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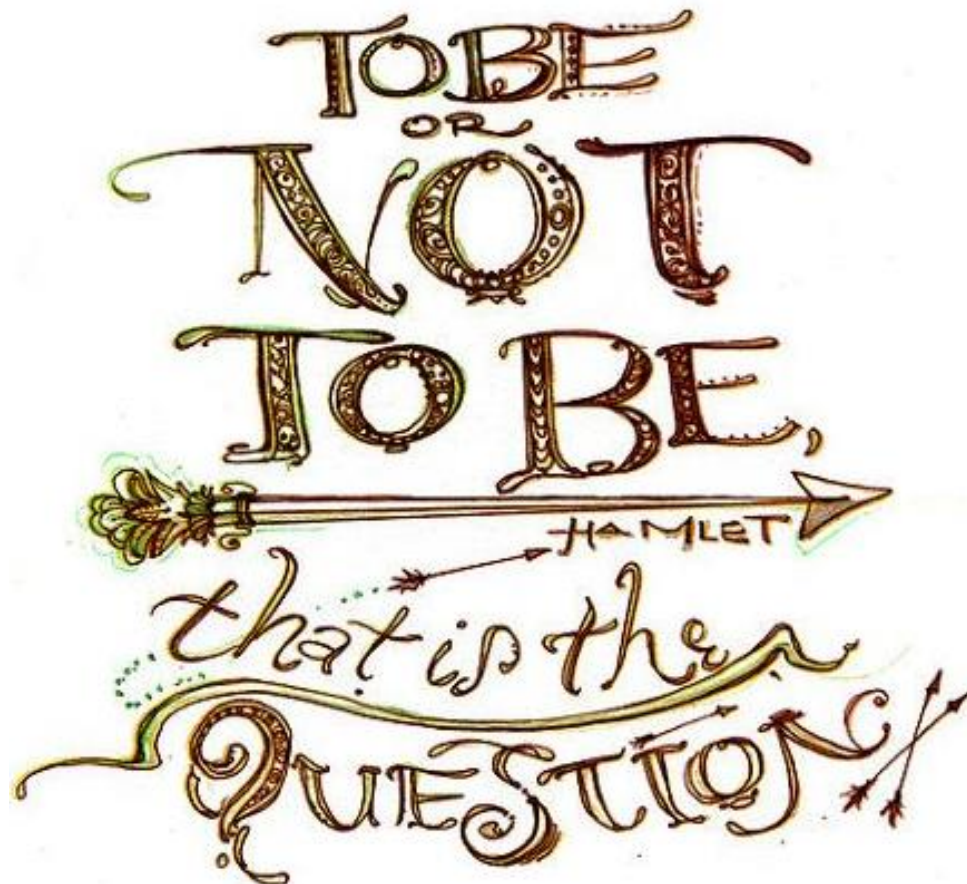
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We are a *Reconciling in Christ*
congregation, affirming the
diversity of God's children



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after **PENTECOST**



November 15, 2020

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Sweet Hour of Prayer, arr. Howard Helvey

Welcome

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 90:1-8



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Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth
were born,
from age to age | you are God.**

You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

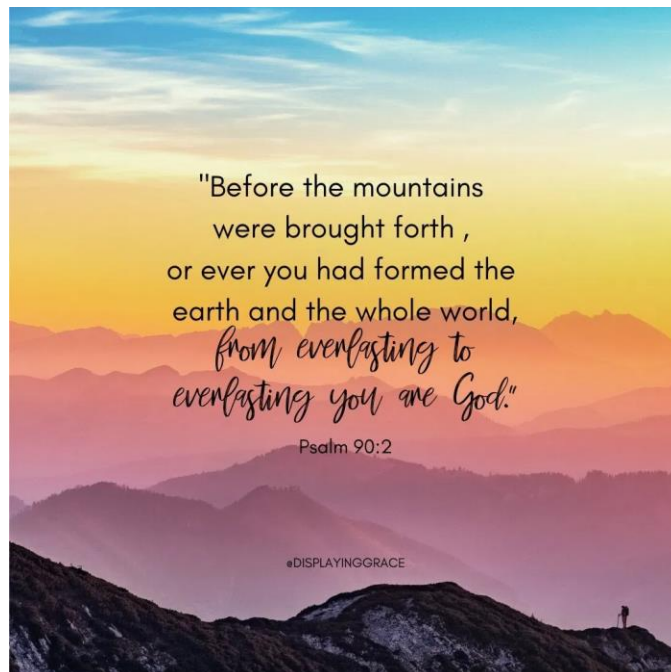
**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**

you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Matthew 25:14-30

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?
Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell

Ministry of Music

Here I Am Lord

arr. Mark Hayes
Kathy Rapp

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, Deedee Jimison, Bill Boys.

