



Confirmation

July 28, 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 ***Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*** arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome



Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

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Draw the cir-cle_ wide. Draw it wid - er still. Let this be our_

song, no one stands a - lone, stand - ing side by side, draw the cir-cle_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide_ wide_

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
 3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but
 great and small; let our lov - ing
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms_ _
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call_ _
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door_ _

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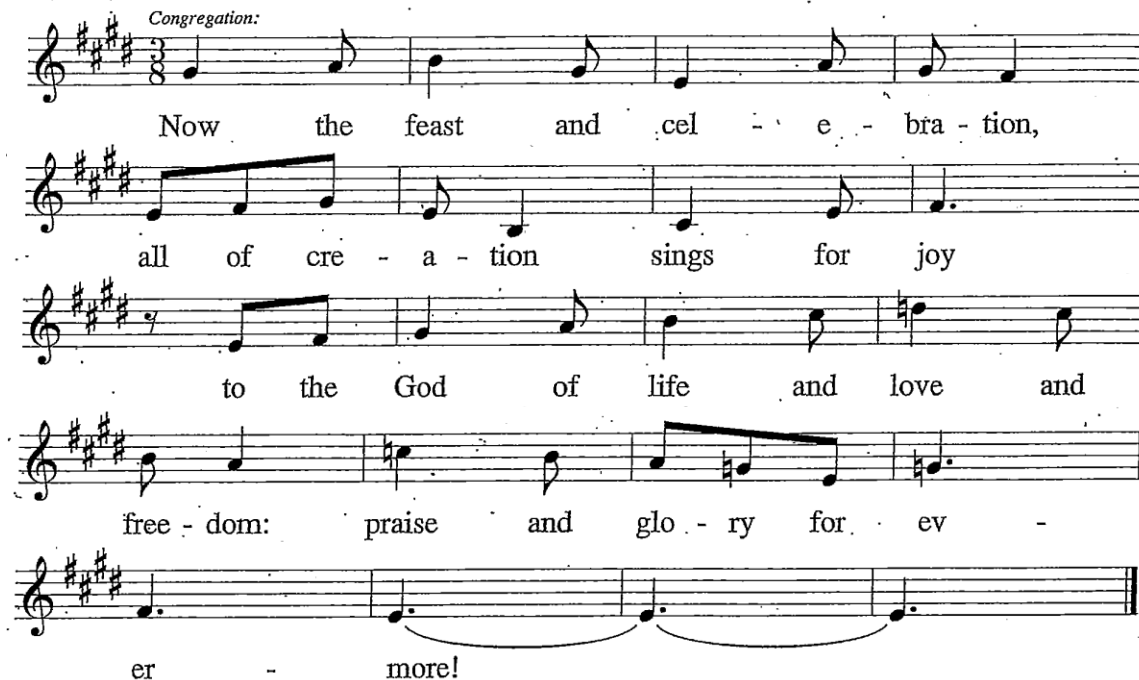
Greeting

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

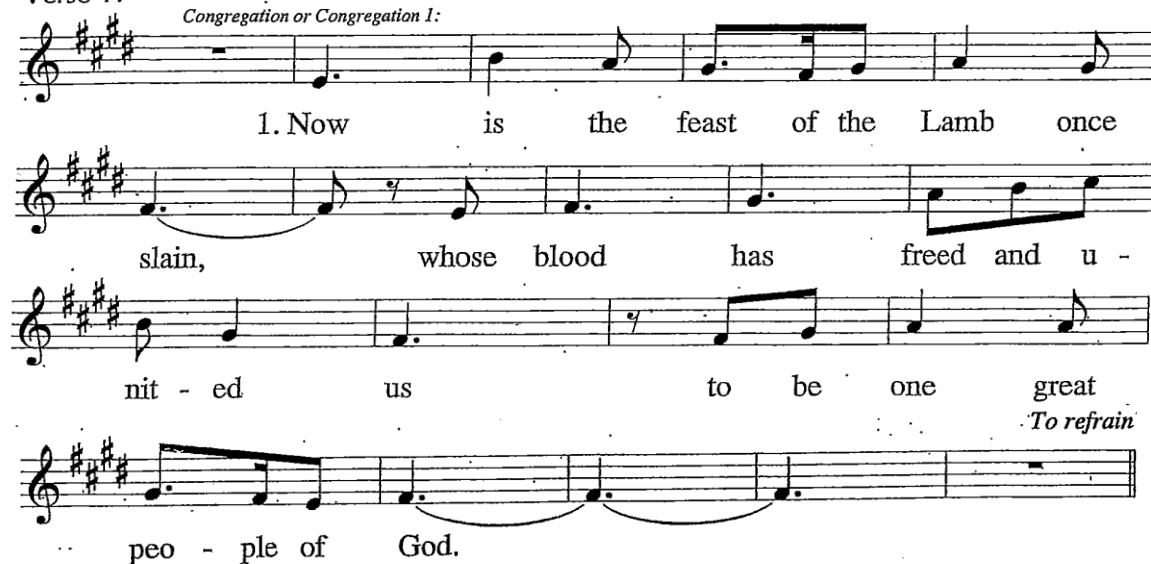
Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

