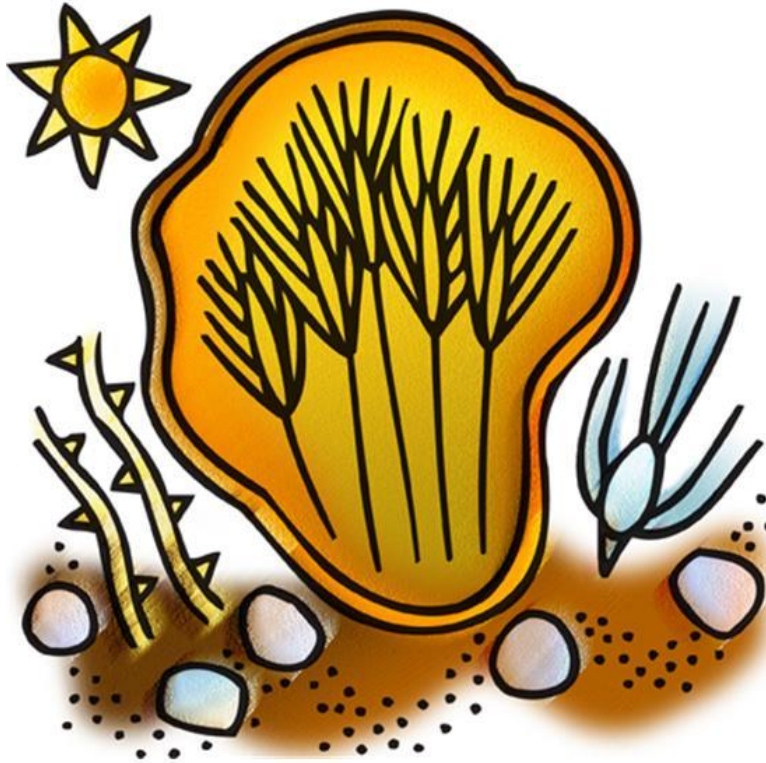


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



July 12, 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

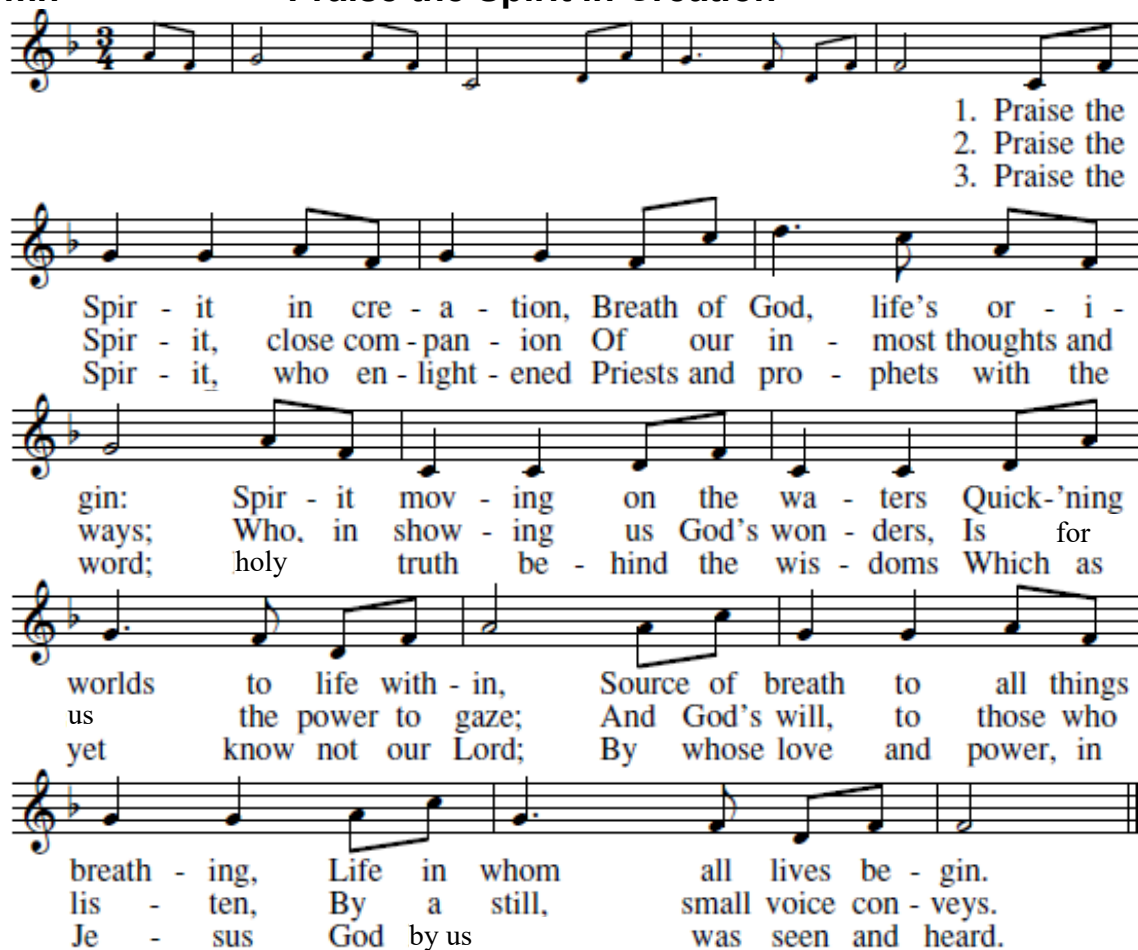
For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. John Carter

