

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

October 4, 2020

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 80

Pastor Restore us, O God of Hosts.
People **Let your face shine upon us.**

Pastor You have brought a vine out of Egypt.
People **You cast out the nations and planted it.**

Pastor Turn now, O God of hosts.
People **Look down from heaven.**

Pastor Behold and tend this vine.
People **Preserve what your right hand has planted.**

GATHERING SONG
Cantor sings.

Celebrate the Lord of Love

WORDS and MUSIC: Paul Baloché, Ed Kerr

♩=116-124

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols (E, A2, B) are placed above the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The final staff includes the chord symbols C#/E#, F#m7, B7sus, and D.C. al Fine.

Trade your heav - y heart for a heart of joy;
cel - e - brate what God has done.
Join the song of praise as we gath - er here;
cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. Je - sus is our Lord;
he is reign - ing here. We de - clare, "His king -
dom's come." Dark - ness has to flee in his ho - ly light;
cel - e - brate the Lord of Love. *Fine*
All cre - a - tion sings; hear the o - cean roar.
Let the earth pro - claim that Christ is Lord.

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. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Cantor sings.

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 in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear emphasis on the words "Wind of the Spirit".

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.
Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vine-
yard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of
it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my
vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with
briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of
hosts

is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

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

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Pastor Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
All **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON

*Know Christ
Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

SONG

Cantor sings.

Thy Word

Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.

Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my

feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my

path. *To repeat* path, *Last time* and a light un-to my path.

APOSTLES' CREED

Vicar 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:

Vicar 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 always.

All And also with you.

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

Please sit.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God.

As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Our work continues even when we are physically apart from one another.

SONG

"How Great Is Our God" words and music by Chris Tomlin

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.
All **God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of
your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen**

THE INVITATION

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

All **Jesus, we are sinners hungry for grace.
We come to receive your gift of love.
Receive our gifts of love
and use them to further your care for the world.
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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Pastor Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.
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.**

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: Individuals and/or families will come forward keeping six feet apart. Once you arrive at the table you can pick up the host and the cup of wine/grape juice. Please move by the basket that stands next to the table.

Pastor will say "The body and blood of Christ for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord."

Once you have communed you can leave by the open side door and exit the building. Those who wish to have a time of prayer can return to your pew by the side aisles. When you are ready to leave then just keep a safe distance from others. We ask that you not gather in the Crossroads but you are free to greet others outside.

At the end of the service pastor will offer a final word of peace for those who are watching the videos.

Pastor

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are always welcome in our worship.

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Next Sunday's Scripture:

Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

The flowers are given by to the glory of God

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