

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 15, 2022

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.
- 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.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Love Your Neighbor

- Masks are required coming into the building and in the Narthex. Folks wishing to continue wearing masks for worship are encouraged to sit in the pews on the north side of the Sanctuary; those who wish to remove their masks may sit on the south side of the Sanctuary.
- Those who wish may stand during the opening and closing hymns and the reading of the Gospel.
- During the passing of the peace, we suggest you place your palms together under your chin in the "namaste" posture as a way to share the peace in a distanced way.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up inside the Sanctuary door or folks can now choose to receive communion at the front of the church from masked servers distributing individual cups for the wine/grape juice.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use. Only one person at a time in the restrooms.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome



Hymn

Praise with Joy the Worlds Creator

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered stanzas. Chords are indicated above the notes in the guitar line.

System 1: Chords: D, A, D, A, G, D, G, D, G, A. Lyrics: 1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice, 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive, 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing, 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -

System 2: Chords: Bm, Em, A, F#, Bm, B7, E7sus4, Fdim7. Lyrics: love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowl - edge, finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion, truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der, mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y

System 3: Chords: F#m, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, D, G, A. Lyrics: grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

System 4: Chords: Bm, A7, Bm, A, G, Em, D, A, D. Lyrics: Mak - er's glo - ry, pow'r to res - cue and re - lease. con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Stran - ger, Guest and Host. Spir - it's treas - ure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride. yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant u - ni - ty.

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 Music: John Goss, 1800–1880

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 LAUDA ANIMA

Greeting

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

Please be seated



WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Acts 11:1-18** (New Living Translation, inclusivized)
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. “You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!” they said.

Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. “I was in the town of Joppa,” he said, “and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. And I heard a voice say, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.’

“No, Lord,’ I replied. ‘I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.’

“But the voice from heaven spoke again: ‘Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.’ This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.

“Just then three people who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the one who had sent for us. He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, ‘Send messengers to Joppa, and summon someone named Simon Peter. He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!’

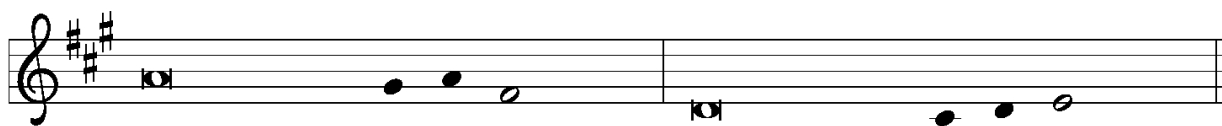
“As I began to speak,” Peter continued, “the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us at the beginning. Then I thought of the Lord’s words when he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God’s way?”

When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, “We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148



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Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ^l from the heavens;
praise God ^l in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, ^l all you angels;
sing praise, all you ^l hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, ^l sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ^l shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heav- ^l en of heavens,
and you waters a- ^l bove the heavens.**

Let them praise the name ^l of the LORD,
who commanded, and they ^l were created,
**who made them stand fast forev- ^l er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not ^l pass away.**

Praise the LORD ^l from the earth,
you sea monsters ^l and all deeps;
**fire and hail, ^l snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- ^l ing God's will;**

mountains ^l and all hills,
fruit trees ^l and all cedars;
**wild beasts ^l and all cattle,
creeping things and ^l flying birds;**
sovereigns of the earth ^l and all peoples,
princes and all rulers ^l of the world;
**young ^l men and maidens,
old and ^l young together.**

Let them praise the name ^l of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over ^l earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all ^l faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. ^l Hallelujah!**

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 **John 13.31-35** (The Inclusive New Testament)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon. My little children, I won't be with you much longer. You'll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you're to love one another the way I have loved you. That is how all will know that you're my disciples: that you truly love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

WHERE AM I LOOKING?

Musical Reflection

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Herbert Brokering / Dale Wood
Senior Choir

Creator, of glory, all seasons Thy story,
The roses, the rivers, the ridges, Thy mirth.
The straining of power, of eons each hour,
All heavens o'er meadows, old sign of rebirth.
The weeping in willows, all children in pillows,
All valleys, all oceans, Thy spaces of birth.
Thy blossoms unfolding, all angels beholding,
With morning and darkness renewing Thy earth.

