



# Opening Doors

## Making a Way for The Spirit's Dance

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 10, 2021 | 11 AM



# WELCOME!

## Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

*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.*

### IN-PERSON WORSHIP

**9 AM - Informal In-Person Worship**

**11 AM - Traditional In-Person Worship**

### ONLINE OR BY PHONE

- By phone: call 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
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- By Zoom: Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free! Click this link: [https:// Zoom.us/j/822691346](https://Zoom.us/j/822691346). (Make sure that your Zoom is upgraded to the current version.)

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### OUR VISION:

**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.**

*We are on land created by God and stewarded for generations by the indigenous ancestors of the Duwamish people, who are still here. We honor the Creator's continuing presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and awaken to our connectedness with all of creation.*

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# GATHER

**PRELUDE**    *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"* by Frederick Atkinson, arr. by Lloyd Larson  
from "The Essential Collection for the Church Pianist,"  
Compiled and Edited by Jane Holstein, Hope Publishing Company

## WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of the world, eternal God,  
**We have come from many places for a little while.**

Redeemer of humanity, God with us,  
**We have come with all our differences,  
seeking common ground.**

Spirit of Unity, go-between God,  
**We have come on journeys of our own,  
to a place where journeys meet.**

So here, in this shelter house,  
let us take time together.  
For when paths cross and pilgrims gather,  
there is much to share and celebrate  
**in your name, Three-in-One God,  
Pattern of community. Amen.**



\*Please stand, as you are able.

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
(sing 3 times)



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.

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**\*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:

O God,  
our dance in whom we live and move and have our being:  
breathe life into our weariness,  
breathe hope into our emptiness,  
breathe vision into our uncertainty,  
breathe freedom and joy into our faith,  
so we may enter with power  
into the Spirit's movement of your whole creation.

**Amen.**

# WORD

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Listen for the word of God.

### **Our ears and hearts are open.**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and God brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>God led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>God said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' <sup>4</sup>Then God said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then God said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then God said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Word of God! Word of life!

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.' <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**KID'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Gretchen Mertes

**SERMON Opening Doors: Making a Way for the Spirit's Dance**

Pastor Kathy Hawks

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown  
Where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep  
My faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours  
You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand  
Will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed  
And You won't start now

So I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours  
And You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without  
borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever  
wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours  
And You are mine

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## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Uniting Spirit, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing Spirit, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Empowering Spirit, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Righteous Spirit, we pray especially this morning for indigenous peoples. We repent of our complicity in boarding schools, stolen lands and ongoing injustices that have wounded these your children. Build on our common desire to live in wholeness together as all of your peoples. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating Spirit, You reveal yourself not through words alone, but also through music, visual arts, sculpture, woodworking, dance, cooking, and even silence. Open our hearts with such life-giving creativity, and make your presence known. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*For what else do the people of God pray?*

Resurrecting Spirit of Life, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Guide us in our own journey of faith and in our efforts to help You breathe life into dry bones. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Offering and receiving welcome,

**we become Christ to one another.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace by crossing hands over your heart, or another gesture, saying "Peace be with you."*



# MEAL

## OFFERING MINISTRY MOMENT

"The Spirit's Dance"  
Mary Peterson, Creative Director and Videographer

Opening Doors by Gretchen Mertes



C F/C C

All you need God will bless. A-bun-dant love, right-eous-

4 F/C G F G

-ness. O-pen-ing doors, new in-side. Scat-ter-ing

8 F C C G/B

gifts, bring-ing new life.

11 Am F Am

Lost and the least, now rich-est and blest. Drawn in and

14 F D

held in the Spir-it's dance. Chang-ing our

16 Am7 Em F G

hearts, hope in God makes a way.

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### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Maker of the fields, forests, and streams,  
Your generous goodness comes to us new every day.  
By the movement of your Spirit over our waters,  
    at our tables, and among our gatherings,  
help us to give thanks for your gifts,  
extend our table to the stranger,  
and care for the land and water we share on this good earth,  
through Jesus Christ, the fruitful vine,  
our living water, and our bread of life.

**Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God,  
Eternal Wisdom,  
we praise you and give you thanks,  
for as you revealed yourself of old  
in fire and cloud and still small voice,  
in your sustaining Spirit and your Word of promise,  
you have never left your people comfortless,  
but have filled them with clarity and hope,  
pouring out your Spirit upon all flesh  
that we, your sinner/saint sons and daughters  
may prophesy,  
and old and young may share a vision  
of your death-defying love for all creation.

