

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Nursing Stump from Stanley Park in Vancouver

June 16, 2024

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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful / For the Beauty of the Earth*
arr. Penny Rodeiguez

Welcome



Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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 **Ezekiel 17:22-24** (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15



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It is a good thing to give thanks [|] to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, [|] O Most High;

**to herald your love [|] in the morning
and your faithful- [|] ness at night;**

on the psaltery, and [|] on the lyre,
and to the melody [|] of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your [|] acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works [|] of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish [|] like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- [|] dar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house [|] of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts [|] of our God;**

they shall still bear fruit [|] in old age;
they shall be [|] green and succulent;

**that they may show how up- [|] right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is [|] no injustice.**



Reading **2 Corinthians 5:6-17** (New Revised Standard Version)

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

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.


From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 **Mark 4:26-34** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

Rev. Emlyn Ott

Musical Reflection

I Have Felt the Hand of God Pamela Martin/Craig Courtney Jennifer Young

*(Composer's note... It expresses what we often wish to tell someone in our lives:
"Through your sacrificial love I have learned to know God better.")*

I have felt the hand of God in your hand.
Holding me, you gave me strength to stand.
When I was all alone you came and met my need.
And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead.
Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me.
I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

I have heard the voice of God in your voice,
Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end.
And when my faith was gone, you called me home again.
When you spoke, God's voice called out to me.
I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

I have seen the face of God in your face,
Giving all, you shared with me God's grace.
And you were faithful to guide me as I grew.
I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.
When you smiled, God's love surrounded me.
I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God,
I have felt the hand of God through you.



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....

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, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, 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, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman,
Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-
law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, Nate Bird's in-laws Rose and
Wendell Jordan, Lorien Dana, Becky Trover's niece Olivia Theissen, Kandice Hoddinott-
Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Mary Watts, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and
Larry Bird, Paul Johnson

For the people of St. John Lutheran Church in London
For Redeemer community member Kathleen Zwanziger

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

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.

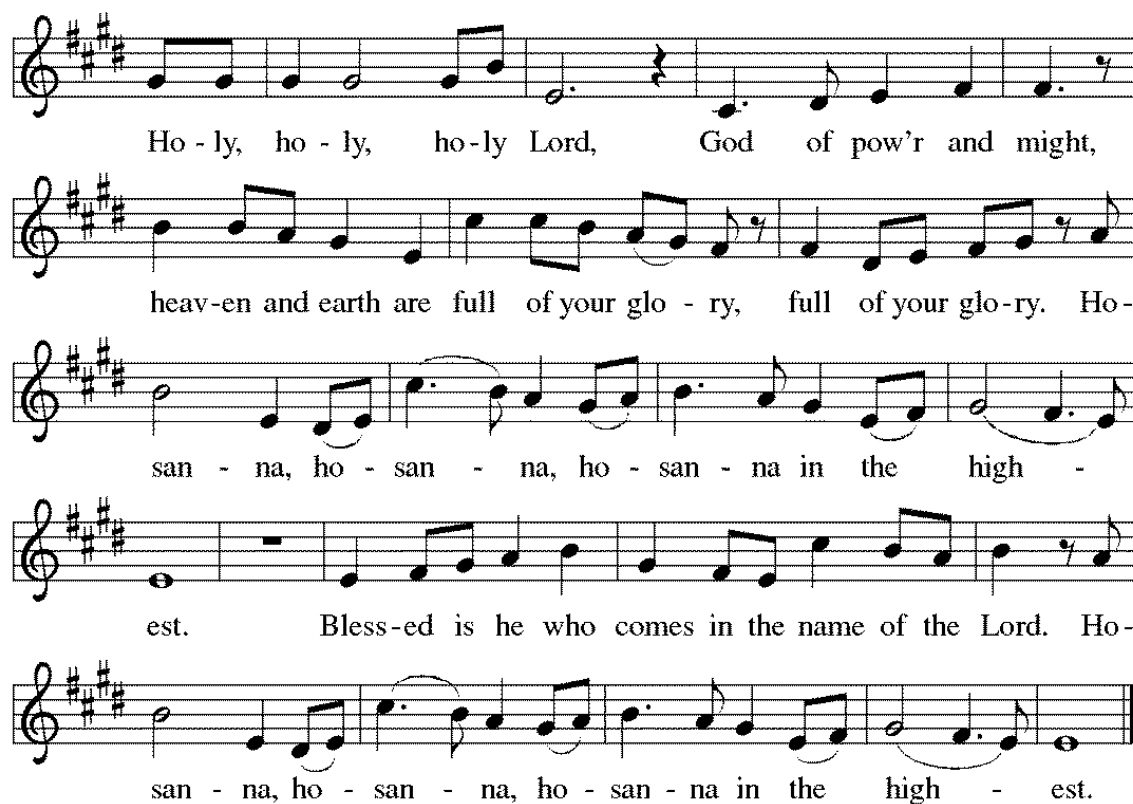
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being, so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's 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, your Christ sends the Spirit to be a companion to all who follow your Way. 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:



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.