Welcome



Hymn

Praise the Spirit in Creation



1. Praise the
2. Praise the
3. Praise the

Spir - it in cre - a - tion, Breath of God, life's or - i -
Spir - it, close com - pan - ion Of our in - most thoughts and
Spir - it, who en - light - ened Priests and pro - phets with the
gin: Spir - it mov - ing on the wa - ters Quick-'ning
ways; Who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, Is for
word; holy truth be - hind the wis - doms Which as
worlds to life with - in, Source of breath to all things
us the power to gaze; And God's will, to those who
yet know not our Lord; By whose love and power, in
breath - ing, Life in whom all lives be - gin.
lis - ten, By a still, small voice con - veys.
Je - sus God by us was seen and heard.

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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-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

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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



Psalm 65:1-13



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You are to be praised, O ¹ God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ¹ be fulfilled.

**To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness¹ of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

You still the roaring ^l of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ^l of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
your ¹ marvelous signs;

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ¹ full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹ for the earth.

**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

You crown the year ¹ with your goodness,
and your paths over- ¹ flow with plenty.

**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
 them- | selves with grain;
 let them shout for | joy and sing.

Reading

Romans 8:1-11

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

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

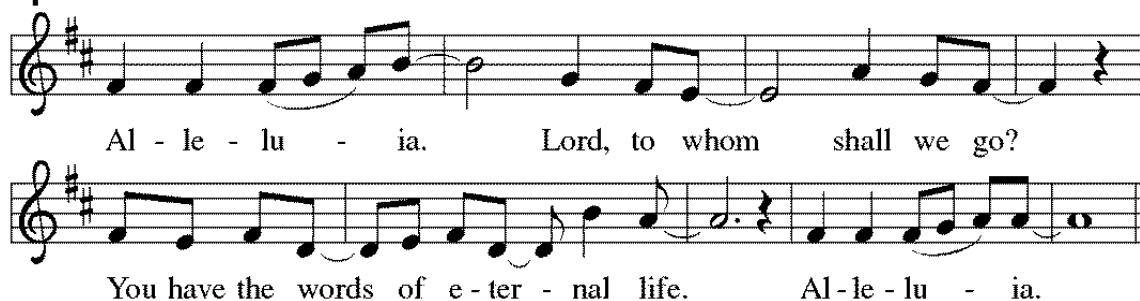
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 13:1-23** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'You will indeed listen but never understand,
and you will indeed look but never perceive.

For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.'

