

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 21, 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.
- **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

Pastorale on Foundation, arr. Jan Linker

Welcome



Hymn

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship 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



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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading **Jeremiah 20:7-13** (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means!

How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

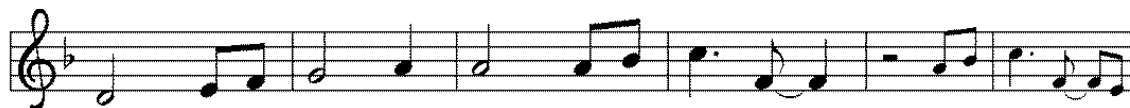
May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

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.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel **Matthew 10:24-39** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Hoster

Musical Reflection

God of Little Things

Bjorlin / Brody
Al Rider

In one of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sermons, he preached, "We must not be tempted to confuse spiritual power and large numbers. Jumboism...is an utterly fallacious standard for measuring positive power... A larger membership does not necessarily represent a correspondingly increased commitment to Christ. Almost always the creative, dedicated minority has made the world better." In our age of consumerism / late capitalism, King's words are more relevant than ever. This is my attempt to show the biblical tradition's commitment to, and belief in, the little things of the world that have, can, and will transform it.

God of little things—
the seed we barely see
that sprouts up from a tiny shoot
to form a mighty tree—
accept our seedling faith,
the scarcity we sow;
and God of little things,
come help our smallness grow.

God of little things—
a lunch of fish and bread
that, blessed and broken by our child,
can keep five thousand fed—
receive our meager faith,
the truth we trust the least;
and God of little things,
from smallness make a feast.

God of little things—
the sparrow in her flight
whose rise and fall, though seen by few,
is precious in your sight—
inspire our fledgling faith
to open and take wing;
for God of little things,
you make our smallness sing.

God of little things
who nurtures what seems small
to raise and tend a boundless reign
with room enough for all:
expand our bounded faith
beyond its narrow scope,
for God of little things,
in smallness blossoms hope.

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, 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, Sue, Tim, and Lisa Watson, Heidi Carman, Debbie Turner’s friends Sherrie and Jim Tompkins, Grace and Ken Jones and their son Dan Jones, Emily Crosley, Bill Boys, Ranel and Neil Hoddinott’s sister and brother-in-law Paulie and Jerry Shaffer, Barbara Hairston; WilFrantz Raymond’s sister Cheslie; Don Luck, Greg Williams, Kathy and Tom Mimlitch’s daughter Holly Ragland, Nate and Alyssha Bird, Linda Williams’ sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, David Williams, Karen Rider’s friends Nancy McGinnis, Karen McCune, and Eileene Welker, LaVerna Reinoehl, Maddie Sutphin’s friends Jan and Jerry, Redeemer Call Committee
For the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Heath.
For Redeemer community member Lynn Belhorn.

