

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



October 18, 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

Allemand, J.S. Back

Welcome

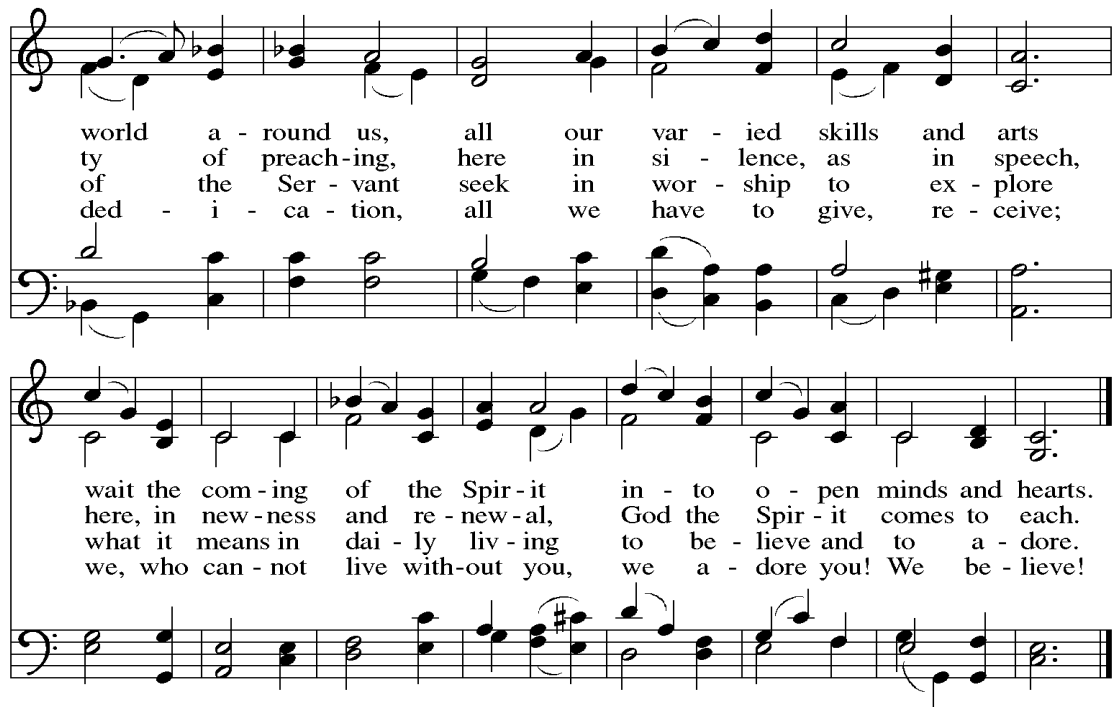
Hymn **God Is Here!**

The musical score for the hymn 'God Is Here!' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

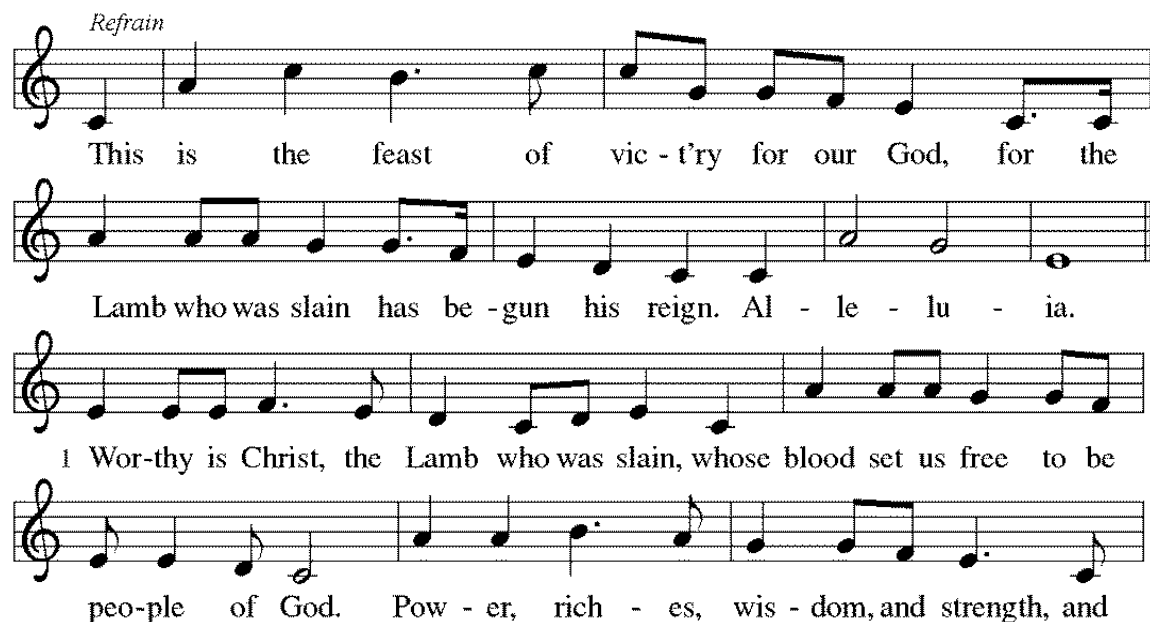
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Greeting