“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*An illumination of verses 10-14 as paraphrased in **The Message**:*

The disciples came up and asked, “Why do you tell stories?”

He replied, “You’ve been given insight into God’s kingdom. You know how it works. Not everybody has this gift, this insight; it hasn’t been given to them. Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely. But if there is no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears. That’s why I tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge the people toward a welcome awakening. In their present state they can stare till doomsday and not see it, listen till they’re blue in the face and not get it. I don’t want Isaiah’s forecast repeated all over again:

Your ears are open but you don’t hear a thing.

Your eyes are awake but you don’t see a thing.

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Hoster

Musical Reflection

I Choose Love

Mark A. Miller, text by Lindy Thompson
vocal duet by Emlyn Ott and Wendy Stoica

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace. I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise. I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

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, 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 Mimplitch’s daughter Holly Ragland, Nate and Alyssha Bird, Linda Williams’ sister-in-law Georgeann Neuzil, Karen Rider’s friends Nancy McGinnis, Karen McCune, and Eileene Welker, LaVerna Reinoehl, Drusanne Shaulis, Pastor’s niece Olivia and family, Redeemer Call Committee

For the people of Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley.

For Redeemer community members Mary and Mike Benis.

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.

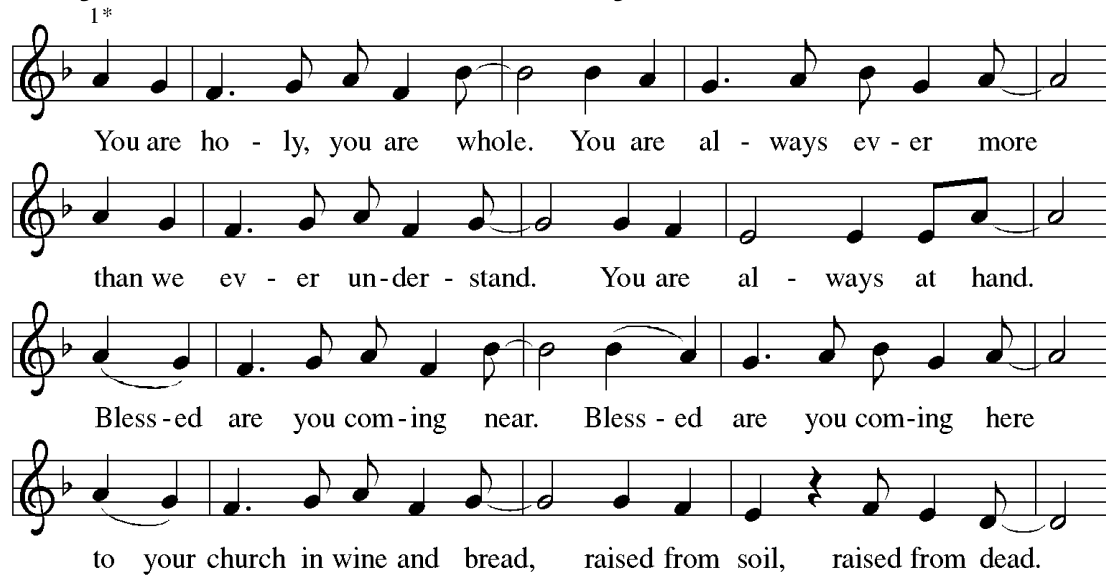
During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, 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