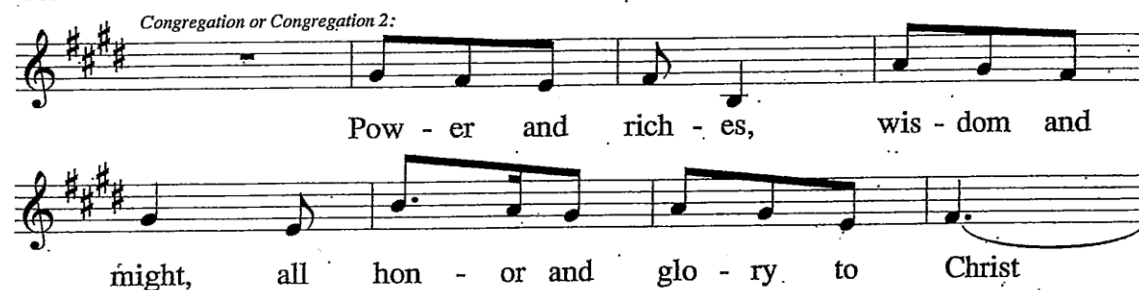
Congregation or Congregation 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Genesis 1:26-28, 31** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature

so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,

the birds in the air, the cattle,

and, yes, Earth itself,

and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

God created human beings,

created them godlike,

reflecting God’s nature.

God created them male and female.

and blessed them:

“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

“Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,

“for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”

God looked over everything God had made;

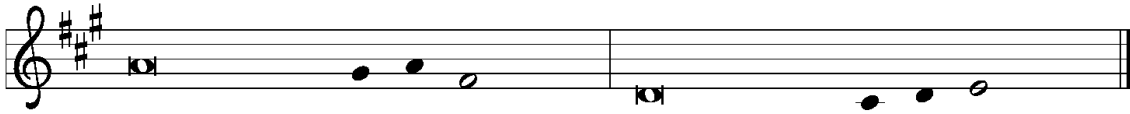
it was so good, so very good!

It was evening, it was morning—

Day Six.

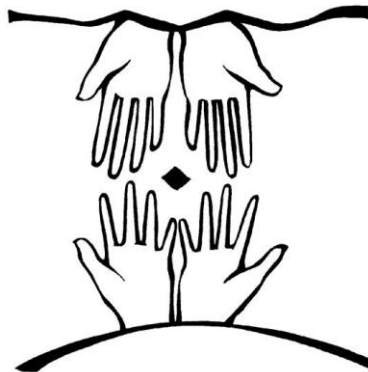
May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 139:13-18



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For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**
My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.
**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
were written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**
How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!
**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

Gospel

Mark 12:28-31 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, one of the religion scholars came up to Jesus and put in his question: “Which is most important of all the commandments?”

Jesus said, “The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.’ And here is the second: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment that ranks with these.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

CREATED TO BE

Wendy Stoica, Toshi Phillips, Izzy Skoog, Sophie Skoog,
Andrew Skoog, Sachio Phillips, Dave Shull



Introducing the Confirmands:



I am going to Whetstone High School this fall. I enjoy playing the saxophone, playing soccer and running, and hanging out with friends. One thing I like about Redeemer is how kind and accepting everyone is.



I am going to Bexley High School this August. I'm pretty excited to be starting high school. Some of my hobbies are drawing, playing outside with friends, and video games. One thing I like about Redeemer is that we get to help people.