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

Children's Time

Emily Ott

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

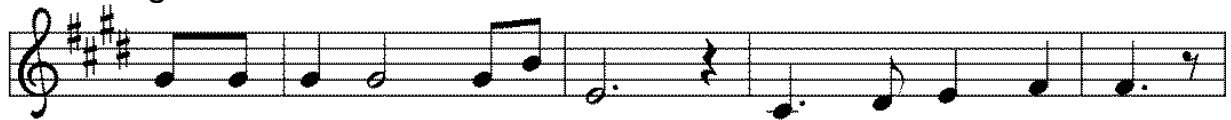
Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

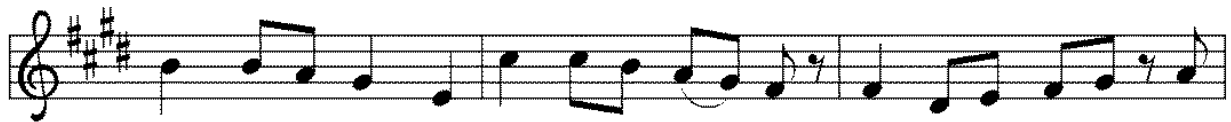
And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator God, you brought wholeness into creation through the caress of your hands and the breath of your mouth. In this intimate moment of creation we join the song of fish and birds, trees and flowers, humans and angels:



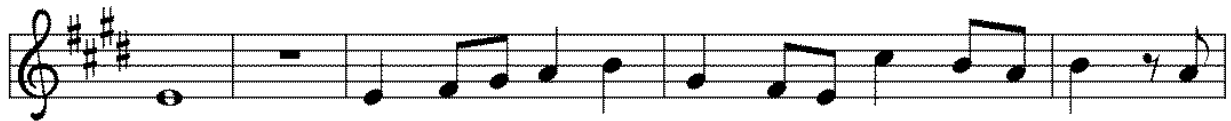
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.

Holy God, holy imaginative God, you set your tree of life in the center of creation, enlivening the barrenness, breathing spirit across the dust. You created wholeness. Holy, God, holy compassionate God, you saw our brokenness and planted once again in the center the tree of life, the cross from which Christ rose to save and heal us. You reclaimed wholeness.

Holy Christ, holy healing Christ, on the night in which you were betrayed, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to your followers, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, you took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Each time you drink this, remember me."

Holy generous God, we remember Christ's life and death, his resurrection and ascension which renew the face of the earth. Shape us together on this earth, in the soil and rivers, in the sunshine and wind, in animal and human faces. Send your Spirit on this meal and on us, that we may share your bounty with the whole creation. Help us cry out with one voice for re-creation as we 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.**

The body of Christ, broken for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sharing the Meal

Ministry of Music

Here at Your Table Lord

arr. Mark Hayes
Kathy Rapp

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

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
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you 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 -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



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?
you 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
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



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
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live 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?"
grow in you and you in me.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

There Is a Name I Love to Hear, arr. John Carter

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell is a thoughtful innovator who increases leadership excellence and deepens awareness of the Divine through preaching, spiritual direction, coaching, retreat leadership and education. She is an author of *Spiritual Direction and the Metamorphosis of Church* (GBHEM Publishing) and *Advent of God's Word* (Skylight Paths Publisher). An elder in the UMC, Brenda is a United Methodist endorsed spiritual director, coach, and founder of Living Streams Flowing Water spiritual formation ministry. Brenda converses with clients from around the world via teleconferencing. Previously Brenda served as pastor of local congregations for nearly 30 years.

Brenda teaches spiritual formation, prayer, and spiritual direction online and onsite at Ashland Theological and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminaries. She is part of the online teaching team for CenterQuest – an ecumenical and International Spiritual Direction training program.

Two of Brenda's favorite spiritual disciplines are swimming and ballroom dancing. Brenda grew up equally dividing her childhood and teen years between St. Paul, MN and Bowling Green, Ohio. She continues to reside in Ohio where both her son's family and daughter's family live. Her greatest delights in life are her children and her grandchildren for whom she strives to be Amma.

You may contact Brenda to be a speaker at your events, consult with your leadership team or schedule spiritual direction and coaching through her website www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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Assisting Minister
ASL Interpreter
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Pianist & Chimes Choir Director
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Emily Ott
Tori Reed
Katie Jacobs
Scott Steiner
Emily Ott
Kathy Rapp
Karen Kent
Michelle Clemence

*Flowers are given by **Sue Yehling**, in memory of **Don**.
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 15 - 22

Today	10:00 am	Livestream Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	11:00 am 7:00 pm	ZOOM Coffee and Conversation ZOOM Congregation Council
Next Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion



Birthdays this week:
16 - Karen Collins
18 - Carla Baldogo
19 - Carolyn Klopfer
20 - Zak Hinkle-Moore
21 - Andy Jacobs



Coffee and Conversation

Third Wednesday of the month

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Via Zoom

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Honest exploration of questions
about faith and life



Thanks from the Stewardship Team to all who have returned their response cards, which were dedicated during worship services on Reformation Sunday.

If you haven't yet returned your card, please send it in as soon as possible so that it can be included in the total, which is important for planning purposes. If you need a replacement, just contact the church office or a Stewardship Team member (Ruth Murray, Dave Lippert, or Mary Benis).

Please be sure you've done your part to keep Redeemer's ministries strong as we walk together by faith into 2021.