*continued*

We praise you for our brother Jesus,  
who comes behind the doors we have close,  
and breathes on our fear his powerful peace;

Who, on the night he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Come now, disturbing Spirit of God,  
breathe on these bodily things  
and make us one body in Christ.  
Open our graves, unbind our eyes,  
touch and heal all that has been bruied in us.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Spirit of truth,  
tenderness, judgment and dance;  
unite the wills of all who share these gifts of your grace,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**



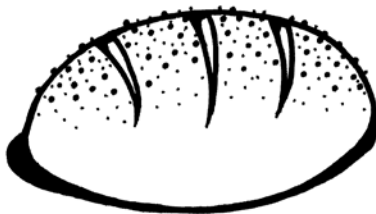
## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever language is most prayerful for you:

**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.**

## **\*INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
These are the gifts of God, for you,  
the beloved people of God,  
for the life of the world.  
The table is ready.



# All Are Welcome

*to participate in communion, including children (as parents permit).*

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## LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## COMMUNION ANTHEM

Choir - *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

Traditional English carol, arr. by Hal H. Hopson  
arrangement published by Choristers Guild

*This piece was originally published in 1833 and according to the song's editor,  
"probably goes back to medieval times. In the carol, Christ is portrayed as a dancer"  
and invites "humankind, 'my true love,' to join the dance..."*

### \*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God,  
that you have strengthened our hearts  
through this feast of life and salvation.  
Shine the light of Christ on our path,  
that we may do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

As the poor widow welcomed Elijah,  
let us be open to the richness and miracle in meeting.  
As Abraham and Sarah welcomed passing strangers,  
let us entertain the possibility of angels in disguise.  
Let our eyes be opened,  
that we may recognize in our neighbor  
the divine presence of Christ.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**Amen.**



**\*SENDING HYMN**

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Lord of the Dance* - 19th Century Shaker Tune  
adapted by Sydney Carter, arr. by Joel Raney  
from "The Essential Church Pianist", compiled and edited by Jane Holstein, Hope Publishing Company

### **We Pray for... .**

Harold & Carol Alley, Mark Anthony Alva, Barbara Brian, Crutcher Family, Earl Ecklund Jr., Ege Family, John Ellingboe, Anna Freyberg, Darlynn Gendreau, Mary Gross, Richard & Shirley Holt, Carol Hurlburt, Janice Jacobsen, John, Dave Larsen, Doug Lieberg, Sebolla Moulster & Family, Barbara Olsen, Eric Olson, Sally Parker-Henderson, Linda Ravenhorst, Duaine & Mary Rembold, Sebolla family, Jennifer Seyler, Deborah Sjoquist, Doug Starup, Stearns Family, Kennedy Stearns, Paul Thompson, Charlotte Wallstrom, Jim Wilson; immigrant families remaining separated; Road to Housing guests.

### **We Give Thanks for...**

Duaine Rembold who came home from a weeklong hospital stay due to Covid.

### **Grieving the Loss of...**

Rannveig Torgenson; Linda Ravenhorst; Bob Wickman; John Hofto; David Larsen; Dan Dugaw

*To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please email the church.*

### **IN OUR SERVICE TODAY**

Preaching: Pastor Kathy Hawks  
Presiding: Pastor Gretchen Mertes  
Assisting Minister: Julie Vannoy  
Lector: Niels Running  
Musicians: Our Redeemer's Choir, Karen Lee, Gretchen Mertes  
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Sound System: Phillipa Dugaw

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Join us throughout October for "Opening Doors" as we explore weekly themes through worship, teachings, and scripture that will be transformative for our congregation. "Opening Doors" asks that we open ourselves to God's call for the church's future.

#### **Opening Doors Themes**

Week 1: "Opening Doors: Making a way for God's Welcome"

Week 2: "Making a Way for the Spirit's Dance"

Week 3: "Making a Way for Justice to Grow"

Week 4: "Making a Way for Future Generations"

Week 5: "Making a Way for Whole-Hearted Generosity"

#### **October Sermon Series: "Making a Way"**

Please worship with us at 9 AM or 11 AM Sundays in person or online.

#### **October Adult Forums – Sundays 10 AM**

Adult Forums in October are at 10 AM Sundays, between services! Join us each week in person as we explore the Opening Doors themes.

#### **October Circles of Connection on Zoom**

'Circles of Connection' continue online at their usual times in October. We will use scripture and discussion topics related to our special "Opening Doors" emphases. If you would like to join a Circle of Connection group, please contact Pastor Gretchen. She will connect you with an existing group to fit your schedule.

#### **Tuesday In-Person Circle of Connection (October 12, 19, and 26)**

An in-person "Circle" will meet in person each Tuesday in October at Our Redeemer's, with a focus on our Opening Doors weekly themes. Meet at 1 PM at Our Redeemer's.

#### **A Daily Devotional**

Look in your email starting October 1<sup>st</sup> for a daily devotional! The devotional is also found in your Opening Doors booklet.

#### **Resources for Children and Families**

Children are an important part of our congregation, and great examples of giving hearts! To better include them, we will be emailing Opening Doors activities to households with kids as well. Make sure to receive notifications by contacting Pastor Gretchen.

**If you have questions about our generosity campaign, Opening Doors, or our Two Pledges for Two Purposes Capital Campaign, please contact campaign co-chairs Mike Hlastala (mike.hlastala@hotmail.com; (206)919-9392) or Margaret Berg (mvberg@msn.com; (206)264-5210.**

# Opening Doors Calendar

Find more details about Opening Doors at <https://ourredeemers.net/opening-doors-in-october>.

**SUNDAY October 10**

*"Making a Way for the Spirit's Dance"*

**9 AM Informal Worship**

**10 AM Adult Forum** – Guest Presenter: Cyndi Wolfe, "Art and the Holy Spirit". Cyndi is a weaver and fabric artist. She has made paraments and sacramental cloths for worship settings. Gospel lesson: Luke 1:26–38 (Annunciation).

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

**SUNDAY October 17**

*"Making a Way for Justice to Grow"*

**9 AM Informal Worship**

**10 AM Adult Forum** – Guest Presenter: Elizabeth Dickinson, Social Justice Minister at Our Redeemer's  
Gospel lesson: John 6:4–14 (Feeding 5000).

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

**SUNDAY October 24**

*"Making a Way for Future Generations"*

**9 AM Informal Worship**

**10 AM Adult Forum**– Guest Presenters: Rev. Chelsea Globe, UW Campus Pastor Cindy Ege, Elementary-age teacher, Our Redeemer's member and mother. Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:44–50 (treasure, pearl, fish).

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

**SUNDAY October 31**

*"Making a Way for Whole-Hearted Generosity"*

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

(Don't forget to wear red!)

**9 AM Informal Worship**

**10 AM Adult Forum** – Guest Presenters: Adam Frantz, brewer, beer specialist, Our Redeemer's member Ronda Andrews: Hospitality specialist. Gospel lesson: John 2:1–11 (the wedding in Cana miracle).

**11 AM Traditional Worship**

**TUESDAY October 12**

1 PM Circles of Connection

@ Our Redeemer's

**TUESDAY October 19**

1 PM Circles of Connection

@ Our Redeemer's

**TUESDAY October 26**

1 PM Circles of Connection

@ Our Redeemer's

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



## worship Sundays 9am & 11am

### In-Person Worship

We are so delighted to be together – even if we can only see half of one another's faces, and need to keep safe distances! Thank you for understanding that while our renovation is finished, it isn't complete. Meaning, the sound system, lighting, organ, and seating have all been affected by shipping issues. Unfortunately, all we can do is be patient, and do our best to learn our way around what is in place.

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TIMES OF SUNDAY SERVICES, AND VARIOUS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON WAYS TO PARTICIPATE, SEE THE INSIDE COVER.*



## social justice

### Book Read - Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

**Today, October 10, 2 PM Discussion | Zoom**

Racial Justice Advocates invites you to read or listen to the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Then join us for discussion, however far you have gotten on **October 10 @ 2 PM**. RSVP soon at <https://forms.gle/VyqUxt8xLJ1Yw5eGA> or by emailing Marie at [liebergm@gmail.com](mailto:liebergm@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.

### Ballard Sunday Dinner

**Saturday, October 17, 2 - 6 pm | Ballard First Lutheran Church**

We're looking for a late lead and dishwashers for this ministry on Sunday the 17th. If you can help out, please [sign up here](#) or contact [outreach@ourredeemers.net](mailto:outreach@ourredeemers.net).

### EcoTour of Duwamish Village Park

**Saturday, October 23rd, 11:00 am**

Join us on Saturday, October 23rd at 11:00 am for an EcoTour of the Duwamish Village Park and Shoreline Habitat! Learn about the history of the Duwamish Tribe with a guide from the Duwamish Longhouse! Contact Marie at [liebergm@gmail.com](mailto:liebergm@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### Thanksgiving: Keeping the Spirit, Changing the Structure

Our Thanksgiving community meal this year will be adapted for COVID safety! This year we will provide takeout dinner and sleeping bags to people experiencing homelessness in collaboration with either Edible Hope or Teen Feed. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating and helping out in some way. Find options and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944A8A628A2F58-thanksgiving>. (At this point, this signup conveys interest, not a firm commitment.)



