



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020 | 11am

WELCOME!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

Our Redeemer's is now holding worship online using Zoom and Facebook Live. Please join us at 11am on upcoming Sundays. Here's how:

- By phone: call 1-669-900-9128. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By FaceBook Live: Simply go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers. You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom:

Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free!

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>. The link works from 10:45am – 12:15pm every Sunday.

Make sure your video is on, and your audio is muted throughout the service (controls are at lower left corner of your screen).

Use "Speaker View" from the upper corner of your computer screen.

You can chat by typing using the chat function throughout the service. This can be used to add prayer requests, ask questions, and high five your friends.

The bulletin for Sunday and any special services is available on our website for download: www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship. You can print it at home, or save a tree and follow the pdf document on-screen.

OUR MISSION:

In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

Today our worship includes a focus on Christ's ministry of healing and wholeness. God's will for all is wholeness and health in body, mind and spirit. So we pray for healing of physical ailments, as well as for healing in the midst of conflicts, emotional stress and struggle.

THE HEALING MINISTRY OF OUR REDEEMER'S is based on the following convictions:

- God's intentional will for all persons is wholeness and health in body, mind and spirit.
- The total life of the congregation—in all of its functions—is to be health-producing.
- As Christians, we have a responsibility for a lifestyle of health in body, mind and spirit.
- The Service of the Word for Healing symbolizes the fact that all worship events of the Church should be experiences of healing in some form.
- Prayers and concerns for cure from illness is always consistent with the will of God.
- We pray for the cure of illness without reservation, qualification or condition, at the same time knowing that not all illness is cured.
- All persons may be healed (made whole), but not all may be cured.
- We cannot explain in rational terms why there is illness other than to recognize that we are imperfect persons in an imperfect world.
- God expects us to be faithful at all times and in prayer for body/mind/spirit health and to use those health-care methodologies we feel appropriate for our needs.

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GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

continued

Refrain

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
as we prepare to worship today,
we ask that you will stretch our imaginations
to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension.
Help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven
can give us confidence in our praying
and healing for the future.
Through Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

*FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts, the 1st chapter. Listen for the word of God.

Our ears and hearts are open.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."The gospel of the Lord.

KID'S MESSAGE

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hawks

SONG OF THE DAY

"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.



*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Uplifted by Your promise of the healing and hope of the resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your love to all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

*You may greet others and may say,
"Peace be with you." or similar words.*

MEAL

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Lee - "Abundant Life" by Marty Haugen

*OFFERING RESPONSE

"Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God,
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,
but you make of them an abundance,
just as you do with our lives.
Feed us again at this table
for service in your name,
in the strength of the risen Christ.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Remember us Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PRAYER AND ANNOINTING FOR HEALING

*The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other.
In the laying on of hands and anointing, we proclaim the good news
that God desires us and all creation to live in wholeness and harmony.*

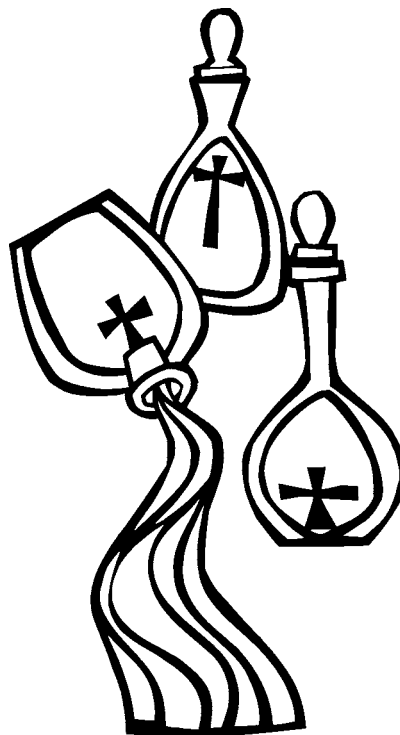
BLESSING OF OIL

God, Word made flesh,
you know the depth of human suffering.
Bless this oil that all who are anointed with it
may be healed, strengthened, and reconciled
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INVITATION

Jesus says,
'Come to me all you who are troubled and I will give you rest.'
So come, you who are burdened by regrets and anxieties,
you who are broken in body or in spirit,
you who are torn by relationships
and by doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves
the divisions and injustices of our world.
Come, for Jesus invites us.



TIME OF HEALING

During this time, Pastor Kathy and Pastor Gretchen will be available in "Breakout Rooms" on Zoom for individual prayer. If you would like to meet with one of them, please message Katlin, and she will send you an invitation when a pastor is available.

You are invited to pray for healing as well. If you are at a loss about what to pray, try reflecting on these:

- Once Jesus asked a paralytic: Do you want to be healed? Ask yourself: Am I receptive to God's healing for me? Even if I can't dictate how that healing will come and what form it will take?
- Are there people or places in the world you overlook or think aren't deserving of attention? Can you express some love for them now by praying for them?
- Are there areas of your life that need healing? These don't need to be physical; they may be emotional or spiritual. Pray for yourself.

Or you might want to pray for yourself or someone else using these words:

"Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant (name); drive away all sickness of body or spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver her/him/them from the power of evil; and preserve her/him/them in living faith, to be strengthened and filled with the power of Christ's resurrection and continue to serve you in love. Amen."

When you are finished praying, you may make the sign of the cross on yourself or a person with you, saying: "(I) Receive this oil as a sign of Christ's healing and forgiveness. Amen."

SONGS DURING HEALING

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

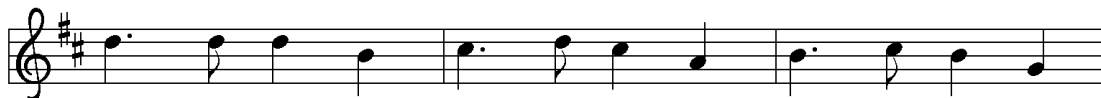
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



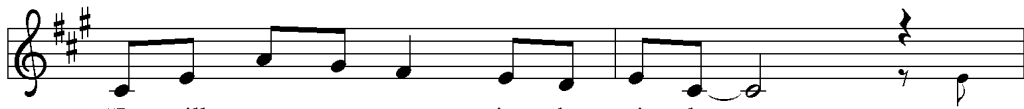
- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

"You Are Mine"



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see.
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
 Come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
 To refrain
 To refrain
 To refrain



Refrain

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

***POST HEALING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Living God, through prayer and anointing, grant comfort to all of us who need healing.

When we are afraid, give us courage;

when afflicted, give us patience;

when dejected, give us hope;

and when alone, assure us of the support of your people,

and of your abiding presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

*BLESSING

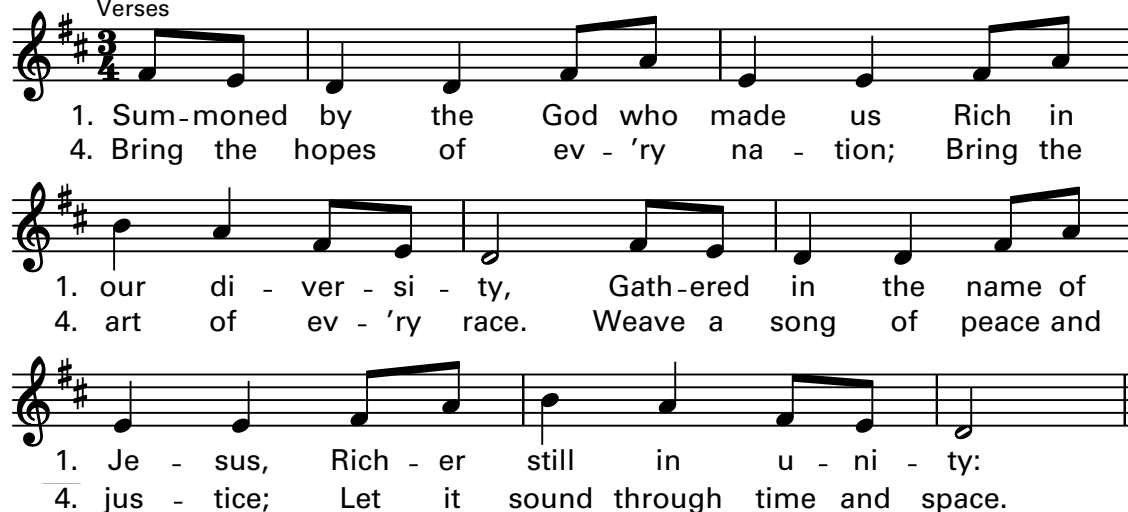
May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"Sing a New Church"