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 - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

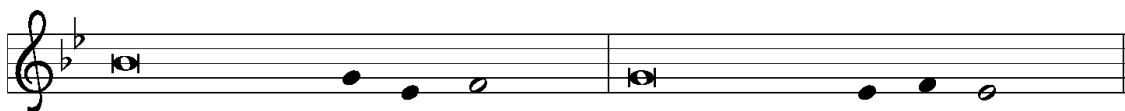
Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-13



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Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that | is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O
LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

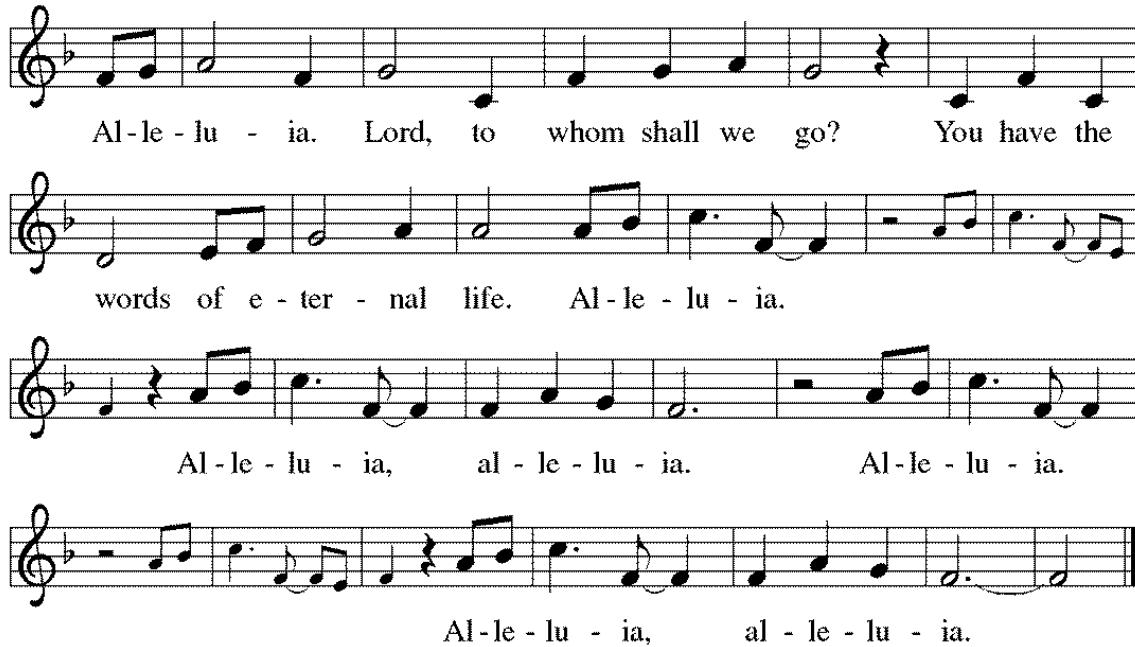
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose image is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Kayla Hopgood

Musical Reflection

Just As I Am, I Come

Charlotte Elliott, Mary McDonald
Choir

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

Just as I am and waiting not,
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, I come!

