



Reflections

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Hope

This is the musical reflection from yesterday's worship. Composer Jan Krist writes, "I wrote this song... as so many struggled to get through massive storms, flooding, poor government response, wars and other social crisis points, along with a world wide recession. It struck me that [there was a] need of people for hope, and the power of that hope. It 'set me to thinking' as they say."

Let's talk about fear, being afraid
and the toll that it takes on us every day
Pain, grief and doubt and the way that it pulls us inside out

When you think that nothing's gonna change,
it just leaves you a prisoner to the pain

But, what makes the abused refuse to back down?
What makes the broken stand their ground?
What makes the heart start to believe?
What is the gift that faith receives?
What is the soul of the mystery?
What breaks the hold of brutality?

Hope- with its eyes wide open
Hope- with its will unbroken
Hope

And let's talk about what can become
of the faith that we give and the things that are done
and Faith in something bigger than us
more true than the people who vie for our trust

'Cause trust can be abused and truth can be betrayed
So how's anything ever going to change?

But, what makes the abused refuse to back down?
What makes the broken stand their ground?
What makes the heart start to believe?
What is the gift that faith receives?
What is the soul of the mystery?
What breaks the hold of brutality?

You and me and
Hope- with its eyes wide open
Hope- with its will unbroken
Hope

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OUR CONGREGATION

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The Redeemer Community

Youth, Sister Act Collecting Items for Care Kits for Unhoused Persons

Sunday School youth and members of Sister Act will be assembling care kits for unhoused persons that Redeemer folks will be able to take to hand out to individuals they might see on the street corners.

Sister Act is inviting the congregation to donate any of the following items for the Care Kits:

- Chapstick
- Small bottles of lotion
- Hand warmers
- Soft breakfast bars
- Small packets of wipes or
- Small bottles of hand sanitizer

There is a box in the Narthex for the donations. *Thank you for your help!!*

Community Event: Blessing of Backpacks, Ice Cream Social Set for Sept. 8

Plan now to come **Sunday, September 8** for a community ice cream social on the front lawn. Running from 4 to 5:30 p.m., it will include **Pastor Brad's** blessing the backpacks of neighborhood children. The Education Team will also be providing the kids with special tags for their backpacks.

Come meet some of Redeemer's neighborhood kids and enjoy some ice cream!

Those willing to provide some vanilla ice cream, ice cream toppings or help scoop out ice cream are asked to sign up on the bulletin board next to the Library.



In addition, backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, purses or whatever folks use to carry their essentials every day will be blessed during the Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. that morning.

Senior Choir Rehearsals Begin Sept. 8

Redeemer's Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on **Sunday, September 8**. They will run from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Questions? Contact **Director Kathy Rapp** at ARappThing@hotmail.com.

August Food Giveaway

The too few sprinkles during the afternoon did nothing to relieve the drought nor dampen the spirits of the 30 volunteers on Thursday. The 172 families kept everyone busy as we gave away everything from cantaloup to grapes. Fifth-graders Livy and Harper ("family/friends") did a great job of distributing the paper products and remaining school supplies. We served 584 people, with 53 new families matching the number in July—as did the number of children: 191. There were 53 seniors. Thanks to all of you for your tremendous generosity in giving the extras and donating your time. You ARE the hands of God!

Support for Berwick School

Over the years Redeemer has found a variety of ways to help needy students and families at Berwick Alternative Elementary School. We've offered holiday baskets, provided school uniforms, and even sponsored two families with gift cards at Christmas one year. We've been generous!

Recently the Outreach Team connected with the school principal once again to see whether Redeemer might be of assistance. She shared that last year she had eight students in shelters and one family from Haiti, so the needs have been many. She also stressed that all of our previous efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We discussed a number of possible approaches and concluded that the simplest way to help would be for Redeemer to hold on to any contributions and then let her refer any families in need directly to us. She was sure there would be requests for help with uniforms and other back-to-school costs.

So once again, let's live into our mission and our values by supporting families in need at Berwick School. Any contributions should be designated for the Berwick School Fund, and just as a guide, Dave and Joanie Engel remember that uniforms cost about \$30 six years ago. So, since school is starting as you're reading this, let's try to be both generous and speedy. 😊

Thrive! Update

Julie Johnson reports, “Last year individuals at Redeemer joined many across the Southern Ohio Synod in pledging support through the synod's Thrive! campaign, which continues to fund several new resources of the SOS. Thrive! is a three-year campaign and Redeemer pledges totaled just over \$34,000!

“As of last month we have topped \$17,000 (combined last year and seven months of this year.) Each month we forward to the synod the amount received the previous month.

“Redeemer greatly benefited from the expertise we received to livestream our services as part of early Thrive! ministry expansion. Keep those pledges coming!”

