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### **Weekly Worship**

In-Person | Sundays

Sundays through September 3

10:00 am Summer Worship

Sundays Starting September 10

9:00 am Informal Worship

11:00 am\* Traditional Worship

\*Online Worship is available for all summer services and 11:00 am service in the fall ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship

Childcare: Sunday mornings (newborn - age 4)

# Welcome!

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### Welcome!



# Summer/Fall 2023

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!





## What we do as a community in the model of Christ



#### **Worship & Music**

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Sundays through September 3:

10 AM Summer Worship

Beginning September 10:

#### 9 AM Informal Worship

Come as you are and celebrate God's presence with an eclectic mix of music and more.

#### 11 AM Traditional Worship

Join us for a spirited traditional approach to worship.

Holy Communion is celebrated each week.

- · Nursery available Sunday morning, newborn to age 4
- The "Prayground" in the sanctuary is available to families with little ones. This intentional space helps them participate fully in worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate.

**Baptism of Infants, Children, and Adults** Immersed in God's grace; raised to love and live in Jesus' way. For more information and scheduling, contact Pastor Gretchen.

#### Musical opportunities at Our Redeemer's

- Adult & Youth Choir\*, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM (adults & middle school/high school age)
- Kid's Choir\* (5 years 5th grade), Wednesdays, 6:30 PM\*
- · Informal Music Ensemble\*, Thursdays, 7:00 PM\*
- · Handbells (Christmas & Easter)



#### TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

#### **Faith Formation**

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**Sprouts** Sundays, ages 3-5 during 9 AM service and online at 10 AM on Zoom. Children explore an age-appropriate Bible-based curriculum. Contact Pastor Gretchen for Zoom information.

**O-ROCK** Our Redeemer's Outstanding Church Kids is our version of Sunday school. After the 9 AM service, we welcome kids from kindergarten to 5th grade to explore Bible stories, get to know each other and caring adults, and invite questions about God, life, and everything they can imagine.

**Middle School Hang Out** A time for 6th and 7th graders to get to know each other, and about how God's love makes a difference in our lives and around the world.

**Youth Confirmation** For 7, 8, and 9th graders. Fun, faith, and service, preparing to publicly say "yes" to God. Includes retreats, summer camp, and visits to other faith communities.

**Adult Forums** Sundays, 10 AM ~ A variety of topics & speakers from current issues to faith practices.

**The Journey** Get to know this church better during the six Sundays of Lent! Ask questions, get acquainted, deepen faith, and explore Our Redeemer's community. Contact the pastors.

**Retreats** Getting away to deepen community and faith

- EarthCare Retreat (April)
- Women's Retreat (May)
- Family Camp (July)
- Lutherhaven Confirmation Camp (July)
- Holden Village in North Cascades (July)
- Vacation Bible School (August)

## Lend a Hand by Volunteering!

Learn about volunteer opportunities at Our Redeemer's by taking a photo of the QR code at right with your smart phone. When there, use the tabs at the top of the page to navigate.





## A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE Social Justice & Service

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**We Give Globally and Locally** More than 7% of all offerings are directed to the ELCA's excellent hunger, immigration, relief and development ministries that work nationally and internationally. We also give 3% to our community through local partners, for a total of over 10% of Our Redeemer's budget.

**Advocating for Compassion & Justice** We partner with the Faith Action Network, Earth Ministry and the ELCA Advocacy Action Center to enable members to advocate for policy changes that address poverty, injustice, health care, and climate change

**Ballard Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinners** On the third Sunday of each month, volunteers prepare dinner and serve about 50 hungry neighbors at Ballard First Lutheran Church. Every year we host a large Thanksgiving feast for the wider community in need.

**Food Bank and Clothing Collections** Nonperishable food and gently-used clothing collections at Our Redeemer's help our neighbors who are hungry and unhoused.

**EarthCare** We seek to live greener through community involvement, educating our church, advocating and/or working in Our Redeemer's Peace Garden. We often have an Earthcare Retreat Service Project in April. Look for Earthcare Retreat and E-Cycling of electronics, metal, and Styrofoam events.

**Lutheran World Relief** We send quilts, school kits, and personal care items through Lutheran World Relief to those in need in the U.S. and around the world. We are also the LWR loading site for NW Washington.

**Racial Justice Advocates** This group educates ourselves about racial inequity and its outcomes, and coordinates efforts within the congregation to move toward a more racially just world.

**Road to Housing (R2H)** Our Redeemer's provides church parking spots, hospitality, and access to bathroom, shower, and electric cooking appliances for those living in their vehicles.



## CREATING INCLUSIVE Community

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**Welcome Team** Ensure all are truly welcomed, and can become involved.

**Caring Community Team** Share comfort and support through visits, meals, cards, communion, and prayer shawls. The team meets bi-monthly.

**LGBTQ Support/Advocacy** As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we publicly and warmly welcome LGBTQIA2+ people, and participate in the annual Seattle Pride Parade.

**Madonna's Book Group\*** Meets monthly, Sundays at 4 PM to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. All women are welcome

\*programs not available during the summer months