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

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

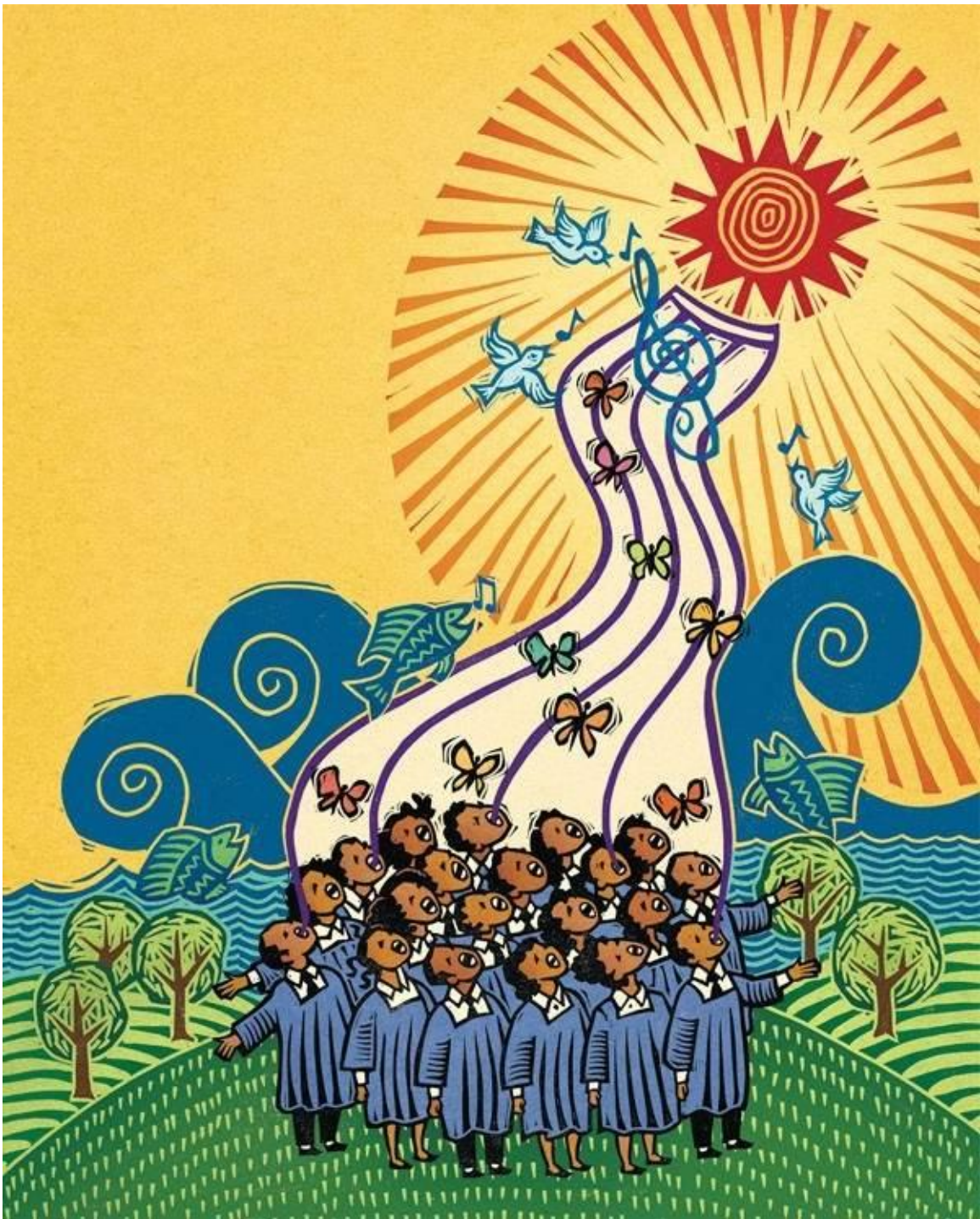
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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;
 fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,
 let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***Allegro on Foundation*, arr. Jan Linker**

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**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Tuesday Bible Study 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=i1N0WY0J2Ycrx1B2nv4inekcgFnkhZ.1>

Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077

Passcode: 338045



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

**Saturday mornings
10 am until gone**

Summer Read

Wednesdays

June 24 – July 22

7-8:30 pm



John Fugelsang

**The Separation of Church and Hate:
A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back
the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists,
and Flock-Fleecing Frauds**

June 24 Intro through chapter 3

July 2 Chapters 4 and 5

July 8 Chapters 6 and 7

July 15 Chapters 8 through 10

July 22 Chapter 11 through the end

The book provides practical guidance for engaging in conversations with family, friends, or coworkers who use religion to justify harmful beliefs. Fugelsang combines humor, biblical knowledge, and political insight to reveal inconsistencies in fundamentalist arguments and to encourage debates grounded in compassion and reason.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936382605?pwd=qD9ZN CX6gcHB4Q478Xj00YFG8UzvIg.1>

Meeting ID: **889 3638 2605**== Passcode: **721097**

Phone only: **312 626 6799**



Summer Basketball Camp

June 15 – July 22

Registration still open!

Contact the church office



Fans! Fans! and more Fans!

The Outreach Team is sponsoring the collection of **box fans** to be distributed to those in need. The goal for this year is **175 fans** – or *more!*

You may either donate fans [watch for sales!] or make a monetary contribution for the purchase of fans – just put “fans” in the check memo.

If you have questions, contact Julianne Johnson.



Envelopes available on bulletin table in sanctuary. Your monetary support is much appreciated!



Good Neighbors Picnic Saturday, September 26

Now collecting cold weather items: blankets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.

Collection bins are in the cloakroom



Wednesday July 29

7:00 pm

Join us for an evening at Huntington Park.

Tickets \$11

Sign up by **July 15** so we know how many group tickets to purchase.

See Reflections for details.



Birthdays this week:

23 – Nathaniel Bird

24 – Andy Day

26 – Eric Reinoehl

27 – Micheline Saint Felix

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
ASL Interpreter	Nancy Boone
Cantor	Al Rider
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kathleen Zwanziger, Krista Skipper, Karen Rider
Producers	Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro
Hospitality	Judith and Ashley Bird

*Flowers are given by **Judith and Ashley Bird** in honor of **Nate's birthday**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity MidOhio.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 21 – 28

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	Summer Book Group
Thursday	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion

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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
Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice