

+ Contemporary Lenten Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:45 am April 15, 2018

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.





PRELUDE “Make Me a Servant”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, today we continue our Easter journey with the Risen Lord at our side.

**All: We come in our different ways,
walking in our own styles,
and at our own speeds.
We come to join the journey.**

Pastor: Come, walk into the truth of who you are and who God is.
Walk with Christ as we encounter him in real life,
as he ate in the presence of his disciples and
as he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.
Come walk with the risen Lord who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.

All: We come to join the journey today!

SONG

Please stand and sing.

Messiah

Words and Music by
Larry Olson

♩=95 **VERSE**

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G



1. Some-one's shout - ing from the	des - ert. _____	Some-one's shout - ing from the
2. Some-one's shout - ing from the	cit - y, _____	"I am young. _ I am
3. Some-one's shout - ing, "I am	bro - ken." _____	Some-one's shout - ing, "Make me

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sea.	Some - one's shout - ing from the	moun - tain. _____
cold."	Some - one's shout - ing from the	coun - try, _____
whole."	Some - one's shout - ing, "Come and	change me." _____

CHORUS

7

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Some-one's shout - ing from the	val - ley.	Mes - si	-	ah,
"I am lone - ly. I am	old." _			
Some-one's shout - ing, "Save my	soul." _			

12

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come and be _ our	King.	Mes - si	-	ah,
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INSTRUMENTAL

18

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come and be _ our	King.
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: The story of Christ's passion and death
holds up a mirror to our own weakness and sin.
We come together as people of God who have failed
to be obedient to his will.
We have turned away from God;
either knowingly or unintentionally.
We struggle with loving our neighbors and even ourselves.
Together we confess our sins.

**All: O God, we want to be your faithful followers,
But we fall away or fall asleep.
We deny you or betray you or abandon you.
We are afraid of what your cross means for our lives.
Have mercy and forgive us.
Open our ears and hearts and minds
to hear your story in a new way—
and receive your grace and forgiveness again.
Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Bring Your Mercy

Larry Olson

Congregation will sing the Chorus; Praise Team will sing the Verses

Please follow the lead of the Praise team

Chorus

**Bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy, Lord.
Bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy, bring Your mercy, Lord.**

Verse 1

To those who are distant. To those who are here.
To those with resistance. Those who live in fear.

Verse 2

To our hidden places only You can see.
To the many faces yearning to be free.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



LESSON: 1 John 3:1–7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Pastor: Word of God, word of life.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE
Please stand and sing.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel: Luke 24:36b–48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}"Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Understand the Scriptures
Pastor Sandy Kessinger

SONG OF THE DAY
Please stand and sing.

Thy word

Refrain

F C⁷ F B^b C⁷ F B^b F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

B^b C Dm D A/C# C^{sus} C⁷ *Refrain*

Please be near me to the end.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

B^b C Dm D A/C# C^{sus} C⁷ *Refrain*

I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain: Michael W. Smith, stanzas
 Music: Amy Grant
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APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

OFFERING MUSIC

"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises" by Paul Baloche

OFFERING SONG

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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Chords: G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

Chords: F C/E Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G C

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

THE INVITATION

Assistant With the breaking of bread and sharing the cup, Jesus offered the disciples peace
Minister: and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God. Jesus offers
the same to all people.

**All: Jesus, we join your journey to the cross
We are sinners hungry for your grace.
We come to receive your gift of love.
In return, receive our gifts
As we care for the world you created.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this to the pastor when you come forward. Intinction is used – the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white) that is in the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available from the Pastor. You are invited to sing the communion song with the Praise Team singers.

COMMUNION SONG

All sing.

Come and Taste

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be! Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be! We come here bro-ken - heart - ed, seek - ing all that God of - fers. Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be! Come see!" There are three-measure rests and triplet markings in the music.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami
 Music: COME AND TASTE, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami
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Please stand.

Pastor: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood, strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All: **Amen**

PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in love by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: The God of grace + bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Firm Foundation

2 Timothy 2:19

$\text{♩} = 112$ *With confi* WORDS and MUSIC: Nancy Gordon and Jamie Harvill

F B^b Csus
 Je - sus, you're my firm foun - da - tion;

F B^b C
 I know I can stand se - cure.

Dm7 F B^b Asus A
 Je - sus, you're my firm foun - da - tion;

B^b F C Dm7
 I put my hope in your ho - ly word,

B^b F C F *Fine*
 I put my hope in your ho - ly word.

F C/F F C/F F

1. (I have a liv - ing hope;) I have a liv - ing hope;
 2. (Your word is faith - ful,) Your word is faith - ful,

B^b C F B^b/D C/E F

(I have a fu - ture.) I have a fu - ture.
 (might - y in pow - er;) might - y in pow - er;

Dm7 FMaj7/C B^b2 Dm7 FMaj7/C B^b2

(God has a plan for me,) God has a plan for me, (of
 (God will de - liv - er me,) God will de - liv - er me, (of

Gm7 F/A Gm7 B^b/C D.C.

this I'm sure.) of this I'm sure.
 this I'm sure.) of this I'm sure.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, share the Good News!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Please join the Redeemer family in the Crossroads foyer area
for fellowship and refreshments.*

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a special worship bulletin for them. Request one of our usher. Also there is a special cart of books in the back of the sanctuary. Your children are welcome to borrow books for the service. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services. A pager is available from the nursery.



Visitors are invited to sign the red Attendance Book at the end of the pew.

Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

Sunday Services

9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 and 11 am for traditional services

Two Additional Readings for Today:

Please read before or after worship as a meditation piece: Psalm 4 & Acts 3:12-19

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

+ ASSISTING IN WORSHIP +

Assisting Minister:

Reader: Jennifer Henshall

Communion Assistants: Nancy Etkin

Ushers: Julia Fredriksen and Bill Swarm

Chancel Care: Steve Gunderson

Coffee Hour: Karen Miller

*The flowers are given by Betsy Kutscher to the glory of God,
and in celebration of Steven's birthday today, and Ron's birthday on the 18th.*

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