



Redeemer
Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ congregation,
celebrating the diversity of God's children
and fostering understanding
and healing in community



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Laura James, *Sermon on the Mount*, 2010

February 8, 2026 + 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.
- 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.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

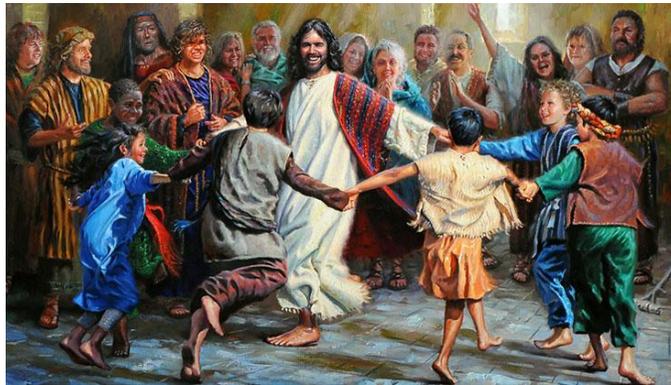
Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Healer of Our Every Ill

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Sing Out, Earth and Skies!

Leader All

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who

loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!

Dance to the life a - round you!

Text: Marty Haugen

Music: SING OUT, Marty Haugen

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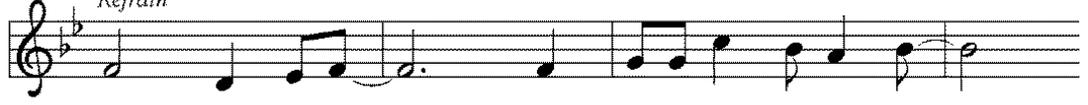
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Greeting

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.



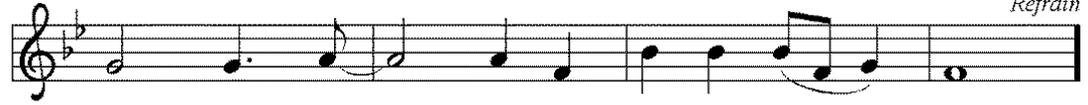
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



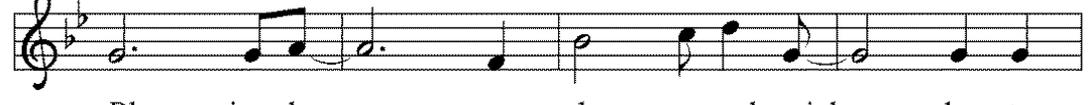
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



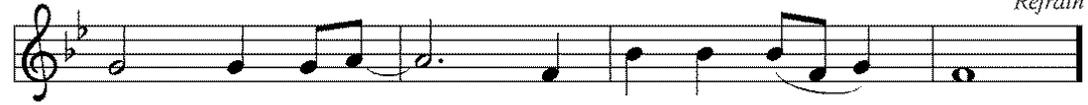
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



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. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
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Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Isaiah 58:1-9-12** (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Shout out; do not hold back!
 Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
 Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.
 Yet day after day they seek me
 and delight to know my ways,
 as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
 they ask of me righteous judgments;
 they want God on their side.
 “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
 Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
 Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
 and oppress all your workers.
 You fast only to quarrel and to fight
 and to strike with a wicked fist.
 Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm 112:1-10



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Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

**For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast
forever;

they will hold up their | head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel **Matthew 5:13-20** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

***DON'T FORFEIT YOUR INFLUENCE:
SALT THAT STILL SEASONS, LIGHT THAT STILL SHINES***
Rev. Teddy Ceasar

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

Let us pray....

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, 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 and Trina Thornton, Kelley's mother Charlotte Frank, family of Karen Rider's niece Tammy and Karen's friend Betsy Wagner, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie 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 sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Drusanne Shaulis; Don Luck, family of Heidi Sherer's uncle Steve Sherer. Barbara Hairston, WilFrantz Raymond's sister Cheslie; Greg Williams

For the people of St. John Lutheran Church in London

For Redeemer community members Damon and Derek Stewart

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug. For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

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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During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in His name.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

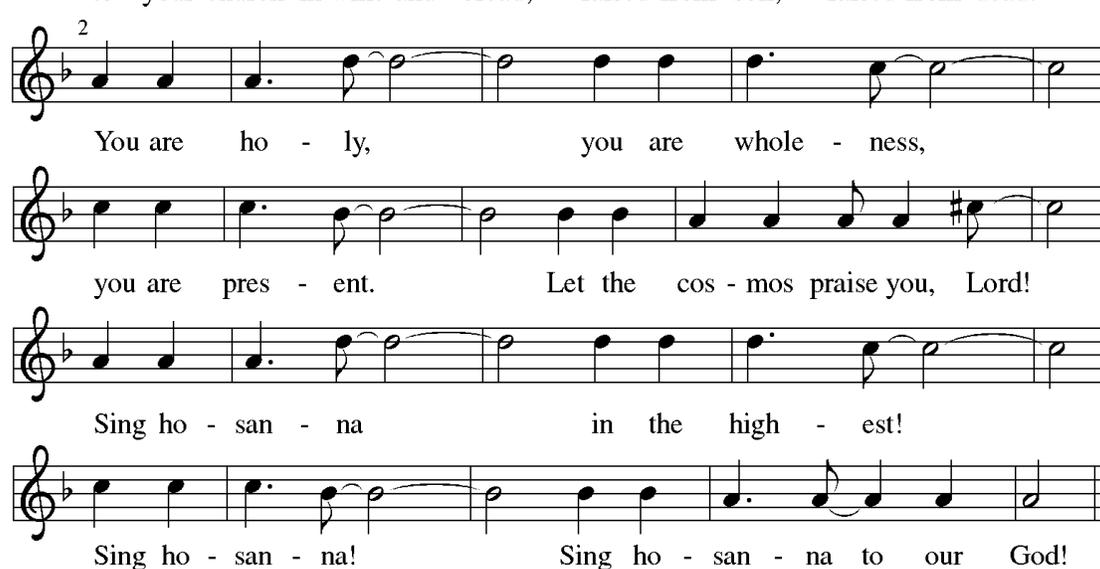
You Are Holy

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

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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.

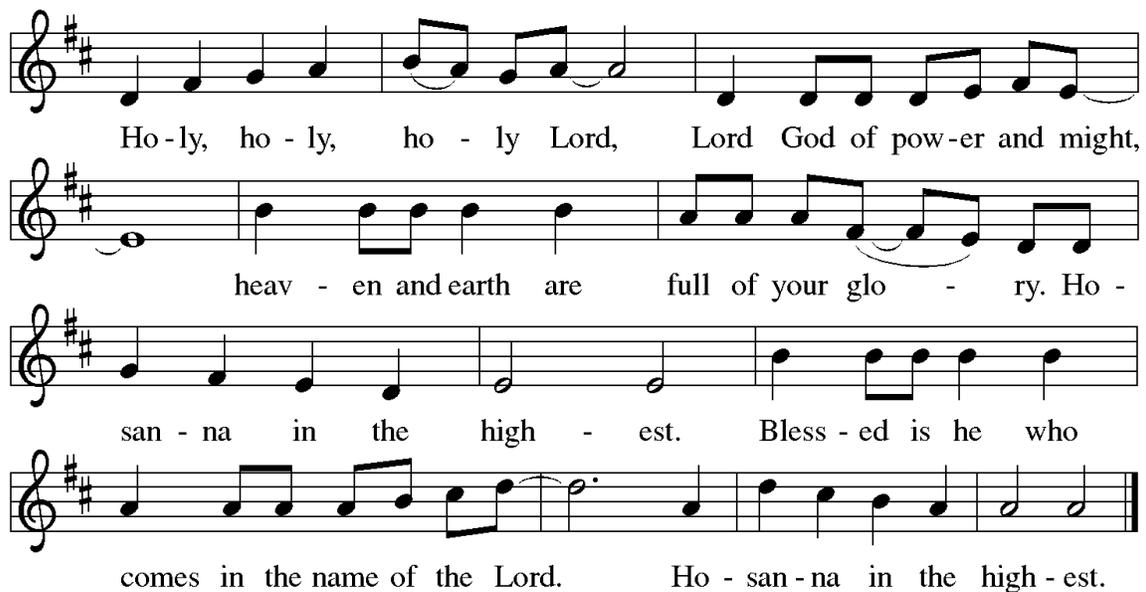
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an unknown young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the painful uncertainty of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus 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, Jesus took the 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. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