Verses

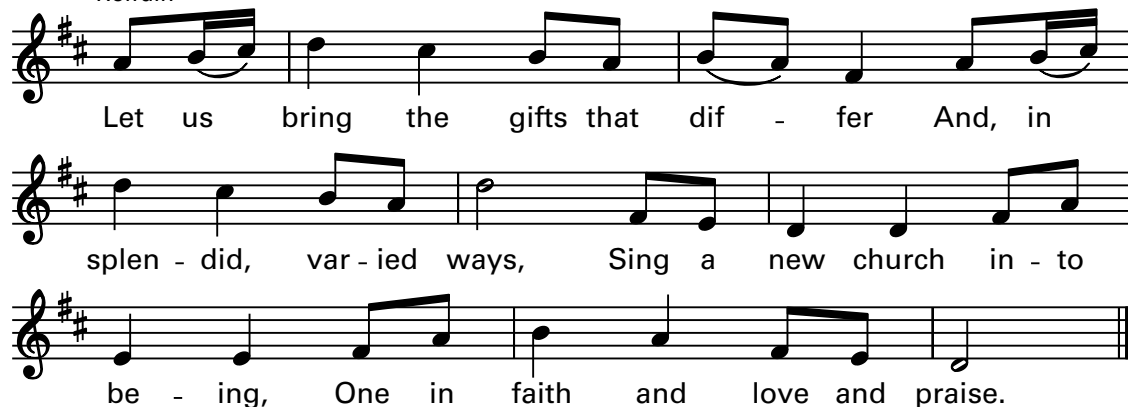


1. Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the

1. our di - ver - si - ty, Gath-ered in the name of
4. art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and

1. Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
4. jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.

Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in
splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new church in - to
be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

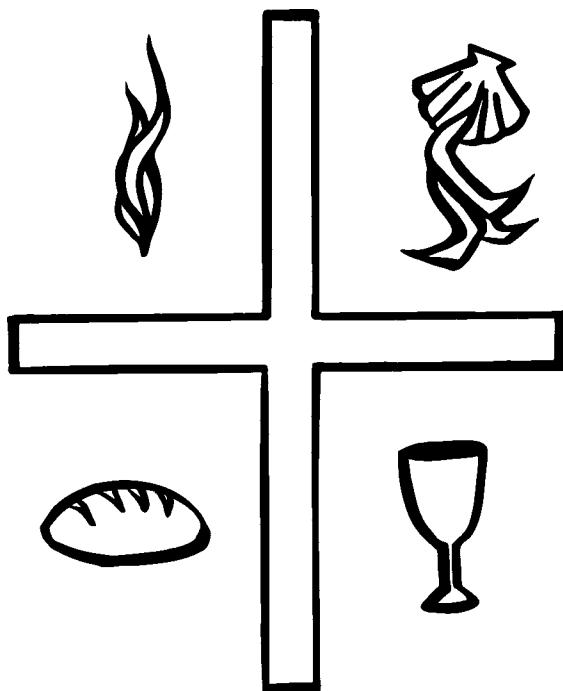
***DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



How to Stay in Touch with Your Our Redeemer's Community

Your staff, council and fellow members are still connecting, we're just doing it in different ways. See the links below to discover how you can, too.

[Prayer Chain](#)
[Circles of Connection](#)

Can you help?

In these times of worry and fear, when we don't know what is secure and what is not, we trust in God's love and promise to be with us, no matter what. For some of us, finances are upside down and employment may be scarce. For others of us, we are weathering the storm so far, so good.

**It is important, if you are able, to help
our church remain on solid financial
footing through this crisis.**

The work we do is possible because we all work together as one for the greater good. We are called to be the body of Christ.

Please use one of the donation methods at right to keep your pledge on track, or to make an extra contribution. If its not feasible for you right now, please don't worry. We all have gifts to offer at different times, and in various ways. God bless us all.

