

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 | 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.

WORSHIP ONLINE OR BY PHONE

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- By Facebook Live: 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. (Upgrade Zoom to the current version.)

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. 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 gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

GATHERING

Easter Season Theme: Life and Power of God is Community in Christ

WELCOME

Silence for Contemplation

PRELUDE

"Christ, Be Our Light" – setting by Sally Drennan Mossing from "Christ, Be Our Light: Music for the Church Pianist" by Sally Drennan Mossing, published by Augsburg Fortress

*BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us remember our baptism, and, in the light of Christ's resurrection, receive new life in God, **our light and our salvation.**

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried with him by baptism into death, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

we also walk in newness of life.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

Sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

For by grace ♣ you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

look, new things have come into being!

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^{*}Please stand, as you are able.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

We proclaim a crucified Christ,

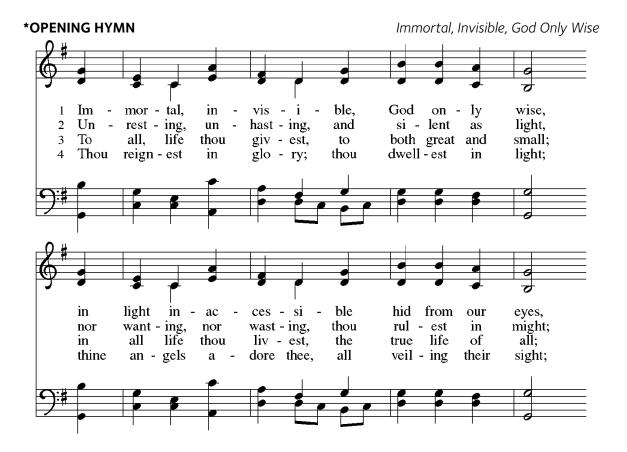
a stumbling block for those who trust in signs and foolishness to those who trust in wisdom, but to those who are called

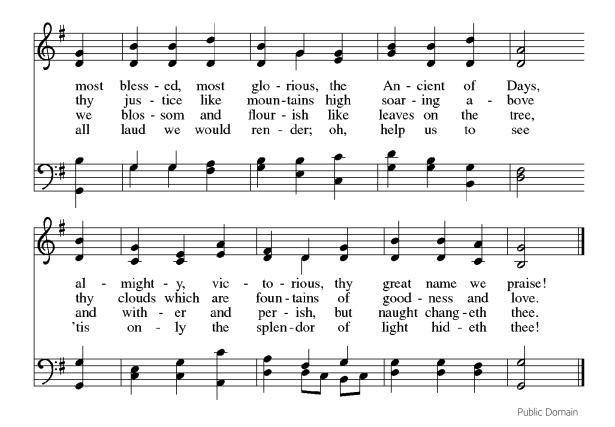
Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

And, if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (excerpts from the Letters of St. Paul)

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!





*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus, the love of Living God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit—the breath of life—be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Prince of Peace, we ask your scepter sway over the earth, and renew it according to your will. Make peace in the hearts of those who turn to you not just a feeling, but a way of life. Bring peace through humility and greater knowledge of your grace. Allow people to feel at peace, knowing who and whose they are. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. Form us by your grace, and the power of his love, so that we, members of his living Body, may walk as one. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:18-19)

Hear what the Spirit is saying:

Our ears and hearts are open.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

*SECOND READING

A reading from John's Revelations.

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.
²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.
²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.
²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.
²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.
²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



*GOSPEL READING John 14:23-29

The good news of Jesus Christ, from the Gospel of John.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

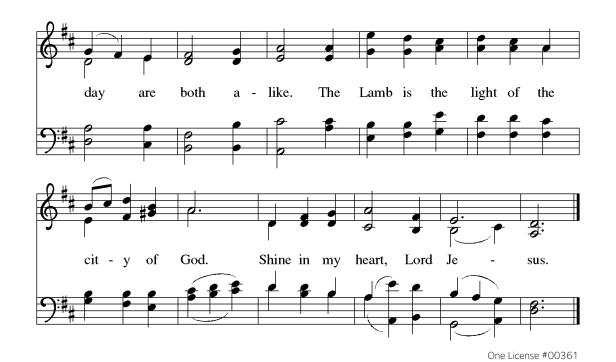
"To God, who by the power at work within us accomplishes abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

(Ephesians 3:20-21)



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*LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Giver of life and renewal, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence for contemplation.

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. We especially pray for those named in our prayer list this week. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For whom and what else do we pray?

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give—the peace that surpasses all our understanding. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

*PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

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."

FAITH FORMATION

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Choir - "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish, arr. Dan Forrest

Text: "Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my True Word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always, Thou and Thou only, First in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun, Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Be my Vision, Lord."

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Now the Green Blade Rises









***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

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.

In the breaking of this bread

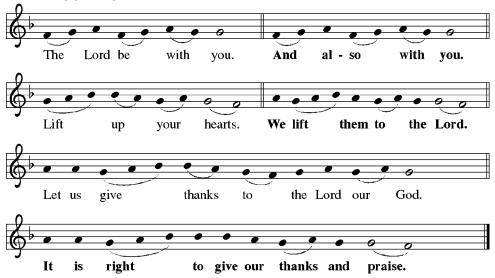
reveal for us the face of Jesus.

In the pouring of this wine

pour out upon us your loving Spirit.

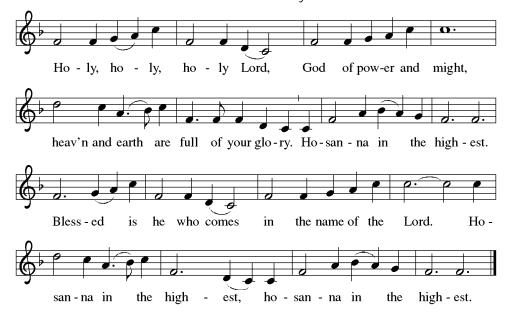
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all creatures before you, with the church on earth, and the all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him **may not perish but have eternal life.**

We give you thanks for Christ's coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

With this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may be bound by the power of your love, and that by faith we may know ourselves to be the Body of Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

*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.
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 COMMUNION

Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we come forward here knowing that we will not be turned away.

So, come.

Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth.

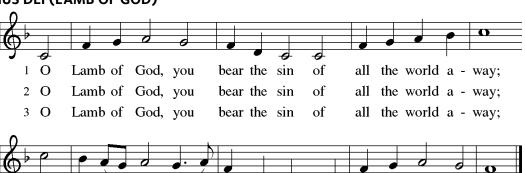
Come, because this simple feast is a reminder that God's Table is big enough for all of us. And thanks be to God, all have a place at this table.

All Are Welcome

to commune, including children (as parents permit).



AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.





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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Living God, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus & Christ, our Lord.









*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God!

We Pray for...

Ella Abenth, Amira, Matt Anderson, Tom Carlson, Jordan Carroll, Jennifer Carter, Crystal Clark, Cathy Cleveland, Peter D'Amico, Carolyn Davis, Barbara Dougherty, Anna Freyberg and family, Joe Fritzgerald, Cindy Funai, Don Hansen & family, Laura Hoffenbacker, Shirley Holt and family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Kelsey Lematta Apt, Sharon Longaker, John Lungstrom & family, Roger Mandery, Judy Malmgren, Bob McIntyre, Barbara Mo, Sheri Powers, Iko Rodenberger, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Melanie See, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Audrey Tapken, Lana Tapken, Charlotte Wallstrom, Krissandra Wood, Eliot Wright & family, Jon Wright, Kelly Wright, Nickolas Zardis and family; asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking housing and a home; those living with mental illness and loneliness; children and parents; immigrant families remaining separated; those outside in the elements; Road to Housing guests.

Grieving the Loss of

Bill Nelson, Jim Freyberg

To include someone in the prayers, <u>email</u> the church (pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)

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IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

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There's a role for you to help out on Sundays. Use this QR Code to see what's available and sign up online. Questions? Contact Pastor Thomas.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

Are You Curious about Church Leadership?

Every year, members have an opportunity to participate in church leadership. If you have any curiosity or interest in serving on Church Council please contact the nominating team: Emilie Purvine, Jana Davis, and Steve Cromwell. If you don't reach them personally at church, please send an email to the Parish Administrator Karie Stearns (administrator@ourredeemers.net) with "Nominating Team" in the subject line and she will forward it to us. One of the team will gladly give you information or answer any questions you have about the rewarding Council ministry. Thank you in advance for your inquiries.



community

Breaking Bread Together - Sign Up to Host or Attend! Sunday, June 8, 6 PM | Various Congregant Homes

Our Breaking Bread Sunday evening dinners are just the ticket for getting to know other members of the congregation! Six people gather at various hosts' houses for a potluck dinner and conversation. Our next Breaking Bread Group is set for Sunday, June 8th (Pentecost Sunday). We are seeking hosts as well as dinner participants. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can sign up by email. Contact: Annie McGrew (annemcgrew@msn.com) or Cindy Anderson (cindyrowanderson@gmail.com) if you have questions or to sign up.

Spend a Day Out at the Ballgame!

Saturday, August 2, 1:10 PM

Mariners Faith and Family Day is coming up on Saturday, August 2, with a 1:10 pm game against the Texas Rangers and we're excited to offer specially priced tickets for the Our Redeemer's community: \$21 for Main Level seating. After the game, you're invited to stay for an exclusive postgame concert and player panel — a special bonus for those attending Faith and Family Day. To join in **sign up in the Narthex with the number of tickets you'd like.** Please provide a cell phone number so we can transfer your tickets once purchased. Questions? Reach out to Eric Running (ewrunning@earthlink.net).

45th Anniversary Party-Eric & Stephanie Running

Saturday, May 31, 1 pm | Fellowship Hall

Stephanie and Eric Running invite you to a celebration of their 45th Wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 31st at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting is 6/22 Sunday, June 22 | Our Redeemer's

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday June 22nd after the morning service (there is just one summertime service that day at 10:00 am). At 11:00 am we will vote to approve income/expenditures for 2024-2025 and voting to approve the 6 month budget for 2025. All active members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Special Q&A with Church Treasurers

Sunday, June 1, 10-11 AM | "Slate" Meeting Room off the Sanctuary

Our Redeemer's Council and Finance Team are moving forward with the plan to change our church's fiscal year from July–June to January–December. To help members understand this transition and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming budget and June 22nd annual meeting, we're holding a special Q&A session. You're invited to join our co-treasurers, Emilie Purvine and Carolyn Davis, between services on Sunday, June 1. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the new fiscal year plan or any other church financial matters on your mind. We look forward to seeing you there!



Join Our Redeemer's for a special week at Holden Village, July 13-20. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect, and learn in the beauty of the Cascades.

Self-register directly through Holden Village: https://www.holdenvillage.org.

Rooms are still available, but sign up soon to be sure you get a spot!

Questions? Contact Tad Anderson – tadand99@ gmail.com | (206-445-5052) or Cindy Anderson – cindyrowanderson@gmail.com | (206-351-4098).



faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Saturday Movie Showings

Our Redeemer's offers movies for youth, kids, and families monthly on a Saturday afternoon. These gatherings offer entertainment, connection, and meaningful conversation.

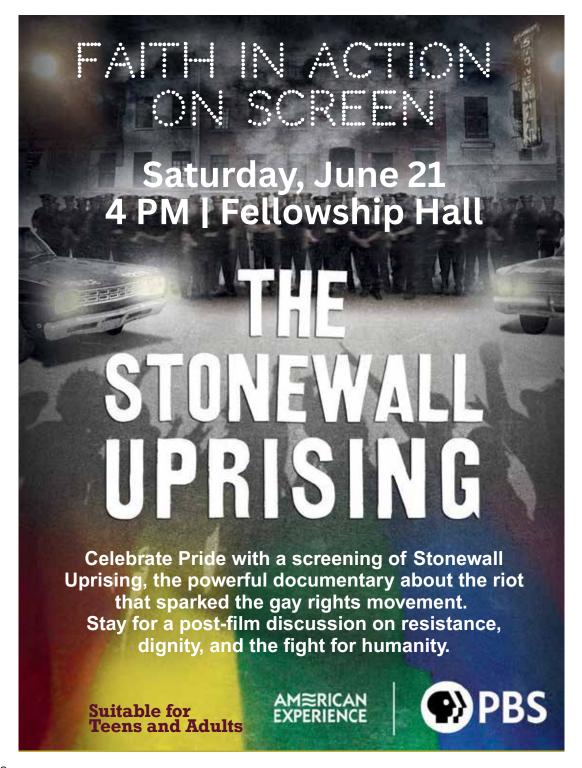


On Saturday, June 7, at 4pm, join us for a family-friendly movie showing of "Nimona," a story of a shapeshifting kid and a backstabbed hero fighting against society's misunderstandings of them. We will have drinks, snacks, and a post-movie, Pride-oriented conversation about what it's like to not fit into social expectations, how hard it is to be judged when you don't, and how much of a difference it makes when we stand up for each other.

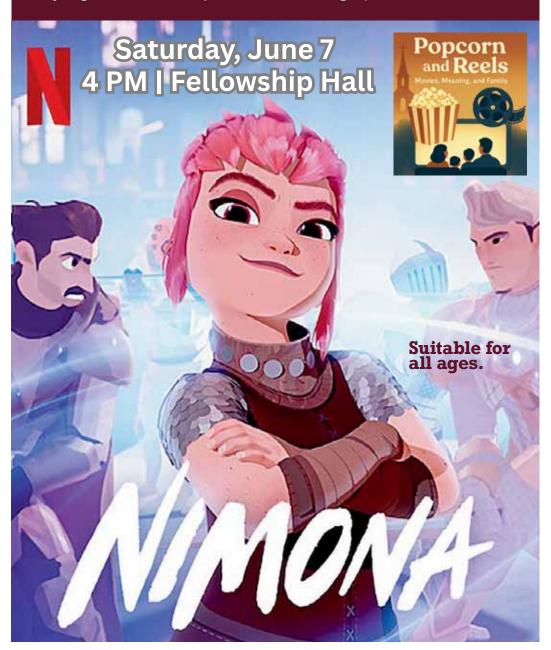


In the theme of Pride Month, we will host a documentary showing on **Saturday, June 21,** at 4pm of "Stonewall Uprising." The documentary explores the riot that birthed the gay rights movement, the pressure that made such an uprising necessary, and the incredibly hostile climate into which it emerged. We will have drinks, snacks, and a post-movie discussion about what it's like to have our humanity denied and the lengths to which we sometimes have to go to fight for it. Teen+ audience only.

See following pages for movie details.



Join us for *Nimona*, an animated adventure about a shapeshifting kid and a disgraced hero challenging society's labels. Enjoy snacks and a post-film discussion on identity, judgment, and the power of standing up for each other.



This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, May 25, Sunday

9 AM - Informal Worship

9 AM - Sprouts In-Person | Downstairs 10 AM - O-ROCK Youth Classes | Downstairs 10 AM - Confirmation | Library 10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall 11 AM - Traditional Worship

May 26, Monday
Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 28, Wednesday
7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

May 29 Thursday 7 PM - Informal Worship Band Rehearsal May 31 Saturday
1 PM - 45th Anniversary Party-Eric &
Stephanie Running | Fellowship Hall

June 1, Sunday

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Santuary Meeting Room
11 AM - Traditional Worship

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