

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9 am August 20, 2023

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 67

Pastor May God be merciful to us and bless us;
All **may the light of God's face shine upon us.**

Pastor Let your way be known upon earth,
All **your saving health among all nations.**

Pastor Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
All **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

Pastor May God give us blessing,
All **and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. Amen! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

Text and music: Twila Paris
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We bow down

You are Lord of cre - a - tion and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be -
fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be.
We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow
down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we
wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor We are called to follow Christ. We are called to obey Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

All **Loving God,
we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,
that we may be filled with your joy.**

Pastor The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Wind of the Spirit

Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath - ing in the
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The song concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: WIND OF THE SPIRIT, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

Amen.

TEMPLE TALK

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (BLESSING OF BACKPACKS)

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

Text: James Tallman
Music: anonymous
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What a mighty word God gives

What a mighty Word God gives!

What a mighty Word God gives!

When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread.
God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won.

What a mighty Word God gives!

Max The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Max The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Max Miller

*Redeemer welcomes the return of our own seminarian, Max Miller.
Max is currently enrolled at Duke Divinity School and affiliated
with United Lutheran Seminary.*

Please stand and sing.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior

Refrain
Em Bm⁷ Em Am/C D Em C G/B Am⁷ D Em C Bm

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;

Em Am Em Bm Am D G Em C Em⁷/B Am Bm⁷ Em

Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

C G/B Am⁷ Bm C D

1 You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2 You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3 You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4 You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;

Em Em⁷/D C Am⁷ Dsus D G Bm⁷/F# Em Bm/D

you are the Word who leads us in - to light; you are the Word who
you are the one who speaks to us to - day; you are the one who
you are the Word whose on - ly law is love; you are the Word made
you are the Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who

C Am⁷ Dsus D C Am D *Refrain* Bm⁷

brings us through the des - ert: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
leads us to our fu - ture: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
flesh who lives a - mong us: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
teach - es us for - give - ness: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Text and music: Bernadette Farrell

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APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min. 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

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

Asst. Min. Hear us, O God.
All Your mercy is great.

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 May the peace of the Lord be with you always.
All And also with you.

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

Sit

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Offering plates are found at the front of the worship space by the baptismal font and in the
back of the church as you leave our worship space. Please give as you are able.*

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING MUSIC

"In the Secret" by Andy Park

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, C/E, F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
All **Gracious God,
with your steadfast love
you call us from death to life,
from silence to speech,
and from idleness to action.
With joy and thanksgiving
we ask that these gifts
may be a sign of that love,
and that we may continue
to share all that we have received
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**



+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.
Please sit.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.

All sing.

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let Us Break Bread Together'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff has three lines of lyrics, the second has three lines, the third has one line, and the fourth has one line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Please stand.

Pastor

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

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG
All sing.

Your Everlasting Love

Isaiah 54:8-10

WORDS and MUSIC: Bill Batstone

$\text{♩} = 132$

F **B^b/F** **F**

1. Your ev - er - last-ing love is high - er,
 (2.) - er - last-ing love is deep - er,
 (3.) - er - last-ing love is reach - ing,

B^b/F **F** **C** **F**

high - er, high - er than the sky. Your ev -
 deep - er, deep - er than the sea. Your ev -
 reach - ing, reach - ing out to me. Your ev -

B^b/F **F**

er - last - ing love is high - er,
 er - last - ing love is deep - er,
 er - last - ing love is reach - ing,

B^b/F **F** **C/E**

high - er, high - er than the
 deep - er, deep - er than the
 reach - ing, reach - ing out to

Dm **C** **B^b**

sky, high - er than the sky.
 sea, deep - er than the sea.
 me, reach - ing out to me.

F/A **Gm** **Csus**

Oh, the won-der of your ev-er-last-ing love is high-er than the
 Oh, the won-der of your ev-er-last-ing love is deep-er than the
 Oh, the won-der of your ev-er-last-ing love is reach-ing out to

B^b **C** **F** **B^b** **C** **Dm** **B^b** **C** **F** **B^b** **C** **F** *Last time end here*

sky.
 sea.
 me.

2. Your ev -
 3. Your ev -

DISMISSAL

Asst. Min. Go in peace. Share the good news.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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Hearing help available: We have for your
use personal hearing amplification units
available in the narthex.

Summer Sunday Services

July 23 - August 20 9 am - Contemporary Service 10:30 am - Traditional Service

***Starting next week, August 27, our worship schedule is:
8:30 and 11 am - Traditional Services 9:45 am - Contemporary Service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

Holding Jesus Accountable

As disturbing as the report of Jesus' callous-sounding encounter with the unnamed Canaanite woman may be to our ears, all around him, on both sides of their ethnic divide, were people who would have been outraged by any act of generosity or goodwill between a Jew and a Canaanite. So it's no surprise when the disciples urge Jesus to send her away. Animosity toward "those" on the other side of the border, between children of Canaan and children of Israel, were deeply entrenched and easily inflamed. Jesus appears to identify with the ill will.

All eyes and ears attend the scene. The shouting, then kneeling woman is in stubborn company with others whose protesting faith demands more than silence from God, who refuse to be rejected by God, who insist on being heard by God. She is in the company of Jacob, who wrestled with God through the night and demanded a blessing; with Moses pleading for God's mercy upon stiff-necked people; with Job, not settling for a vindictive Creator. She's in tradition with the psalmist's entreaty "My God, . . . why [are you] so far from saving me?" (Psalm 22:1). She is beside Martha railing against Jesus' delay as her brother, Lazarus, lay dying, and beside the blind men shouting to Jesus above defiant crowds at Jericho.

The Canaanite woman is clear about the way of Jesus, so she dares to hold him—Son of David, face of God—accountable. Yes, her aggressive and, surely for many, objectionable faith in the mercy of Jesus against all evidence to the contrary results in her daughter's healing. What's more, her persistent challenge to Jesus becomes an enduring voice to be heard by any who dare claim that God's mercy is limited, God's help is restricted, or God's providence is settled. She raises her voice and takes a knee for the church of Jesus Christ, representing all the voices shouting, "Have mercy on me."

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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