Thank you for your generosity.

How to Make an Offering or Donate Online or by Phone

Using Your Cell Phone

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.
- **Press send.** You will receive a registration link.
- **Click the link** and enter your contact and payment information.
- **Tap "Process."** You will receive a verification text and a receipt by email.

To give to a designated fund, text "Funds" and you'll receive a list of currently active funds.

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.

Online Giving

[Make an offering to Our Redeemer's](#)

Questions? Contact Karie Stearns,
administrator@ourredeemers.net.

Thank you!

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Preaching: Pastor Kathy Hawks
Presiding: Pastor Gretchen Mertes
Assisting Minister: Jerri Harden
Lector: Niels Running
Musician: Karen Lee

We Pray for...

Allan, Lee & Arnold Boelter, Emerson Boone & family, Luke Bowen, Anita Dickinson, Dwight Fuani, JoAnn Gibson, Paul Grindahl, Nate & Allison Hoover, Colin Johnson, Steven Jones, Holly Mangold, Pete Paulson, James Prelog, Gayle Quinn, Rick Reynolds, Andy Ridnour, Bennet Rolla, Ingrid Running, Kris S., Harold & Pauline Sigurdson, Deborah Sjoquist, Gary Smith, Erica Valadez, Veerhoff Family, Jim Voss, Martha Ward, Bill Weiss, Margaret Wetter; Operation Nightwatch; long term care facilities, especially Ballard Center, that leadership will do the right thing to keep residents and staff safe and healthy through additional testing; doctors, nurses, and other health professionals; pastors, bishops, church workers, and mental health specialists; for all affected by COVID-19 economically, physically, and emotionally; mental health of members and staff; immigrant families remaining separated; Road2Housing guests; loved ones with cancer.

Grieving the Loss of...

Frieda Smith; Adair King; Ronald Hanson; Paige Olson; Conner Dassa-Holland; Ken Royal; Oscar Cleo Akins; Lynn Shelton

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Karen Berg is recovering from COVID-19 after being on a ventilator; Kaarin Starr received a negative COVID-19 result

To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please fill out a Prayer Request card or email the church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website, current newsletter.



worship

Weekly Worship Services | Sundays, 11am, *Online via Zoom*

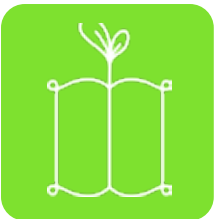
- By FaceBook live. Go to www.facebook.com/ourredeemers.
- By phone: call 1 669 900 9128 , and then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method only lets you listen.
- By Zoom: Here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>
- Access the bulletin: www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship/

Can You Help With Worship?

We would love to have your talents and abilities through our online services! If you would like to read scripture, pray the prayers, or sing a song of special music, we invite you to do that! And it would be a gift to our community. Contact [Pastor Gretchen](#) or Traditional [Music Director Karen Lee](#) with your ideas or desires to help.

Do You Need Envelopes for Giving?

Did you know that Our Redeemer's sends out envelopes monthly to those who prefer to mail in their offering or gift by check? If you want to be on that list, or if you are in need of more envelopes, email administrator@ourredeemers.net, or call 206.783.7900.



faith formation

Faith Formation for Families | Sundays, *Online via Zoom*

Pastor Gretchen and our Faith Formation Teachers have set up Zoom classes for our kids starting today!

- Sprouts – 9:30am / Three, four and five year-olds.
- Exploring Faith – 10am / Kindergarteners through 4th graders.
- Connect – 10am / Fifth and sixth graders.
- Confirmation – 1pm (every other Sunday)

Contact [Pastor Gretchen](#) to get a Zoom link if your child will be attending on Sundays.



community

Circles of Connection

Be sure to reply to your invitation to be part of a Circle of Connection! If you haven't received an invitation, please contact [Pastor Gretchen](#) to remedy the situation. Groups will Zoom for an hour (or less) at whatever time and day works for the people in the group. Keep an eye out for your invitation to connect and be a part of a Circle!

Do You Know a Graduate?

June 7th is Graduate Sunday! Do you have someone in your house who is graduating from high school or college? Let Pastor Gretchen know by June 6 (even if you think she already knows, please!) so we can honor them during worship on Sunday June 7th at the 11am service. This has been a very hard season for those graduating and we want to honor them as best we can! Thank you.

