 2026**

Wednesday, November 19 – 6:30 pm

*For more information see **Reflections** or
contact Michele Disbro*

Please join us for fellowship and service

IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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

Sunday, November 23
4:30-6:30 pm
Refugees & Immigration [CRIS]

Presented by
First English Lutheran Church
And Urban Connections

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

See **Reflections** for details



Sunday, November 23
following worship
To elect Council officers for 2026



Birthdays this week:
19 – Carolyn Klopfer
20 – Zak Hinkle-Moore
21 – Andy Jacobs

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Emily Kent
Reader	Kelley Frank
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Lynn Belhorn, Karen Rider
Producers	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Bruce Collins** in memory of **Karen**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Huckleberry House.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 16 – 23

Today	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	7:00 pm	BREAD Assembly, St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Church
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	5:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner
	6:30 pm	Sister Act Planning Meeting
Friday	6-9:00 pm	Edwina Bradley visitation, Diehl-Whittaker Funeral Home
Saturday	9:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Edwina Bradley visitation
	11:00 am	Memorial Service
	Noon	Luncheon
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Congregational Election meeting
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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