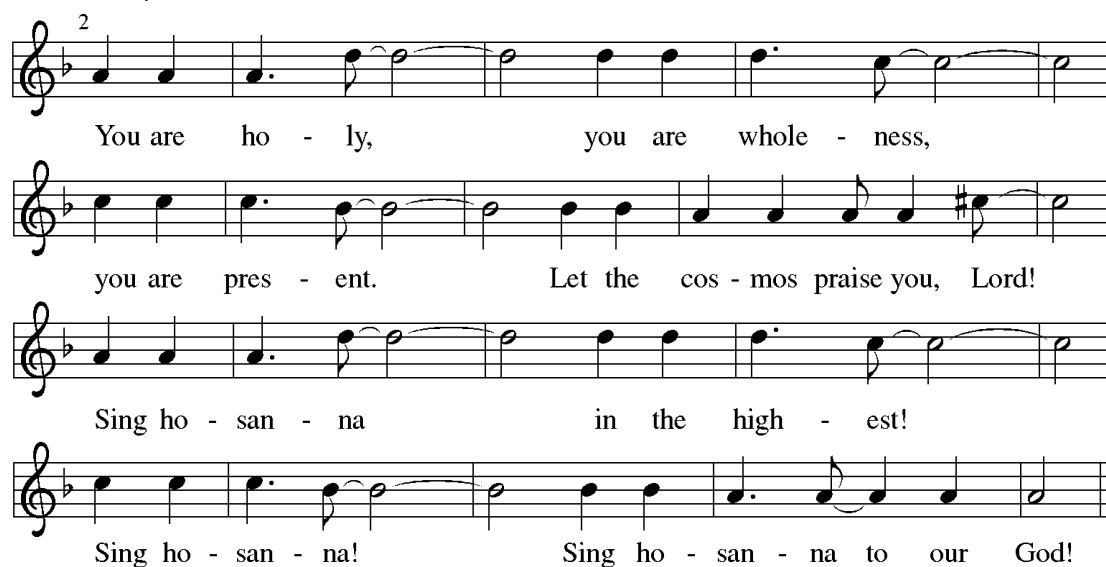
You Are Holy

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.*

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

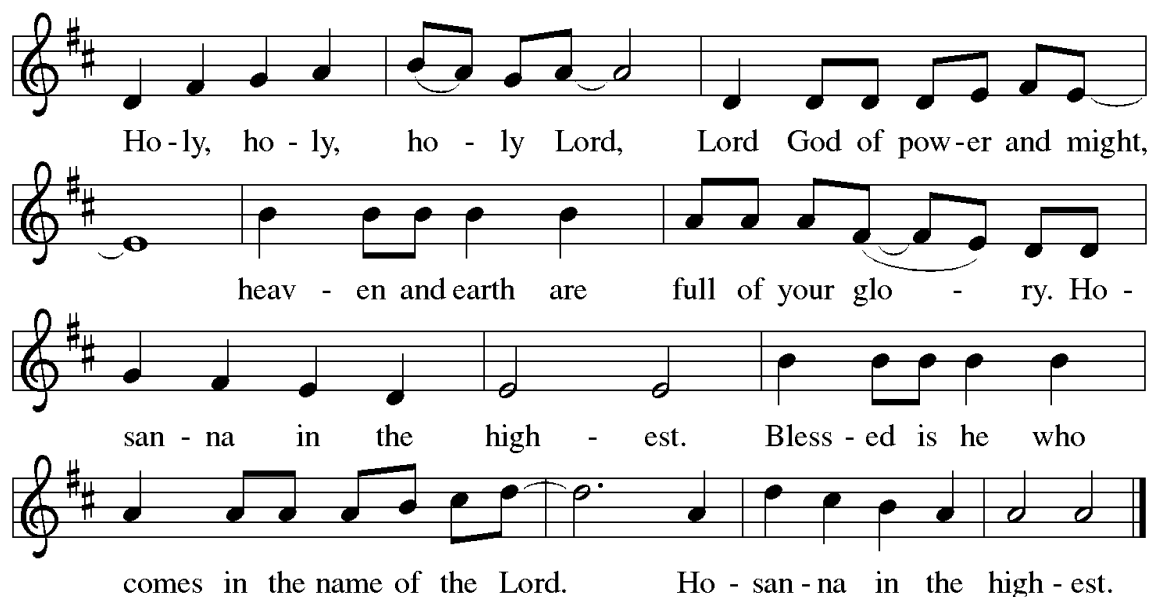
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:



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

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Hymn

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Please stand in body or spirit