In quaking and thunder, when life breaks asunder,
In pain and in sorrow, all death is Thy door.
Thy table of prizes in daily surprises,
Our souls only feasting Thy treasure and store.
Through silence and wonder our spirits would ponder,
A sight of the brightness which saints now adore.
Thy love comes escaping while watching and waiting,
Our hearts overflowing adore Thee, adore.

Thy beauty so tender, we live in Thy splendor,
O send us the life of the lamb on the throne.
Come, visit our tables, our castles and stables,
Till nothing and no one be ever alone.
Come, father, come mother, come, sister, come, brother,
The cup is o'erflowing, the harvest is done.
Rise up, o partaker! Give praise to the Maker!
The banquet is set in the midst of the Son!



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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Diane Louangrath, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Grace and Ken Jones, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Chad Eberle's mother, Sam Hudson, nephew of Laura and Terry Warren being deployed to Poland, Kelley Frank, Brittany Amon, Terry Warren, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin

The people of Christ Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member Jenny Young

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Show gestures of peace.

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.

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.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



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.

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken 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. Do this to remember me."

And so 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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal. So do we.

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. There are gluten-free wafers available. The trays have both clear grape juice and wine.

Hymn

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn **You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore**



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind-ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Janet Linker

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Pastor Al Debelak, who served at Redeemer from 1986 to 2016, will preach on ***May 22***.

Dave Shull and Mike Allen will be at a pre-wedding reception being held for them in Seattle. Dave will be on vacation from May 20-27.

Pastoral emergency coverage will be by **Pastor Dan Hille** from Faith Lutheran Church. You can reach him at 614-832-2461.

Adult Education

11:15 am – 12:15 pm
In-Person and Zoom



Thinking on the Edge

Led by Dr. Don Luck

This week: continuing the conversation about alternatives to understanding Jesus' crucifixion as being a blood sacrifice God requires for forgiveness

Next week: Where is God in the pain and injustice of life?

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81411790303?pwd=cGNMGHo2K2d1WEIzUHRHekRQWUo2dz09>

Meeting ID: **814 1179 0303** = Passcode: **645662**

Phone only: **312-626-6799**



Bible Study

The Tuesday Bible study presents a series on encounters Jesus has with women in the Gospels.

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30.

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358699434?pwd=cTlaaUM5MWl6U29mNGtsQXhuTnlIU09>

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Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday May 18

10:00 AM-11:30 PM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Sister Act

JOYFUL REVOLUTIONARIES

Revolutionary Surprise

Wednesday, May 18 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for fellowship and service



**LSS/MidOhio Food Collective
Produce Giveaway**

**Thursday
May 19**

*Volunteers always welcome!
Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson
(sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).*

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!



**MASS POOR PEOPLE'S AND LOW-
WAGE WORKERS' ASSEMBLY
MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON
AND TO THE POLLS**

**JUNE 18, 2022 - 9AM GATHERING, 10AM START
LOCATION: 3RD AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE.,
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Find out more and RSVP at
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Columbus Pride Parade

**Saturday, June 18
Step off 10:30 am**

**Join us and other local Lutheran
RIC congregations**

Register at

**<https://tinyurl.com/ELCApride2022>
See Reflections for details.**



Birthdays this week:

- 17 - Mary Benis**
- 17 - Ken Jones**
- 19 - Al Debelak**
- 20 - Jackson Barbour-Harms**
- 21 - Paul Voytas**

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Karen Collins
Cantor	Jennifer Young
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence
Communion Prep	Misato In, Wendy Stoica
Producers	Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner

*Flowers are dedicated by **Laura and Terry Warren** in memory of **our mothers**.
Noisy Offering will go to ReconcilingWorks.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 15 - 22

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 pm	Sister Act – Revolutionary Surprise
Thursday	3-6 pm	LSS / Mid-Ohio Food Giveaway
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal

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