Worship Committee Solicits Sermon Topic

Is there a topic or a Bible passage you've always wanted to have addressed in a sermon? The Worship Committee would love to hear from you and on **Sunday, October 13** **Pastor Brad** will address the topic that stirs the most interest.

Send suggestion to info@redeemerluth.com or fill out the green form that can be found on the table in back of the Sanctuary or on the bulletin board next to the Library and drop it in the offering plate.

Submit your suggestion by **Sunday, September 8**. The Worship Committee will select the three most intriguing suggestions and the congregation will have until **Sunday, September 15** to vote on the final selection!

Sister Act to Discuss 'Lessons in Chemistry' This Week

Join Sister Act on **Wednesday, Aug. 21** at 6:30 p.m. here at Redeemer to discuss the book, *Lessons in Chemistry*, by **Bonnie Garmus**. This gives folks time to get the book and read it. *Lessons in Chemistry* is a fun book about **Elizabeth Zott**, a not-so-average woman in the 1960's. [After all, Sister Act would probably ask “Is there such a thing as an average woman???”]

As the *Washington Post* wrote “Meet Elizabeth Zott: ‘a gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention’ in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

“Hope you can join us for a lively discussion!”

The group meets in-person here at Redeemer or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83940727387?pwd=bbhlaWfD73DMaFlvQSIHxD1JagAIF.1>; Meeting ID: 839 4072 7387; Passcode: 079087

Latest Narthex Art Exhibit Tracks RLC Property over Time

The second installment of "Redeemer Through the Seasons" Art Exhibit, this one focusing on pictures of the church property throughout the years is now up. It is an awesome walk through Redeemer's history and the people who were here. Thanks to all who compiled the many photo albums of the church's decades of activities and to those who provided pictures for the display.

In addition, here is a link to the digital album of Redeemer street view since 2007, compliments of **Tom Mimplitch**: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/LZA6VdKPwTAsRDBG9>.

RLC Garden Giveaways Now Underway

Redeemer's Saturday morning veggie giveaways are now underway. For those who are interested in volunteering, harvesting begins between 8:30 and 9 a.m. with weighing and recording the produce before starting the giveaway at 10 a.m.

Returning and new volunteers are asked to contact Jon at Jon.Disbro@nationwidechildrens.org.

Good Neighbors Picnic

The 2024 Good Neighbors Picnic will take place on **Saturday, September 28**. Donations of blankets are being collected in the tub in the cloakroom. Watch for more details about donations and volunteering opportunities.

Important Emails

Info@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the office, *Reflections* newsletter, **Office Manager Becky Trover**, healing prayer requests or for general information.

MemberCare@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with the Member Care team about needs for personal ministry such as in-home communion, a home visit, meals, etc.

FinSec@RedeemerLuth.com – use for stewardship campaigns.

Itgroup@RedeemerLuth.com – use for communicating with Redeemer’s IT Team for items related to the website.

Property@RedeemerLuth.com – use to report items that need repair in the church building.

SundaySchool@RedeemerLuth.com – use to offer suggestions for our Sunday School ministry.

Transportation@redeemerluth.com – use to request temporary transportation assistance.

Communications@redeemerluth.com – use to send church related announcements or pictures for sharing on Redeemer’s social media sites. Another way is to tag Redeemer in the posts.

Publishing Deadlines for *Reflections*, Sunday Bulletins

For *Reflections*

- **PLEASE SUBMIT PRIOR TO 5 P.M. ON SUNDAYS.**
- Send to info@RedeemerLuth.com and put *Reflections* in subject line.
- Or leave a note in the *Reflections* mailbox at the top of the stairs outside the church office.

For Sunday Bulletins

The deadline for information to be published in Sunday bulletins is the **Wednesday morning** before. That information can be sent to the above email: just put “Bulletin” in the subject line.

Prayers and Personals

Prayers are asked for **Mary Watts**, mother of **Karen Kent** and **Kathy Rapp**, who is in hospice care. Prayers are also asked for **Karen** who is undergoing medical tests. Prayers for healing are asked for **Judith Bird** who is in the hospital for tests.

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Supporting the Columbus Violence Reduction Program

Leaders of the Columbus Violence Reduction program spoke to Redeemer’s Adult Education Class earlier this year. At that time, the class heard some remarkable stories about their creative efforts to work with members of the gangs in the Columbus area who account for a large percentage of violent crime to help them imagine different futures for themselves that would keep them out of prison.

Class members were moved and inspired by the presentation, and asked how people might support this program independent of what the city of Columbus budgeted for its work. Any who are interested can get more information and give online at cityviewcolumbus.org/cvr.