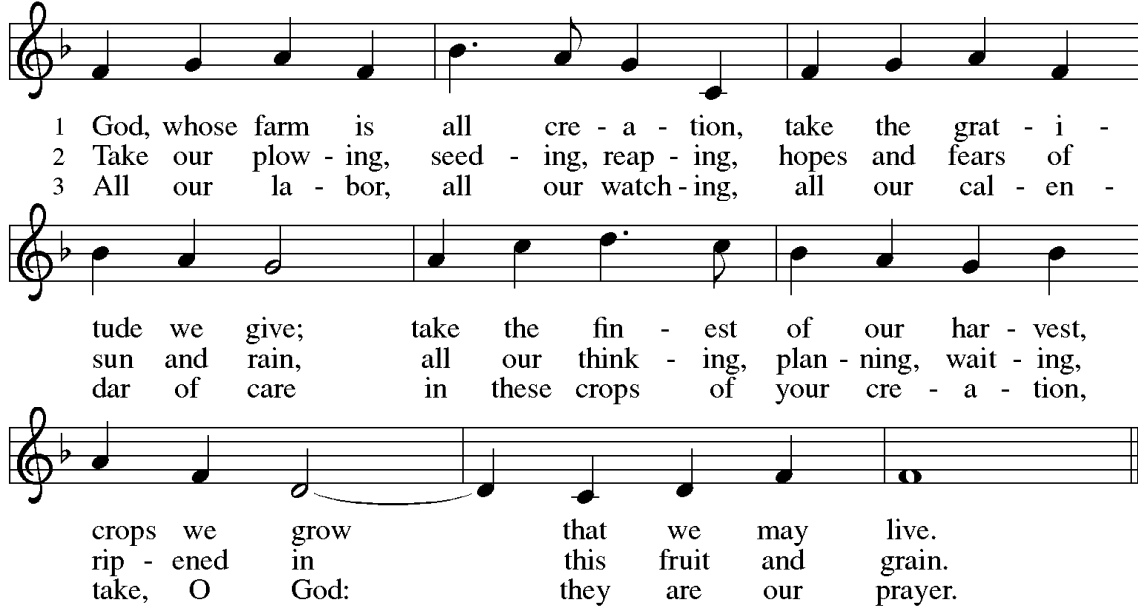
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

God, Whose Farm Is All Creation



1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i -
2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of
3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -

tude we give; take the fin - est of our har - vest,
sun and rain, all our think - ing, plan - ning, wait - ing,
dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,

crops we grow that we may live.
rip - ened in this fruit and grain.
take, O God: they are our prayer.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, arr. John Carter

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Birthdays this week:
12 - Payton Amon
16 - Kandice Hoddinott
17 - Cora Marquez
18 - Kelley Frank



Tuesday Bible Study 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=1N0WY0J2Ycrx1B2nv4inekgFnkhZ.1>
Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077
Passcode: 338045



Sunday, July 12
5:30 pm
"The Gods Must Be Crazy"

Movies, snacks, discussion,
laughter, fun!

Please join us!



A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 pm

Budd Dairy Food Hall
1086 N Fourth St



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, July 15

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



LSS Food Pantry

Thursday, July 16
12:30-4:00 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer



RLC Garden Giveaway

Produce from our own garden
and donations from friends and neighbors

Saturday mornings

10 am until gone



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.



Good Neighbors Picnic

Saturday, September 26

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

Collection bins are in the cloakroom

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-Fleeing Frauds**

**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=qD9ZNjY6cHB4Q478Xj00YFg8UzVlg.1>

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

Phone only: **312 626 6799**



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.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Reader	Kathleen Zwanziger
Cantor	Linda Williams
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Katie Jacobs, Ruby Jacobs, Kay Ernsthausen
Producers	Judith Bird, Miles Smith
Hospitality	Karen Rider

Flowers are given by **Ranel and Neil Hoddinott** in honor of **Payton Amon's birthday**.
The Noisy Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity MidOhio.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 12 – 19

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 pm	Movie Night: The Gods Must Be Crazy
Monday	5:30 pm	Mutual Ministry Team
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	A Brewing Faith
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	Basketball Camp
	7:00 pm	Summer Book Study
Thursday	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	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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