

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



**August 9, 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**

***It Is Well with My Soul***, arr. John Carter

**Welcome**



## Hymn

## Oh, Sing to the Lord

1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English

Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune

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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.

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

### Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*



## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**1 Kings 19:9-18**

A reading from the first book of Kings

At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

## Psalm 85:8-13



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I will listen to what the LORD <sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn  
their <sup>1</sup> hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up <sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look <sup>1</sup> down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed <sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
and our land will <sup>1</sup> yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**



## Second Reading

## Romans 10:5-15

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

**Matthew 14:22-33**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Sermon

**THE WIND IS AGAINST US, BUT GOD IS FOR US**  
***Pastor Teddy Ceasar***

## Musical Reflection

### *How Can I Keep From Singing*

arr. John Carter  
Karen Kent, piano

## 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 Mimlitch's daughter Holly Ragland, Linda Williams' sister-in-law  
Georgeann Neuzil, Karen Rider's friends Nancy McGinnis and Eileene Welker,  
LaVerna Reinoehl, Drusanne Shaulis, Pastor's niece Olivia and family, Carol Heacock,  
Pastor Elizabeth and family on the death of her brother Mark, Redeemer Call Committee  
For the people of Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon.  
For Redeemer community member Mary Bowling.

## 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.*

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.

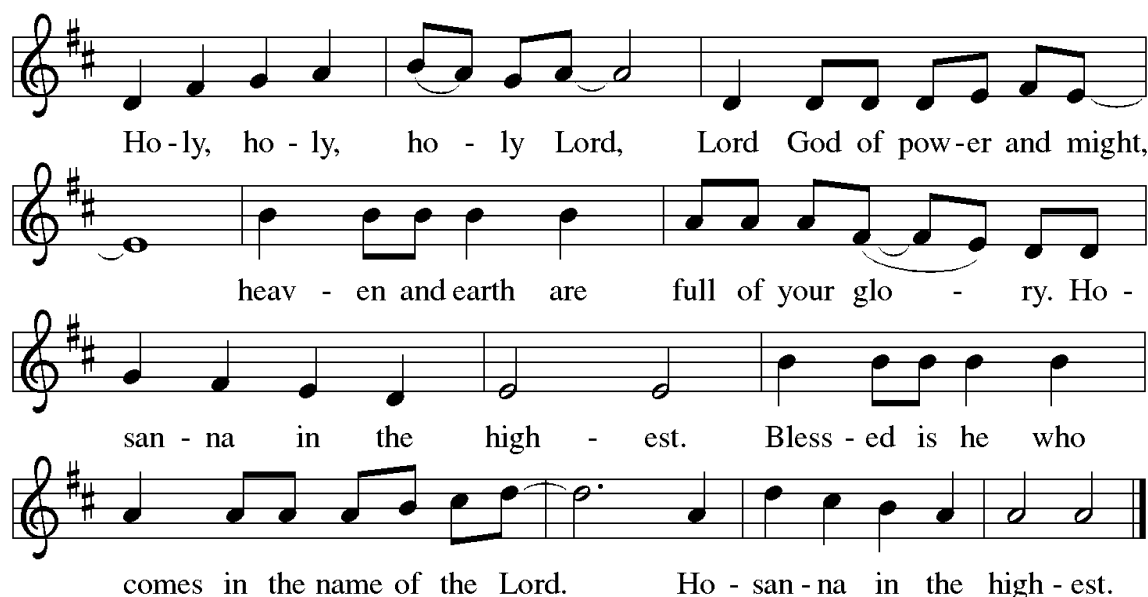
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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, Living God, and to gather together around this table. This is the table of our Lord on which he sets his tokens of love and hope and to which he calls all who want to share his life. So come – whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brightly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive – for all are welcome at the feast of love.

We join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.



We remember on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said — “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine 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.”

We commit ourselves to becoming a people of hope as we pray the prayer Jesus teaches 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.**

And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upstairs room, send your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life, and the fruit of your beloved community – may continue on in us and through us.



## 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

## 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

## Hymn

## Calm to the Waves

The musical score is written for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."' and 'Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line and repeat sign at the end of the second system.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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*Please stand in body or spirit*

