



The Holy Trinity

May 28, 2023 | 9 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.

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. We offer pre-packaged gluten-free/juice communion elements for those who prefer them. Our shared communion bread is gluten free, and we provide individual cups and grape juice for the health of everyone gathered. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive communion at your seat, please alert an usher.

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

WELCOME AND SILENT PREPARATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In mystery and grandeur
we see the face of God
in earthiness and the ordinary
we know the love of Christ
In heights and depths
and life and death:
the spirit of God
is moving among us
Let us praise God, the Holy Trinity!
Let us praise God, Three-In-One!

*OPENING SONG

Holy Holy Holy - Rachel Kurtz

Holy holy holy Lord (Holy holy holy Lord)
God of power and might (God of power and might)
Heaven and earth are full of your glory (Heaven and earth are full of your glory)
Hosanna in the highest (Hosanna in the highest)

Blessed is he who comes in the name (Blessed is he who comes in the name)
Of our God, that's why he came (Of our God, that's why he came)
Hosanna in the highest (Hosanna in the highest)
Hosanna in the highest (Hosanna in the highest)



**Please stand, as you are able.*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

God of heaven and earth,
before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time
you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation,
life-giving Spirit of wisdom.

Guide us to all truth by your Spirit,
that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed
and rejoice in the glory he shares with us.

Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people:

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

What hope we have,
Even in the longest night
For the light will overcome.
We will not fear,
For we know the sun will rise.
Hallelujah is our song.

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Christ is risen over all.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
Hallelujah is our song.

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16-20

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always and everywhere.

And also with you.

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

MEAL

GENEROSITY STORY

OFFERING

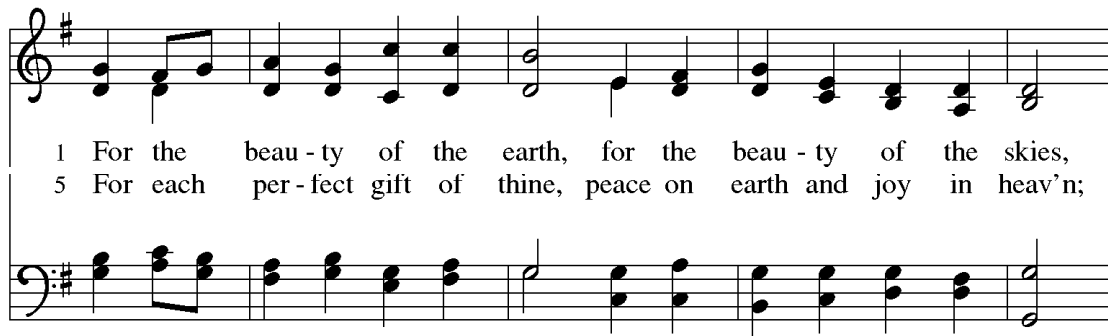
George Weller - *Old Wine New Skins*

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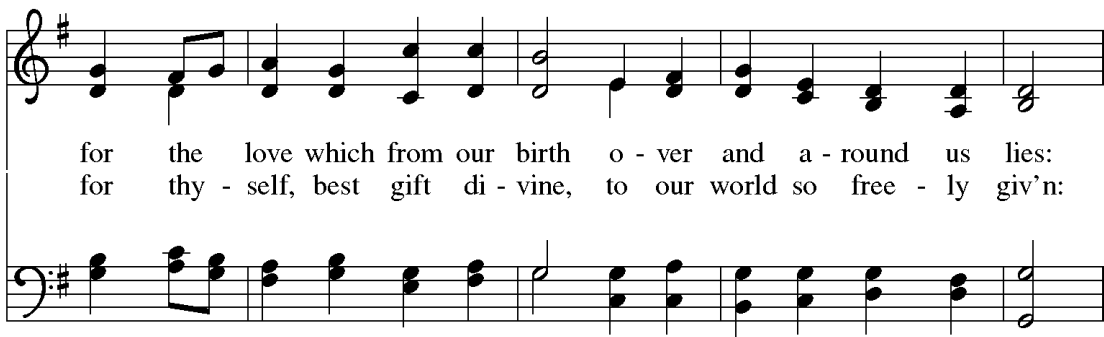


***OFFERING RESPONSE**

For the Beauty of the Earth

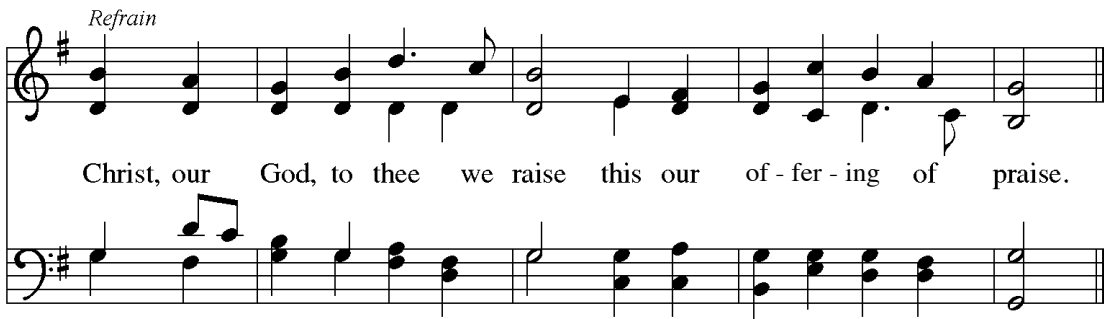


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our of - fer - ing of praise.

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God,
Every part of nature is connected.
Every gift we receive comes from you.
Every moment of time is pregnant with new creation.
We return this offering to you in wonder and gratitude.
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,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which 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 relationship in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

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Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever version 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.**

continued

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.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



LAMB OF GOD



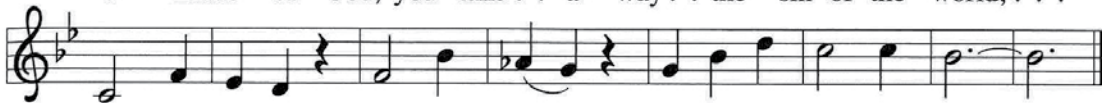
O Lamb . . of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the



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



O Lamb of God, you take . . a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .



grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice, grant us your own true peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Trinity Song - Sandra McCracken



Ho - ly — Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly Com - mun - ion, Three in One.

(repeat as desired)



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly — love.

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*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

Mighty Creator,
We have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG

Let Us Love One Another

Let us love one another
Let us love one another
With a pure and honest heart
With a pure and honest heart
Truly care for the other
Truly care for the other
Of one body we are part.
Of one body we are part

We have heard the good news
We have heard the good news
We have tasted and seen
We have tasted and seen
That the Lord, he is good
That the Lord, he is good
He has washed, made us clean
He has washed, made us clean

We are all like the grass
We are all like the grass
Our glory fades away
Our glory fades away
But the word of the Lord
But the word of the Lord
Forever it remains
Forever it remains

Put away all the malice,
Put away all the malice,
All the hatred and deceit;
All the hatred and deceit;
No more lies, no more slander:
No more lies, no more slander:
No more envy or conceit
No more envy or conceit

CHORUS - ALL:

O Father, make us holy,
O Spirit, make us one,
One holy communion
In the love of the Son

CHORUS

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, tend the Earth!
Thanks be to God.



We Pray for...

Colton Ashford, Carolanne Bagge, Tom Carlson,
Jennifer Carter, Irma Gross, Bud Knapp,
Theresa Lewis, Holly Mangold, Bob McIntyre,
Barbara Olsen, Frank Peters, Carolyn Swanson,
Charlotte Wallstrom, Janet Woodfield,
Jon Wright; immigrant families remaining
separated, Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Deborah Lynn Sjoquist

*To include someone in the prayers, email the church
-or- fill out the online prayer request form: LINK.
(Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in
the following week's bulletin.*

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.



worship

9 AM Informal Worship | In-person

In this hour-long service, an ensemble leads us in a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary music. We hear a challenging and thoughtful message, pray together and take communion. Children are welcome and, for the little ones, our staffed nursery is open.

11 AM Traditional Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service is liturgy deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition of God's living word. Join together in prayer, familiar hymns and communion at God's all-welcoming table. We wish one another peace and blessings and leave the service more connected, challenged and hopeful than before.

Pentecost/Confirmation is June 4th - Wear Red!

We are celebrating Pentecost on Sunday June 4th. It is our tradition to wear red that day, and be reminded of the many gifts of the Holy Spirit. **This Pentecost, we are blessed to have two celebrations of faith – the reception of new members at the 9 am service, and the affirmation of Baptism for our confirmation students at the 11 am service.** Join us in the celebration, and wear red!



For the entire duration of the festival of Easter which ends today, **we have been building our worship experience around the hymn, 'For the Beauty of the Earth,' merging our joy at new life and the resurrection of Jesus Christ with our Earthcare emphasis and the joy of spring in the Pacific Northwest.** You are encouraged to continue doing your part as a steward of creation – recycling, advocating for environmental justice, learning about our ecosystem, increasing your use of sustainable household goods, and enjoying the beauty of nature. If you have photos of you or your family being stewards of creation, email them to us at communications@ourredeemers.net.



social justice

A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Ballard Sunday Dinner Upcoming Opportunities

June 18 & Throughout Summer **SIGN UP**

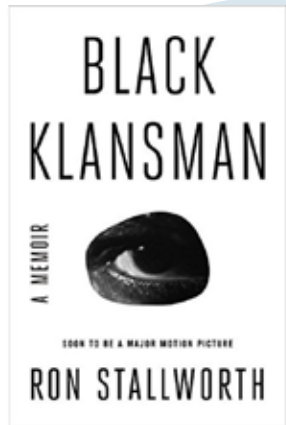
Ballard Sunday Dinner needs a team of 5-10 people each month this spring to feed our neighbors who may be struggling with a hot meal on Sunday nights. If you have any of the following skills (planning, cooking, serving, greeting, opening doors, cleaning), we want you to come join us - sign up here and come have some fun! <https://rb.gy/dkvefb>.



community

Proposed Budget Review Meeting June 11th

Do you have questions about Our Redeemer's draft budget for the upcoming year? There will be a Budget Review meeting with the Finance Team on Sunday, June 11th between services to get the clarification you need. You're invited to show up with your questions, or just come and listen in.



Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, June, 4 PM (location TBD)

The book to be discussed is **BLACK KLANSMAN** by Ron Stallworth. All are welcome to join in!

Madonna's Book Group meets to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. Contact Lynne at buckomcneill@yahoo.com if you wish to join in.



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Today is the Last Adult Forum of the Season

10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join in for a conversational and interactive style discussion exploring the day's passage at worship. All are invited!

Kid's Birthday Party for the Church

Sunday, June 4, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Mr. Dana is hosting a birthday party for the church and all the Faith Formation students on June 4th, and everyone is invited!

Faith Formation Classes for Kids

Youth Faith Formation classes are on hiatus for the summer May 28 - September 3. Classes will start up again on September 10th, Kickoff Sunday!

STELLAR VBS: Helps Kids Shine a Light on Jesus' Love!

Join us **August 7-11** from 9 am-12 pm every day. We are launching kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. [Download and fill out the registration form](#) and send to Pastor Gretchen. Hard copy registration forms are also available at church.

Celebrate the start of summer
and thank our kids and youth
volunteers at an

Ice Cream Social!

Sunday, June 11th
10:00 - 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

We'll be recognizing our amazing
volunteers who have helped our
children and youth grow in faith
by teaching Sprouts, O-Rock, and
Confirmation classes.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today - Sunday, May 28

9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall

11 AM - Traditional Worship

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir

7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1

7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday, June 3

9 AM - Liturgical Arts Meeting | Sanctuary

4 PM - Confirmation Dinner & Celebration |
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 4

PENTECOST - Wear Red!

9 AM - Informal Worship

9 AM - Reception of New Members

10 AM - Birthday Party for the Church

11 AM - Traditional Worship

11 AM - Confirmation Affirmation of Faith

Email administrator@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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