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

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

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 Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.
 Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Hymn As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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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

The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the
moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be
shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. The
trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will
clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

Text: Steffi Geiser Rubin, b. 1950

Music: THE TREES OF THE FIELD, Stuart Dauermann, b. 1944

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Wonderful Words of Life, arr. Joel Raney

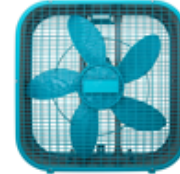
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The communion liturgy is adapted from "Enter with Joy," by Pat Bennett, published by Wild Goose Publications.

Adult Ed - 11:15 am
Emlyn Ott

In-Person and Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835
Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Fans! Fans! and more Fans!

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of **box fans** to be distributed at our June 20 food giveaway. The goal for this year is **170 fans**.

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.



LSS/MidOhio Food Collective

Food Giveaway

Thursday June 20

Extras this month: Personal Summer Care
(sunscreen, kids' sunscreen, body lotion, insect repellent)
And FANS, FANS, AND MORE FANS!

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!



Bible Study

St. Paul's

Letter to the Romans

Tuesdays + 1:00 pm

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82259660622?pwd=R2pHTW11bHRON1FHbFRZdStgbk9Bdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 5966 0622 = Passcode: 435549
Phone only: 1-301 715 8592



*Summer Basketball Camp
June 10 through July 18
Ages 8 - 14
To register,
call the church office
614.237.1263*



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, June 19

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex

Honest exploration of questions about faith and life

YARD SALE

Saturday, June 22 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Redeemer's Youth are raising funds for the 2024 Youth Gathering with a yard sale on the church lawn. To help make the sale a success, they are looking for donations of gently used items in good condition.

Donations can be dropped off at the church by Sunday, June 16. The current location is Room 7

For any questions, please contact Wendy at wendystoica@earthlink.net or call or text her at 614-477-3247.

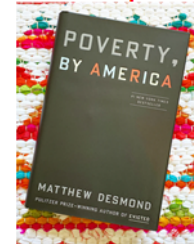
Summer Book Study

Wednesdays

June 19 & 26

July 3 & 10

7-8:30 pm



Matthew Desmond's
Poverty, By America

There are a number of copies available through the public library if you don't wish to buy it.

For the first discussion on June 19, we're talking about the prologue and the first two chapters of the book. Contact the office if you'd like discussion questions before the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86071756592?pwd=dm5VN2FaZWlVcUk3bEQycTVRTmpSU09>

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Phone only: 312 626 6799



Birthdays this week:

16 – Jil Williams

18 – Jessica Fisher

20 – Katie Jacobs

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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| Presiding Minister | Rev. Emlyn Ott |
| Assisting Minister | Lynn Belhorn |
| Cantor | Wendy Stoica |
| ASL Interpreter | Bryan Neal |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp |
| Pianist & Chime Choir Director | Karen Kent |
| Usher | Jon Disbro |
| Verger | Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica |
| Communion Prep | Laura Warren, Cathy Oldham, Michelle Clemence |
| Producers | Sue Yehling, Scott Steiner |
| Hospitality | Laura and Terry Warren |

*Flowers are given by **John Kennedy** in memory of **Rev. John L. Kennedy**.
Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JUNE 16 – 23

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| Today | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 am | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education |
| Monday | 6:30-8:00 pm | Basketball Camp |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | Clearness Committee |
| | 6:30-8:00 pm | Basketball Camp |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Coffee and Conversation |
| | 6:30-8:00 pm | Basketball Camp |
| | 7:00 pm | Summer Book Study |
| Thursday | 1:00 pm | LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway setup |
| | 3:00-6:00 pm | LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway |
| | 6:30-8:00 pm | Basketball Camp |
| Saturday | 10 am-3 pm | Youth Gathering Yard Sale |
| Next Sunday | 10:00 am | IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:15 am | IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education |

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