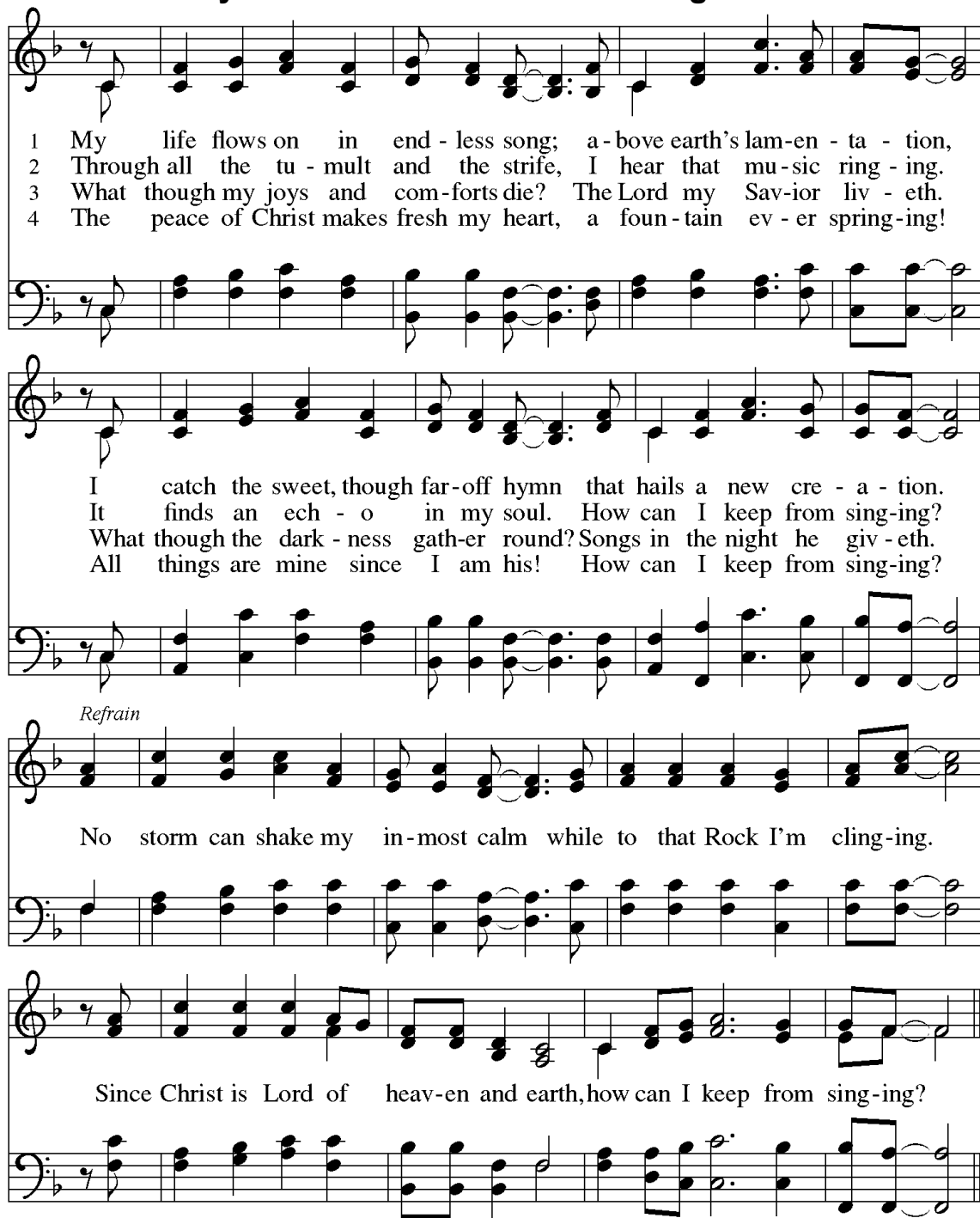
## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Generous God, whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world, we praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution – the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – the eternal music of hope. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### My Life Flows on in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Postlude

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***, arr. John Carter



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.

August 9 + 11:15 am  
Room 2

Call Process Review –  
Any questions?  
Krista Skipper

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328796239?pwd=1QGr6l9wrPHkYbamlBHVeQWzMznVu.1>  
Meeting ID: 883 2879 6239  
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Phone only: 1-305-224-1968

## Getting to Know ~Pastor Kayla Hopgood~

Please join us as we get to know the  
candidate for Pastor of Redeemer.

**Saturday August 15 – 2-4 p.m.**

In-Person and LiveStream:



**Sunday, August 23  
following worship**

**To vote on recommended Pastor.**



## Tuesday Bible Study 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88008021077?pwd=ilN0WY0J2Ycrx1B2nv4inekgFnkhZ.1>

Meeting ID: 880 0802 1077

Passcode: 338045



## A Brewing Faith

Conversation and fellowship

**Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 pm**



## LSS Food Pantry

**Thursday, August 20**

**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**



## Church Picnic

**August 23**

Immediately following  
congregational meeting  
Watch *Reflections* for further details

**Please join us!**



## Good Neighbors Picnic Saturday, September 26

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

Collection bins are in the cloakroom



**Birthdays this week:**

9 - Justin Marquez

15 - Seth Harms

15 - Sarah Kirkman

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

|                                           |                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>                 | Elizabeth Hoster, Pastor                |
| <b>Preaching</b>                          | Pastor Teddy Ceasar                     |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>                 | Michelle Clemence                       |
| <b>Cantor</b>                             | Al Rider                                |
| <b>Organist &amp; Choir Director</b>      | Kathy Rapp                              |
| <b>Pianist &amp; Chime Choir Director</b> | Karen Kent                              |
| <b>Usher</b>                              | Jon Disbro                              |
| <b>Verger</b>                             | Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica        |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>                     | Diane Brobeck, Kathryn Ott, Karen Rider |
| <b>Producers</b>                          | Sue Yehling, April Smith                |
| <b>Hospitality</b>                        | Melissa Hackim                          |

*Flowers are given by **Earl Bradley** in memory of **Edwina**.  
The Noisy Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity MidOhio.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER AUGUST 9-16

|                    |          |                                                         |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>       | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship<br>with Holy Communion |
|                    | 11:15 am | Call Committee Q&A                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>     | 1:00 pm  | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study                          |
|                    | 6:30 pm  | A Brewing Faith                                         |
| <b>Saturday</b>    | 10:00 am | Garden Giveaway                                         |
|                    | 2-4:00pm | <b>Getting to Know</b><br><b>Pastor Kayla Hopgood</b>   |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship<br>with Holy Communion |

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