

A Reconciling in Christ congregation, celebrating the diversity of God's children and fostering understanding and healing in community

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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

Children of the Heavenly Father arr. John Carter

Welcome





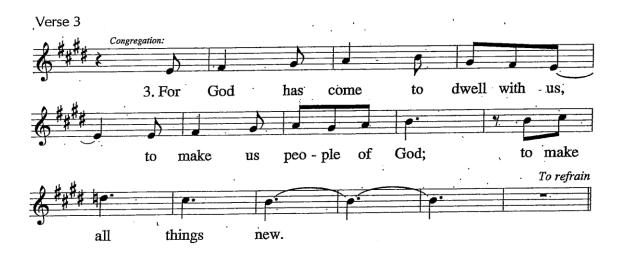
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Greeting

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





Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (The Message)

A reading from St. James' letter to the early church

- Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom— it's animal cunning, devilish plotting. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.
- Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.
- Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.

You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him make himself scarce. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time.

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

Psalm 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful! Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that [|] do not wither;

everything they | do shall prosper.

It is not so | with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Sing We Alleluia

Senior Choir Jay Althouse

Sing We Alleluia, Sing with one joyful voice. Sing we Alleluia, Let all nations rejoice. Sing with firm conviction, Sing it to the sky. Sing with exultation on high. Alleluia, Sing alleluia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Mark 9:30-37 (The Message)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Leaving there, [Jesus and the disciples] went through Galilee. He didn't want anyone to know their whereabouts, for he wanted to teach his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to do with God. They will murder him. Three days after his murder, he will rise, alive." They didn't know what he was talking about, but were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was safe at home, he asked them, "What were you discussing on the road?"

The silence was deafening—they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest.

- He sat down and summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all."
- He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, "Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord *Please be seated*

Praise to you, O Christ.

Proclamation

WHO IS THE G.O.A.T.?



Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands, all ye people, clap your hands to the Lord most high; Clap your hands all ye people, shout to God with a voice of Joy. Clap your hands, all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high; Fill the air with loud hosannas, lift your voices to the sky.

And sing to the Lord, sing praises to His name. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; Sing of His glory, of His glory.

> REFRAIN (4 times) Clap your hands, ye people who are children of God; Clap your hands, ye children of God.

Clap your hands, all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high. Fill the air with loud hosannas; Lift your voices to the sky. And sing to the Lord. Sing praises to His name. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; Sing of His Glory, of His Glory.

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Statement of Faith

Every week we confess our faith in the Triune God. This week we are using words developed by the Iona Community:

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth. of all human persons. We believe in God beside us. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. 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, Becky Trover's sister Maddie Sutphin, son-in-law Brandon James, and her niece Olivia Theissen, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich; Nathaniel Bird's father-in-law Wendell Jordan, John Huber, Barbara and David Hairston, Dottie and Larry Bird, Karen Kent, Roman Fisher, Terry Warren's sister Elaine

For the people of African International Lutheran Mission in Canal Winchester For Redeemer community members Maureen Callahan and Margaret Farnham

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

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.



And also with you.

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.

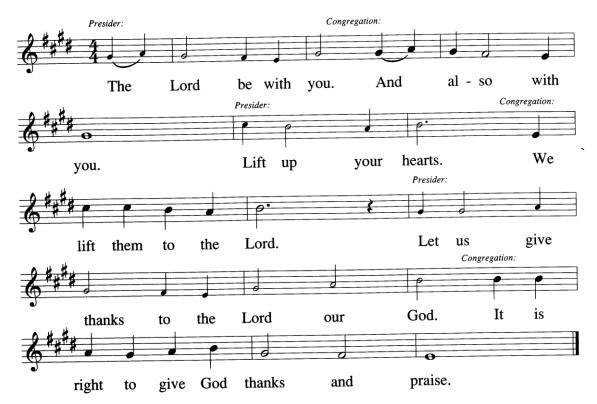


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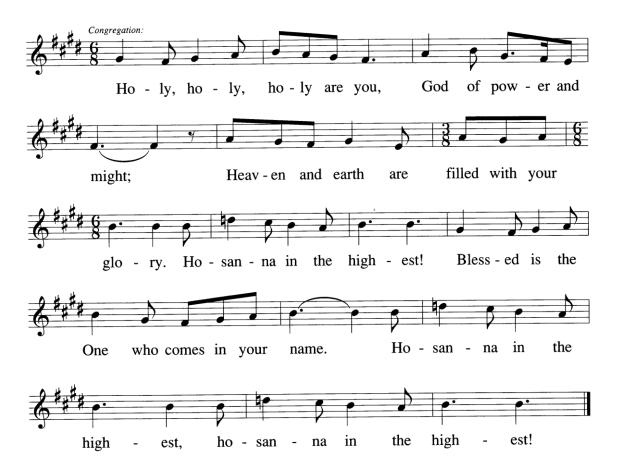
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Great Thanksgiving



