

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*10:30 am June 18, 2023*

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

Pastor     Hear, O people of God, and declare that the Lord is our God.  
All         **Our Lord is indeed God,  
              the One who is Creator of heaven and earth  
              and all who dwell in it.**

Pastor     We gather in response and gratitude to God's invitation and love for us.  
All         **We've come to worship the God  
              who created all humanity in God's image and likeness,  
              equal in dignity and worthy of regard and care.**

Pastor     Let us worship our great God together.  
All         **To the God of justice, love, and peace  
              we lift up our hearts and minds and voices.**

# GATHERING SONG

## Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor Let us pray.  
God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **+ THE WORD +**

### **Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a**

*At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.*

[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

**Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God, because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death. A tested character has been forged for us which empowers endurance in the midst of suffering and hope for final salvation.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

*Please stand and sing.*

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



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

**Gospel: Matthew 9:35--10:8**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

**SERMON**

*Sent Out*  
*Pastor Josh Wullenweber*

*Please stand and sing.*

## This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
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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**

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

Pastor God, 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 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*

## **+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +**

### **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.*

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

*"Oh Freedom!", traditional spiritual, arr. by Randa Kirshbaum Keith Craig, tenor*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles

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The musical notation is written on two staves. 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 music is in G major, 4/4 time, and features various chords including G, C<sup>2</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>2</sup>/E, C/E, F, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>/G, and C. There are triplets in the second line of the melody.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray.

All

**Holy God, you abide with your creation  
and in Jesus Christ, you gather us at your table.  
As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal,  
so now stay with us.  
As we receive these gifts of bread and wine,  
open our hearts to share what we have received,  
the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.  
Amen.**

## + COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor

Friends in Christ, this joyful feast unites us.

All

God has gathered all his people from around the world to commune at his table.  
**And so we come from the East  
and from the West,  
from the North  
and from the South.**

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;

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for three parts: 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.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 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.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The refrain section begins with the word 'Refrain' in italics. The melody and accompaniment continue. The lyrics are: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of the song. The melody and accompaniment conclude with a final chord. The lyrics are: sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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**

Pastor

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 +**

**PRAYERS FOR ALL GOING ON MISSION TRIP TO LOGAN COUNTY, WV**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

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

**All**

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

***All sing.***

**I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,  
Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,  
sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please join the Redeemer family outside 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***

***June 18-July 16: 9 am Traditional service and 10:30 am Contemporary service  
July 23-August 20: 9 am Contemporary service and 10:30 am Traditional service***

### ***Next Sunday's Scripture:***

*Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39*

### **Assembly Required**

Many of us are dumbfounded by instructions, even if we have the patience to read them. We may in fact ignore them, ripping open a cardboard box holding a new gadget, toy, or piece of furniture and launching into assembly without bothering to find the enclosed paperwork. In this story from Matthew, the instructions for the twelve laborers are clear: cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons. Having watched Jesus' ministry of proclamation and healing, they are sent out on their own ministry to do the same.

Are they ready? Who knows. If we're honest, we seldom feel completely ready for tasks before us, even if we've read or heard the instructions. Instructions only take us so far, after all. Then we're on our own. Or better yet, on a team. That's where our creativity and can-do spirit kick in.

Sounds like the church, doesn't it? In this sending of the disciples, the church is cast into the world with the mission of preaching, teaching, and healing. These verses from Matthew, filled with both compassion and urgency, are for the original audience and for us. Jesus sends us too. And more than "some" assembly is required. We need the entire assembly! We laborers are sent first from the font, then week after week from the table.

The words in the service of Holy Baptism send us into the world to "proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace" (ELW, p. 228). Thank God for those who labor with us and cheer us on our way. We need both the instructions and the assembly. And most importantly, the Holy One who sends us out.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Julia's birthday and Anna's Baptism Anniversary  
from Lara and Nathan Paukovits*

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