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.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

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

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

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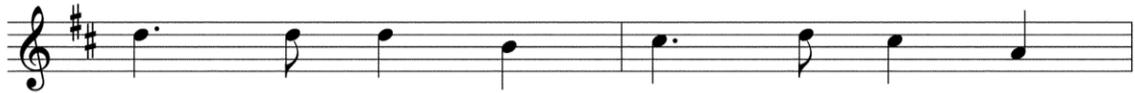


Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses



- 1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
- 2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
- 3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
- 4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,



Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,
 How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
 Ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,
 Teach us all your way of heal - ing,

D.C.



Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
 Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
 Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
 Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

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Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh. oh.

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

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Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Mark Hayes
Piano Duet

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

For Pastoral Care contact Pastor Julianne Smeck (734-972-6126)



This morning we welcome **Rev. Teddy Ceasar**.

Pastor Teddy earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the University of Cincinnati and Master of Divinity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

Pastor Teddy fills diverse roles within education and athletics, coaching high school football and serving as a Social Studies teacher. He further serves on the Board of Directors for CelebrateOne, a City of Columbus initiative to combat infant mortality.

In 2012, Pastor Teddy relaunched the Destiny Church International in Columbus, Ohio—an outgrowth of the ministry founded by his late mother in 2004. Under his leadership, the church remains a beacon of hope and transformation.

Since 2014, he has been happily married to Attorney Kathleen Ceasar. Together, they are the proud parents of their daughter, Atarah, who remains a great source of joy.

CALL TO ACTION

When: Wednesday, February 11th at 8:45 AM

Where: ICE Office, 675 Brooksedge Blvd, Westerville, OH 43081

Please come show support for **Miriam** as she attends her yearly report appointment. Miriam, who previously lived in sanctuary at First English, has her annual check-in, and her support group is asking for people to gather in the parking lot to stand with her. Given the current immigration climate, your presence is greatly appreciated.

Adult Ed

Sunday February 8 - 11:15 a.m.

Getting to Know You ~Krista Skipper~

As a way to deepen our relationships by getting to know each other better, this series offers a way to hear from folks about their lives.

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328796239?pwd=1QGr6l9wrPHlkYbamlBHVeQWaMznVu.1>

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Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, February 8 == 11:15 am



Sunday

February 8

*Vote for your favorite team
as you support LSS Food Pantry*

Bowls will be available thru

February 22



A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm

Milo's Deli
410 W Town Street



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

February 15

11:15 am

IN-PERSON only
Light Luncheon
following



Sister Act

*Igniting Your Fire
by Pursuing Your Passions*

PURSUING ADVOCACY
Wednesday, February 11
6:30 pm

*For more information see Reflections
or contact Michele Disbro*

*Please join us for fellowship and
service*

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LSS Food Pantry

Thursday, February 19
12:30-4:00 pm

**Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer**

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Dr. Emlyn Ott
Preaching	Rev. Teddy Ceasar
Assisting Minister	Julianne Johnson
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Emily Ott
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Diane Brobeck, David Williams
Producers	Miles Smith, Tom Mimplitch
Hospitality	Laura and Terry Warren

The Noisy Offering will go to LSS Choices.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 8 – 15

Today	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
Tuesday	6:30 pm	A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sister Act – Pursuing Advocacy
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir rehearsal
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON only RLC Annual Congregational Meeting



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Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community