August Birthdays

23-Scott Steiner 25-LaVerna Reinoehl

26-Brad Binau 27-Matthew Bird

29-Jon Disbro 30-Kathy Richter

31-Lynn Belhorn

The Wider Church Update on Palestine and Gaza

The following update is provided by **Julianne Johnson**:

“Ceasefire talks resumed last Thursday. The United States is sent several key administrative personnel to the area last week and Secretary of State Blinken is to return to the area to try to ensure that hostilities don’t escalate. It is widely agreed that a ceasefire agreement must be reached if there is any possibility to avoid an Iranian military action against Israel. Iran has said that Israel will pay for the assassination of a Hamas leader who was visiting Tehran when he was killed.

Ceasefire talks did not include a Hamas representative, but talks included Egypt, Qatar, the United States and Israel to work on issues that divided the parties. Talks ended with news that progress had been made and that experts would continue this week to work on technical language and then the talks will resume late this week.

Bombings and fighting continue in Gaza. Israel regularly calls for evacuations of parts of Gaza that it was supposed to be a humanitarian zone. Sewage and water infrastructure were destroyed by Israel months ago so conditions for disease are rampant. Humanitarian aid remains far below needed levels, and aid trucks continue to be backed up in Egypt because of Israeli restrictions.

The acknowledged death toll now tops 40,000 in Gaza, although the actual casualties are considered to be much higher - some estimates now near 200,000. - or nearly 10 percent of the entire population of Gaza are now dead.” Israel claims over 17,000 of the 40,000 deaths are militants, which means that 23,000 are civilians. Experts state that still means that 20,000 Hamas fighters remain. Netanyahu’s stated goal is to eliminate Hamas – a goal that even the Israeli defense minister has said is unrealistic.

War with Iran would be a huge escalation of this fight, potentially involving the United States and other nations. Pray, and advocate for a ceasefire, return of hostages from both sides and justice for Palestinians.

Prayer Concerns from ELCA

August 20 Remember children and youth who will soon begin a new academic year; pray that they are filled with anticipation and will feel safe, cared for and supported by their parents, teachers and peers.

21 “Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul,” wrote Martin Luther. “It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” Praise God for the gift of music in your daily life and when you gather for worship.

22 Remember in prayer pastors and deacons discerning God’s call to service and accepting calls to new places where they are needed. Pray for the Spirit to open their hearts, give them wisdom and strengthen their families during their moves and transitions.

23 Pray for the work of Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel (formerly Peace Not Walls), a new ELCA initiative of accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising with our partners in the Holy Land and in the United States, that together we will find the justice required for peace in the Middle East.

24 Pray for youth and adults who experienced the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events, that they will bear spirited witness far and wide to God’s love and presence in the world and that the Spirit will continue to nourish their faith and identity as bold disciples of Christ.

25 “Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God’” (John 6:66-69). Ask the Spirit to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, especially when we grapple with the hard sayings of Jesus and wonder how to live by the gospel.

26 Give thanks for Sunday school teachers, volunteers, Bible study leaders and faith formation coordinators, who share their faith, time and gifts to build up the church and equip all ages for our baptismal journey of witness and service.

Getting Ready for Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024 – 10 a.m.

Lessons

Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; John 6:53-69

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

A Prayer for Peace

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions & Thanksgiving

- + For the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbus.
- + For Redeemer community members Ruth and Bill Boys.

Each week we remember in our prayers in worship those who cannot be with us and those with special needs and 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, Becky Trover’s sister Maddie Sutphin, her son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray’s daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy’s sister and brother-in-law Becky and Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich; Terry Warren’s sister Elaine Warren, Nathaniel Bird’s father-in-law Wendell Jordan, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Mary Watts, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Paul Johnson, Judith Bird.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brad Binau
Assisting Minister	Karen Rider
Cantor	Jennifer Young
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chim24-35e Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Kathleen Zwanziger
Verger	Michelle Clemence/Wendy Stoica
Producers	Michele Disbro, Sue Yehling
Hospitality	Bread Bakers
Communion Prep	Kathleen Zwanziger, Becky Trover, Karen Rider

*Flowers are given by Judith and Ashley Bird in honor of Matt Bird on his birthday
The Noisy Offering will go towards construction of a tool shed at the Bishop Griffin Resource Center.*

This Week at Redeemer August 19- August 26, 2024

Monday	5:00 p.m.	TOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 2462
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation
	6:30 p.m.	Sister Act
Saturday	10 a.m.	Garden Giveaway
Sunday	10 a.m.	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop 1143
Monday	5:00 p.m.	TOPS



Redeemer’s mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God’s love with all
Redeemer’s vision: To foster understanding and healing in community
Redeemer’s Values: Inclusion, Compassion, Justice