# faith formation cont.

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

**Wednesdays, 10:30 AM | Zoom**

We continue to study heroic figures in the Bible like Moses, Jeremiah, Jacob, and others not so well defined using movies, YouTube, videos and, of course, the written Word. The fall session begins this Wednesday, September 22. The time is 10:30 AM until noon on Zoom. Interested in joining in? Contact Carolyn Swanson, [cdkswan@gmail.com](mailto:cdkswan@gmail.com) or 206-390-7732.

## **Faith Formation Fall Offerings for Kids**

O-Rock! = Our Redeemer's Outstanding Church Kids...is what we're calling this new offering. O-Rock classes will be presented in the following age groups every Sunday.

9 AM 3 years old - Kindergarten (in person)

10 AM 3 years old - Kindergarten (Zoom)

10 AM Grades 1-5 - Elementary (in person)

10 AM Grades 6-7 - Middle School "Hang Out" (in person)

10 AM Grades 8-9 - Confirmation Class (in person)

*(Masks will be required for all kids, teachers, and teacher assistants.)*





# community

## **Adult Forums in October**

**Sundays 10 AM | Fellowship Hall**

Join us in person Adult Forums each Sunday between services as we focus on our **Opening Doors** topics.

## **October Circles of Connection**

Circle of Connections in October focuses on scripture and discussion topics related to "Opening Doors". If you would like to be part of a Zoom Circle of Connection in October, please contact Pastor Gretchen (pastor.gretchen@ourredeemers.net). She will connect you with an existing group to fit your schedule.

There is an additional in-person "Circles" gathering **Tuesdays in October** that meets at 1:00 PM at Our Redeemers. Just drop in! Contact Stephanie Running (206-706-2764) for details.

Learn More about October Opening Doors!  
<https://ourredeemers.net/opening-doors-in-october/>

## **Madonna's Book Group**

**Sunday, October 17, 4 PM | Our Redeemer's**

The book group will meet next at church on Sunday, October 17th, 4 PM. The discussion will be focused on the book *Today We Go Home*, by Kelli Estes. All are welcome to join in! Contact Lynne for information: [buckomcneill@yahoo.com](mailto:buckomcneill@yahoo.com).

## **Open Questions in Mid-November**

In mid-November, after our Opening Doors campaign, Open Questions will be a way for our congregation to consider issues facing us in the not too distant future and give input to the Council. If you want to help plan the Social Justice open question, contact Elizabeth Dickinson (outreach@ourredeemers.net). Let Pastor Kathy know if you're interested in the community engagement/building use question. (Note: The "open" in Open Questions may sound like it's part of our Opening Doors emphasis this October. But they're separate!)

## This Week at Our Redeemer's

*Today, Sunday, October 10*

### "Making a Way for the Dance of the Spirit"

- 9 AM - Sprouts | In Person
- 9 AM - Informal Worship**
- 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall
- 10 AM - Sprouts | Zoom
- 10 AM - O-Rock, Middle School Hangout, Confirmation | In Person
- 11 AM - Traditional Worship**
- 2 PM - Book Discussion - *Caste* | Zoom

*Monday, October 11*

- 7:15 PM - Racial Justice Advocates | Zoom

*Tuesday, October 12*

- 1 PM - Circle of Connection | Our Redeemer's

*Wednesday, October 13*

- 10:30 - Bible Study | Zoom
- 1 PM - Staff Meeting
- 7 PM - Adult and Youth Choir | Our Redeemer's

*Thursday, October 14*

- 7 PM - Informal Ensemble Rehearsal | Our Redeemer's

*Sunday, October 17*

### "Making a Way for Justice to Flow"

- 9 AM - Sprouts | In Person
- 9 AM - Informal Worship**
- 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall
- 10 AM - Sprouts | Zoom
- 10 AM - O-Rock, Middle School Hangout, Confirmation | In Person
- 11 AM - Traditional Worship**
- 2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran
- 4 PM - Madonna's Book Group | Our Redeemer's
- 6 PM - Advance Commitment Night | Nordic Museum**

\* Email [office@ourredeemers.net](mailto:office@ourredeemers.net) if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).



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