

Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Return of the Prodigal Son - detail (Rembrandt)

March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Come, Ye Disconsolate arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn God, We Gather as Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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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.**

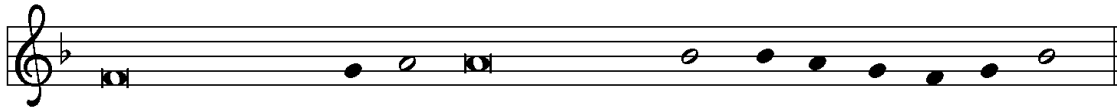
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



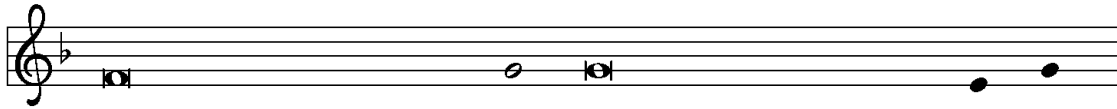
Lord, have mer - cy.



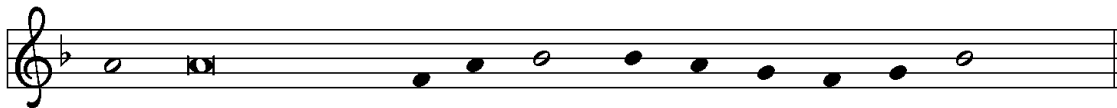
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



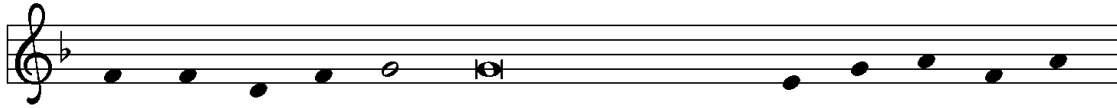
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, your arms open wide to welcome all who are lost, forgotten, confused, and afraid. Move through us so we see those parts of us that need your healing embrace, and so we see the ways those we often ignore are in need of the love we have to offer. We pray as those who follow Jesus and commit ourselves to let his Spirit live through us.

Amen.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (The Message, inclusivized)

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

We don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at Christ that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what is going on. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade people to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ now: Become friends with God; God's already a friend with you.

How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on the One who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.

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

Gospel

Luke 15:11-32 (New Living Translation)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

"When he finally came to [himself], he said, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."' "

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

"The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!'

"His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"

Spoken Reflection

NOT A PRODIGAL SON, BUT A BROKEN FAMILY

Musical Reflection

Jesus, Savior, Blessed Friend

Deborah Govenor
Senior Choir

Whom have I, O Lord, beside you? What have I except your love?
Where is home if not for heaven, there to dwell with you above?
Who are you, if not my Savior? Who am I if not your own?
What are you if not my savior, Christ, my rock and corner stone?
Jesus, Savior, blessed friend, I will love you without end.

Who will share my earthly sorrow? Who will heal my broken Heart?
Who will hold my life together when it seems to fall apart?
When the fears are far too many and the joys are far too few,
Who will comfort and defend me, only you, Lord, only you.
Jesus, Savior, blessed friend, I will trust you without end.

Where, O Lord, when life is over, can I go, but home to you?
What have I except the promise where you are I shall be too?
When at last, I reach the comfort of that bright celestial place,
There with joy will I behold you, gaze upon your glorious face.
Jesus, Savior, heavenly friend, I will praise you without end.
I will praise you without end.



Apostles' Creed

We honor and celebrate our oneness with Christians in this time and throughout time 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, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, 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 and their son-
in-law Brandon James, Skye Andree, Kris Kauffman, Ruth Murray's
daughter Ellen Rose, Kathie Ehrich, Dottie and Larry Bird, Eileene Welker,
Kelley Frank's mother Charlotte Frank, Scott Steiner, Al Debelak
For the people of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Hilliard
For Redeemer community member Carol Heacock

Time with the Young People

Commissioning of BREAD Network Members

Today we are commissioning the Network members of the Redeemer
BREAD Team. BREAD -- Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity --
seeks to further justice issues in this area.

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.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