O Lamb of God, I come.
Now to be thine and thine alone,
just as I am, I come.

Just as I am, thou will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, I come!
O Lamb of God, I come.
Now to be thine and thine alone,
O Lamb, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine and thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, I come!

O Lamb of God, I come.
Now to be thine and thine alone,
just as I am, I come!
Just as I am, I come, I come!



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 and Nancy Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, 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, Julianne Johnson’s twin brother Paul, Don Crosley’s mother Wanda, Bob Rapp, Shirley Cannon dealing with cancer, Jon Disbro, Michelle Clemence, Pastor Leslie Fox on the death of her husband. For the people of Hosanna Lutheran Church in Pataskala. For Redeemer community members John Caron and Chad Eberle.

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.*

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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.**

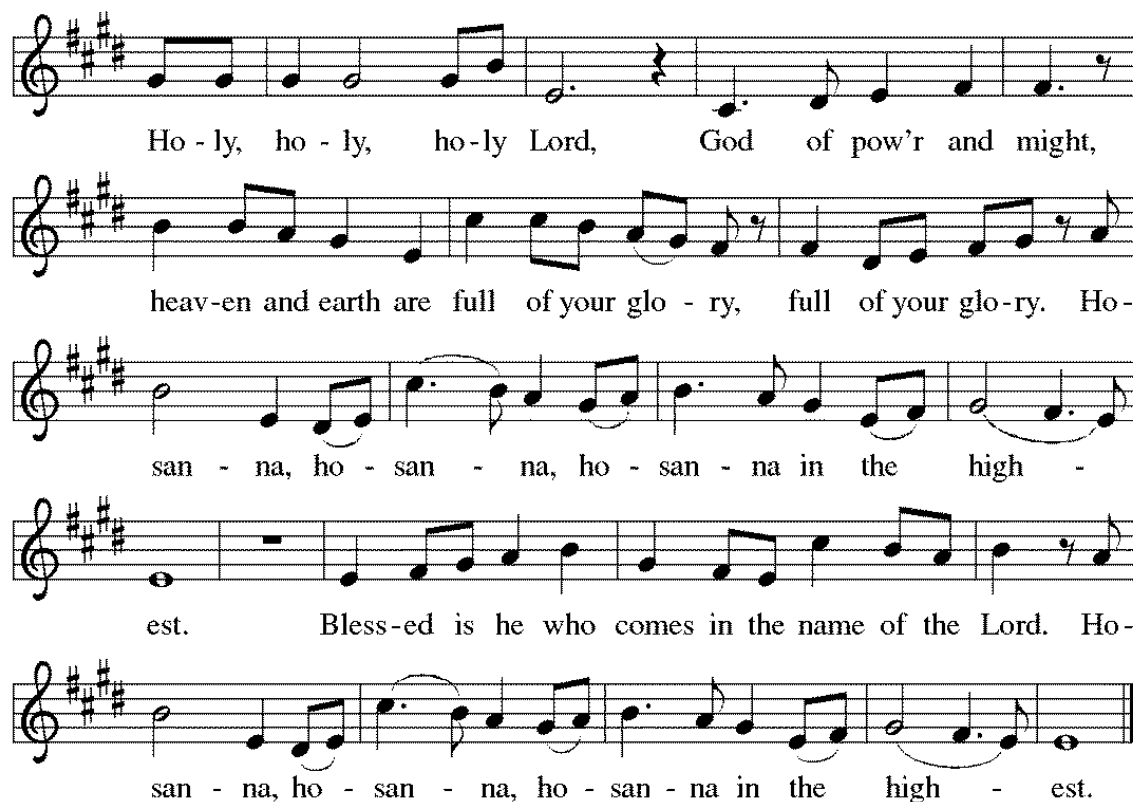
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a joy to give you our thanks and praise, Glorious God. You are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:



We greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me."