Holden @Home! | Monday, July 6 thru Sunday, July 12

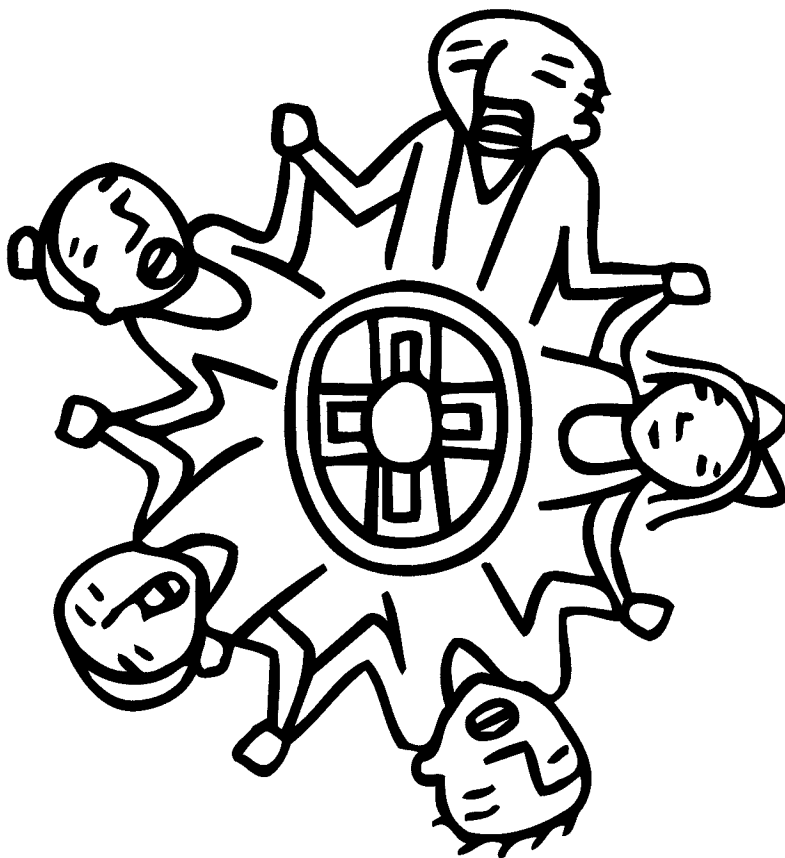
Have you always wanted to go to Holden Village, but, sadly, have never been able to go? The pandemic has closed Holden to visitors this summer, but we've got plans for an alternate reality Holden experience. Planning is still in the works. Save the dates and stay tuned for more information. If YOU have a great idea for how we can do Holden from Home this year, or you want to help out, email [Pastor Kathy](#) or [Pastor Gretchen](#) soon.



social justice

E-Cycling+ Spring Event Cancelled

In collaboration with our Earth Care partners and the Social Justice team, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our recycling event. We are hoping to provide a Fall event if it continues to be safer outside. Stay tuned. Contact outreach@ourredeemers.net if you have any questions.



Phishing/Scam Alert

There are nefarious phishing schemes out there and Pastor Kathy's email is being used to ask for money. Pastor Kathy will never send an email to you asking for money or gift cards!

If you DO receive such an email and want to make sure it's legit or not, please email administrator@ourredeemers.net immediately. Thanks.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

The Church Building is Closed to In-Person Meetings
All Worship Services and Meetings to be Conducted Online

Today - Sunday, May 24

Faith Formation | All Online-via Zoom

9:30am - Sprouts

10am - Connect

10am - Exploring Faith

11am - Online Worship Service | Online-via Zoom/Facebook

1pm - Confirmation

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 26

7pm - Theology on Tap | Online-via Zoom

Wednesday, May 27

1pm - Office Meeting | Online-via Zoom

7pm - Adult & Youth Choir | Online-via Zoom

Sunday, May 31

Faith Formation | All Online-via Zoom

9:30am - Sprouts

10am - Connect

10am - Exploring Faith

11am - Online Worship Service | Online-via Zoom/Facebook



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