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:



- 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

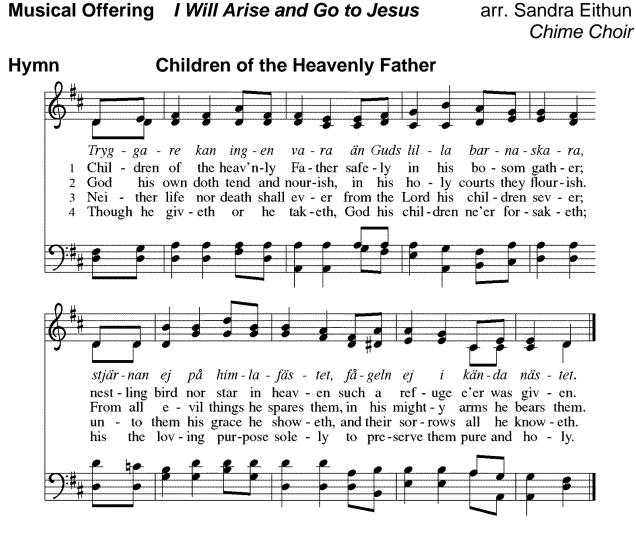
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

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.



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5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.

WE ARE SENT



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude on Neuwe Hollontse Boerenlities en Contradonsen, 1710; art. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

Announcements

Postlude

Ain-a That Good News!

arr. John Carter

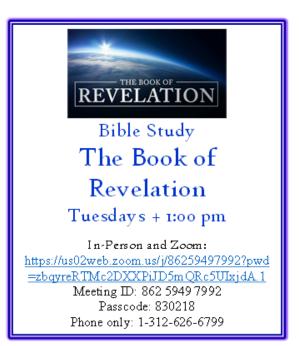
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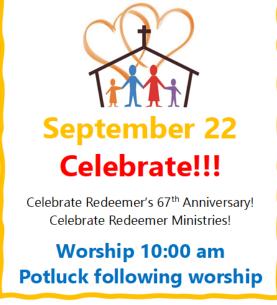
Adult Ed September & October – 11:15 am

LEADING CAUSES OF LIFE 9/29 "Coherence Causes Life" 10/6 "Agency Causes Life" 10/13 "Blessing Causes Life" 10/27 "Hope Causes Life"

10/20 Sermon feedback with Guest Preacher Hank Langknecht

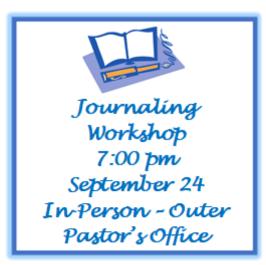
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Amen.









Envelopes available on bulletin table in sanctuary. Your monetary support is much appreciated!



Support for Berwick School Families

With the coming of a new school year, we will be offering financial support to our neighbor Berwick School families in need.

Contributions should be marked for **Berwick School**.



KEY ELECTION DATES November 5, 2024

Deadline to Register to Vote -9:00pm October 7 Check your voter registration status at: <u>https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx</u> Register to vote or update your registration online at: <u>https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/register/</u>

Election Day. November 5 (Polls Open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm)



OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Cantor ASL Interpreter Organist & Senior Choir Director Pianist & Chime Choir Director Usher Verger Mic Communion Prep Producers Hospitality

Brad Binau, Pastor Mary Benis Connie Criswell Bryan Neal Kathy Rapp Karen Kent Mike Benis Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica Eileen Day April Smith, Sue Yehling *Anniversary Potluck!*

Flowers are given by **members of Redeemer.** Noisy Offering will go to Bishop Griffin Resource Center garden.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER SEPTEMBER 22 – 29

Today	8:45 am 10:00 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Ministry Celebration
	11:15 am	Anniversary Potluck
Tuesday	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study Journaling Workshop
Saturday		Good Neighbor Picnic
Next Sunday	8:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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