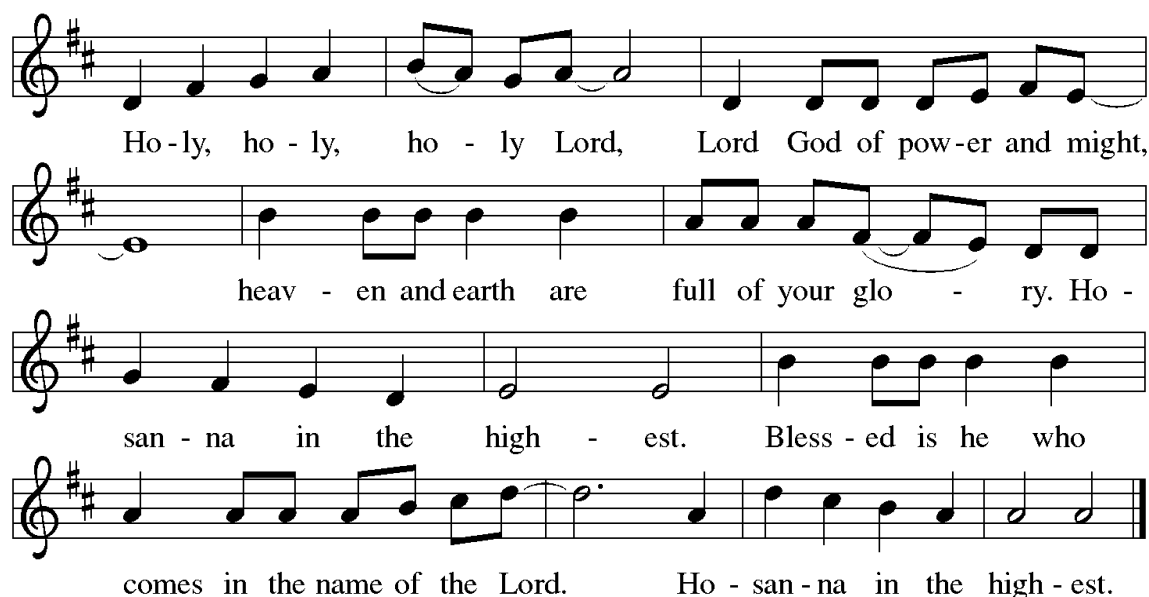
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and joyful to lift our voices in praise to you, loving God!
You answer fear with grace and encourage our wayward steps toward home. You make yourself present to all of creation, so your Spirit can work through us to help mend the broken, bring justice to the excluded, and welcome the forgotten.

You hold us in every sorrow, and bring us comfort and companions even in the shadow of death. All your creatures behold your works, and join to sing your steadfast love:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. His commitment to follow your way led the powers of this world to put him on a cross. Yet human hands cannot destroy your love. You brought him to new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

So we remember on the night his closest friends abandoned and betrayed him, he shared a meal with them in which he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation. Open us to recognize the living Christ in this bread and cup, and in one another. And open us to live the words Jesus teaches:

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

Whoever you are, from wherever you come, whatever you believe, you are welcome and invited to receive. Come! For all things are now ready.

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

O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Hymn

Come, Ye Disconsolate

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779-1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740-1816

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Open us to receive the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for all creation, welcome in this community, and the promise of friendship with the Spirit who delights in us. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn **God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**

1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation arr by Mark Hayes

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Adult Ed
Sunday March 30 - 11:15 a.m.

Getting to Know You
-Paula Carson-

As a way to deepen our relationships with each other by getting to know each other better, Pastor Dave will interview folks about their lives. And you'll have a chance to ask questions as well.


In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83475541581?pwd=PEyYLFqECnuQBzf9bSbagxGY44GXcU.1>
 Meeting ID: 834 7554 1581 = Passcode: 752230
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Adult Ed
Sundays April 6 & 13 - 11:15 a.m.

**Conflict, Peace, and Reconciliation:
 Lessons from Northern Ireland**

Redeemer member **Elaine Disbro** spent more than a year living and studying in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Hear about her experience living in a post-conflict society and what Northern Ireland taught her about conflict, peace, and reconciliation.

In-Person and Zoom:
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Tuesday Bible Study
**The stories of
 Elijah and Elisha**

Tuesdays + 1:00pm

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86259497992?pwd=zbqyreRTMjc2DXXPiJD5mQRc5UlxjdA.1>
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 Passcode: 830218
 Phone only: 1-312-626-6799

Sunday School



for all ages
Sunday, April 13
11:15 am



Lenten Soup and
Conversation
Wednesdays Noon – 1:00
March 12 – April 9
Narthex



Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer
Wednesdays March 12 – April 9
7:00 pm
In-Person and Livestream



LSS Food Pantry
First Wednesdays
12:30-4:00 pm
Contact Kathleen Zwanziger
to volunteer



Birthdays this week:
30 – Colin Young
1 – Gabriel Reinoehl
3 – Chad Eberle
4 – Jenny Young
5 – Wendy Stoica



Network Members

Lynn Belhorn, Michelle Clemence,
Michele Disbro, Carol Heacock,
Kristi Hildebrand, Julie Johnson,
Emily and Nathan Ott, Al Rider,
Dave Shull, Kathleen Zwanziger



Nehemiah Action
14 May = 6:40 pm
Celeste Center

**It's all about numbers! Join us to show
support for the BREAD campaigns.**

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Michele Disbro
Reader	Kelley Frank
Cantor	Scott Steiner
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Jon Disbro
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Producers	Judith Bird, April Smith
Communion Prep	Wendy Stoica, Lynn Belhorn, Sunday School kids
Hospitality	Sara Auman & Julianne Johnson

The Noisy Offering will go to CRIS [Community Refugee and Immigration Service]

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 30 – APRIL 6

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	Noon	Lenten Soup and Discussion
	12:30 pm	RLC at LSS Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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