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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

In a Lowly Manger Born



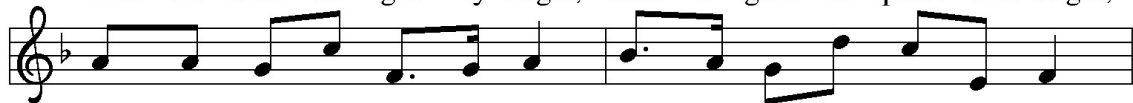
1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;
 2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest - tossed,
 3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.



un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;
 giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.
 See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.



knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,
 Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,
 Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;



hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!
 come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

Text: Kō Yūki, 1896–1985; tr. composite

Music: MABUNE, Seigi Abe, 1891–1974

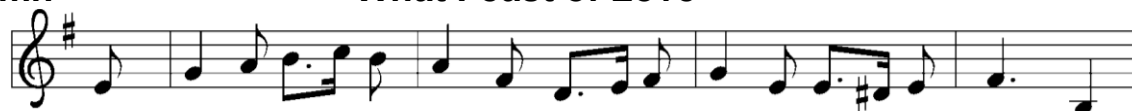
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Hymn

What Feast of Love



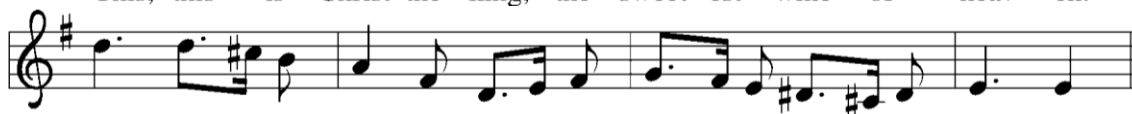
- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Please stand in body or spirit

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen
you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of
life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those
around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ
your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and
fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy.**

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will

sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,

who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

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Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Blessing

The God of love

draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

The God of hope

grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

The God of grace

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty, arr. Paul Manz

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Listening Event
18 October + 11:15 am
Room 2
See Reflections for details

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Tuesday Bible Study
1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:
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Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, October 21
10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex
Honest exploration of questions about faith and life

Social Justice Conversations

Third Wednesdays
2-3:30 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

Continuing conversation on topics raised in our
summer book study, and beyond.

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936382605?pwd=qD9ZN CX6gcHB4Q478Xj00YFG8Uzvlg.1>
Meeting ID: **889 3638 2605** = Passcode: **721097**
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Church Photo Directory
Taking photos before and after
worship October 18 & 25.

LSS FOOD PANTRIES

Thankful Holiday Meal Bags

Full Plates, Hearts Full of Gratitude



You are encouraged to use a reusable cloth bag. Shopping lists are also printed out for your use. Bags should be returned to RLC no later than **November 16**.



Advent Devotionals

Please consider writing a devotional for this year's devotional booklet. Details are on the signup on the bulletin board.

KEY ELECTION DATES November 3, 2026

Absentee Voting begins: **October 6**

Deadline for *mail ballots* to be personally delivered to your County Board of Elections: **November 3, 7:30 pm**

Deadline for boards to *receive mail-in ballots*: **November 3**

Early In-Person Voting: **October 6-November 1**. See hours and full schedule at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voting-schedule>

Election Day: **November 3** (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)



Birthdays this week:

19 - Renee McFarland

19 - Miles Smith

23 - Skye Andree

23 - Cason Day

23 - Sandra Keaton

24 - Bret Day

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Kayla Hopgood, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Becky T., Melissa H., Kathleen Z.
Producers	Miles Smith, April Smith

*Flowers are given by **Emily Kent** in celebration of **Miles' birthday**.*

The Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER OCTOBER 18 – 25

Today	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM BREAD Listening Event
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	2:00 pm	Social Justice Conversation
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community

Redeemer's Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice