

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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GATHERING SONG

HOW HE LOVES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Said by one

The first commandment is this:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

THE CANTICLE

Said by all

BEATITUDES

Matthew 5:1-12

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Verse 1**All this pain**I wonder if I'll ever find my way**I wonder if my life could really change**At all**Verse 2**All this earth**Could all that is lost ever be found**Could a garden come up from this ground**At all**Chorus**You make beautiful things**You make beautiful things out of the dust**You make beautiful things**You make beautiful things out of us**Verse 3**All around**Hope is springing up from this old ground**Out of chaos life is being found**In You**Bridge**You make me new You are making me new**You make me new You are making me new**(REPEAT)*

READING

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Read by one

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Leader God is

All **One God, the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

Leader God is

All **Jesus Christ, the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.**

Leader God is

All **The Holy Spirit, at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.**

Leader With God's help
All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

PRAYERS

Leader With all our hearts and minds, let us pray to God responding, "God of love, hear our prayer"... We pray that Your love will find a way to heal our wounded world and guide our nation and leaders to a path of justice and peace. Help us to know Jesus and grow in love.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader United in relationships of holy connection and communion, we share a heart with those who feel separated or cast out for any reason. Help us reach out in love.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for this beloved community, in the spirit, growing with all people. Help us make it safe for all to live with integrity and for all to live in peace.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader Inspiring us through our church, through Scripture, through the Word made flesh in Jesus, and through the sacraments, help us to deepen our relationship with You.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for people and places that long for relief from suffering, ... and those we name now, silently or aloud. God remind us that we are not alone.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We give thanks for all the moments of grace that sustain us, ... and those we name now, silently or aloud. Your love and grace abound. Give us eyes to see your goodness in the world around us.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader We pray for those who have died. Remembering ... and those we name now, silently or aloud. Comfort those who grieve.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

Leader God of love, send us into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

All **God of love, hear our prayer**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

CONFESSIO

God, you have called us to be Love in the world

God, you have called us to love the world

We do not always recognize our belovedness;

We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;

We know we harm our relationship with you

And our relationships with each other

With words said and unsaid

With deeds done and undone

We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.

We ask for your unconditional love.

Help us to forgive without reservation.

Help us to love without condition.

In Jesus' name, Amen

ABSOLUTION

The magnitude of your sins
Can never compare
With the immensity of God's grace

Out of the abundance of God's love
You are forgiven. **Amen**

PEACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry
He invited his friends to share a meal.

This meal became a defining ritual in our common life as Christians.
We call it communion.

Jesus invited his friends to the table. They gathered around it together.
They shared this meal, this holy nourishment of God's love.

Today Jesus invites us again to the table. You are invited to follow the cross and draw near.
If you would like to join us near the altar, you are welcome. If you would like to stand back
a bit and watch, you are welcome. If you believe this meal is for you, you are welcome, if
you are unsure or unready, or simply do not want to partake, you are welcome.
This is our communion with God. You are invited as you are.

SONG

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Verse 1

*God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives*

Chorus

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future*

*And life is worth the living
Just because He lives*

Verse 2

*How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives*

Verse 3

*And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns*

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COMMUNION PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

In the beginning, God of creation,
your wind swept over the face of the waters,
stirring up life from the heights to the depths.
Your spirit raised us from dust and formed us to be like your children
with one common breath.

**We couldn't see where the wind had come from
we couldn't tell where the wind would go.
Divided, we hid behind walls turning away from the breath of life.**

But you spoke through the prophets,
you gave visions to those enslaved,
you spoke in the whirlwind and promised salvation.

You breathed on Mary, your listening servant,

**making your Word alive in her flesh.
You gave us Jesus, who shared our same breath
receiving your Spirit in the river Jordan.
He proclaimed freedom to captives, good news to the poor,
he gave hope to the suffering,
and life to the dead.**

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at supper with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to them saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and
for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, God of endless mercy,
of all the things that are yours we offer you these,
which are yours especially.
We offer them gladly, as he told us,
giving thanks for his death and resurrection.
Filled with your Spirit, and drawn together in his peace we praise you and we bless you:

**We praise you,
We bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, our God:**

Pour out your Spirit once more
to make this bread and wine the body and blood of Christ,
that we might blow through the world with his love
healing and forgiving,
reconciling like Jesus until the heights and depths,
are filled with your children from every tribe and language and people and nation,
joined with the communion of saints, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

ALL YE REFUGEES

Verse 1

*I am the One
The earth is My handmade work
And the skies I laid them wide beauty unfurled
Horizon to horizon Creation to creation
Sings you home*

Chorus

*Welcome Home
Gather round
All ye refugees come in
Welcome Home
Gather round
All ye refugees come in*

Verse 2

*Oh refugee
I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground salvation springs
My body and My blood the healing that you need
Come and receive*

Bridge

*Watch and wait and see
What is yet to be
Watch and wait and see for the morning*

Verse 3

Go out in joy

Join the great procession

The mountains and the heavens all will rejoice

Horizon to horizon creation to creation

Horizon to horizon creation to creation

With one voice

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the rear of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Holy Spirit,

enlighten our thinking,

strengthen our will,

guide us and give us courage

that we may serve God.

Let us go forth with God.

Amen.

Celebrant..... The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
Preacher The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Deacon..... The Rev. Gary Lubin
Scripture Reading Maria Andrews
Great Commandment Paige DeVaul
Intercessor..... Kelli Wisecup
Sacristan..... Jerry Dehner
Ushers..... Hollis & Mark Bass
Bread Guild..... Cheryl Fast
Greeters Taylor Craig

Altar Guild

Kelli Wisecup, Patricia Kovach, Lisa Senter, Ivan Delgado

Flower Guild

Blake Gustafson, Vicky Carroll, Christy Borneman

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in memory of Alvin & Martha Knoll and William & Ethel Lynch by Pat Knoll

SAVE THE DATE

Look for more details on these events on our website: redeemer-cincy.org/events.

Sunday, September 17: Inside the Episcopal Mind, A class for the curious, 10:00 am

Sunday, September 17: Creation Care Monthly Meeting, 12:00 pm

Wednesday, September 20: Second Half Speaker, 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 24: Flu & Covid Shot Vaccine Clinic, 12:00-4:00 pm

Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 15: Diocesan 7th-12th Grade Fall Retreat @ Procter Center

We encourage you to give your offering electronically today through our CoR App. (Search Redeemer Cincy in your app store.) Or you may choose to give online via our secure online system located here: <https://redeemercincy.tpsdb.com/Give/offering> There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering safely

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sound of kids in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

Sit Close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

Wander: It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

Need to Leave? No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

Ask: Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14 NRSV

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

VISITING OR CHECKING US OUT TODAY? THINKING OF JOINING?

Church of the Redeemer may be the place for you. Here's how to connect:

JOIN US for coffee and hospitality after the worship services in the Great Hall.

ASK QUESTIONS and join the Newcomer group at the Welcome Table, found in the Narthex (Lobby). If you like, sign-up for a name tag. Greeters, ushers, clergy, and friendly people would love to talk to you!

CHILD CARE is available in the Playroom for children (**age 3 and younger**) each Sunday beginning at 8:45 am through 12:15 pm. During **10:00 am education hour**, children (**age 3-6**) may join Godly Play in the Playroom; (**grades 1-4**) are invited to Club CoR in the Great Hall (Cloister Side); (**grades 5&6**) gather in the Library for Middle CoR; and youth (**grades 7-12**) meet in the Youth Café in the upstairs kitchen.

Questions about children's programming? Contact our Minister for Family Discipleship, Tym House at tym@redeemer-cincy.org.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Nancy Schwartz, Director of Operations:
nancyschwartz@redeemer-cincy.org or 513.321.6700

PARKING: Parking is on the street. Please pay attention to the signs indicating proper parking zones. Handicapped parking is available in the front on Erie, in the back parking lot, and on the west side of Raymar.

ACCESSIBLE REDEEMER: The front entrance has a ramp and there is an elevator inside the back door and to the left. Accessible restrooms are located in the Lobby inside the front entrance. The nave is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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YOUR NAME
Here

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday: Morning Prayer Podcast
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Thursday: Morning Prayer Podcast

VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Jeff Brokamp, *Senior Warden*; Beth Weinewuth, *Junior Warden*
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VISION STATEMENT

We have a vision of a worshipping community
that **knows Jesus and grows in love:**

- **United** in relationships of holy connection and communion;
- **Growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion;
- **Inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us;
- **Sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