Congregation's Commitment of Support

The congregation is invited to say these words:

**Toshi and Andrew, we thank God for you.
We welcome you!**

**We promise you our prayers, support, encouragement, and love.
We will walk with you as companions in your journey of life and faith.**

**We open ourselves to receive the gifts you offer.
And we open ourselves to be changed by the unique ways God's
Spirit lives in each of you.**

**With God's help, we pray our words and actions will help you know
God looks on you with delight, and says to you, "You are precious
and honored in my sight, and I love you."**

**With God's help, we will keep creating here a free and fearless space
where you can be authentically yourselves.**

Commitment by Confirmands

The Confirmands say together:

In response to the love of God you share, I commit myself with joy and gratitude to become a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

I commit to give my time in attendance, my energy in ministry, my attention in prayer, and my money in support.

I will continue to offer you and all who seek a home here my prayers, support, encouragement, and care.

I know I will continue to be changed by you and the ways God's Spirit moves through you.

If at times I feel like I am being stretched in uncomfortable ways, I will trust Christ's Spirit is at work, nudging me toward deeper spiritual maturity.

If I ever find that my journey leads me away from this community because my life and faith are growing more deeply elsewhere, I will not simply stop coming. I will let one of you know of my decision, so any leave-taking can be a time for healing and mutual blessing.

I thank God, and thank you, for the home I am finding here.

Remembering God's Promise at Our Baptism

The moment Jesus came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, came down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."
(Mark 1:10-11, The Message)

Congregational Blessing of Toshi and Andrew

Musical Reflection

Ich will dich all mein Leben lang

J.S. Bach

*April Smith, flute; Wendy Stoica, cello;
Kathy Rapp, piano; Connie Criswell, alto*

Ich will dich all mein Leben lang,
O Gott, von nun an ehren;
Man soll, o Gott, den Lobgesang
An allen Orten hören.
Mein ganzes Herz ermuntere sich,
Mein Geist und Leib erfreue sich.
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!

In English: All my life long from now on,
O God, I want to honor you;
A song of praise should be heard everywhere, O God.
May my whole heart be encouraged,
May my soul and body rejoice.
Give honor to our God!

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, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, Nate Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, niece Olivia Theissen and son-in-law Brandon James, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Mary Watts, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Carol Heacock, Ranel Hoddinott

For the people of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Newark

For Redeemer community members Brad Binau and Ann Palmerton, Martin, Grace, and Trevor Binau

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

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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.**

Sharing the Meal

Please be seated

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. 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

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Please stand in body or spirit

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.

Sabbatical Litany and Blessing

Krista Skipper, Congregation Council President: We wish Godspeed to Pastor Dave as he begins his sabbatical. As you journey, Dave, may God dwell with you while we are away from one another.

Dave: May God's blessing rest on you while I am gone from you.

Krista: May God fill you with the Holy Spirit as you enjoy this season of spaciousness and discovery.

Dave: I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

Krista: We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey and that you return renewed and energized for ministry.

Dave: I pray that you, too, might be renewed and energized to serve in God's name. God's peace be with you as we journey separately through different places.

Krista: Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless Pastor Dave, Pastor Brad, and this congregation during a season of shared sabbatical. May we all open ourselves to rest and renewal, freedom and joy, and exploration and discovery. Grace us all with your presence, wisdom, and love. **Amen**



WE ARE SENT

Hymn

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Cindy Berry

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*The Confirmation Class thanks
 Kathy Mímlitch for making the
 stoles which Andrew and Toshi
 decorated for this morning's rite
 of confirmation.*



**LSS/MidOhio Food Collective
 Food Giveaway
 Thursday August 15**
*Extras this month: Paper Products
 (paper towels, toilet tissue, baby wipes, etc)*

*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!*



RLC Garden Giveaway
 Produce from our own garden
 and donations from friends and neighbors
**Saturday mornings
 10 am until gone**

Corn Roast
Sunday, August 4



**Corn and beverages provided,
 please bring sides to share**

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthause
Reader	Izzy Skoog
Cantor	Connie Criswell
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Mike Benis
Vergers	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Kay Ernsthause, Michele Disbro
Producers	Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Joss & Lorien Dana

*Flowers are dedicated by **Rose** commemorating **1st Anniversary of Glenn**.
Noisy Offering will go to Bishop Griffin Center garden*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JULY 28 – AUGUST 4

Today	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation
Saturday	10:00 am	Garden Giveaway
Next Sunday	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Corn Roast



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