

WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | 11AM

*Church of the Redeemer is committed to reducing paper use and exploring the expanded role of technology in worship.
Please consider viewing this bulletin on a personal electronic device using the QR codes located on the back of the pews.*

OPENING SONG

ALL YE REFUGEES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, preschool & elementary aged children are invited to the back of the sanctuary to join kids chapel.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Said by one

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE CANTICLE

A SONG OF GOD'S LOVE

Said by all

1 John 4:7-11

**Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent their only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent their Son that sins might be forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

Please be seated.

READING

MARK 8:27-38

Read by one

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

HOMILY AND CONVERSATION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

OCEANS

Verse 1

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

Chorus 1

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 and You are mine

Verse 2

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

Bridge

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 Saviour

Chorus 2

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

Please stand as you are able.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Officiant We believe

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

Officiant We believe

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

Officiant We believe

All **God is 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

Officiant

With God's help

All **We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.**

Officiant

With God's help

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

Officiant

With God's help

All **We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Officiant

With God's help

All **We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.**

Officiant

With God's help

All **We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to offer your own prayers after each petition either silently or aloud.

Leader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop elect, and Kristin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant continues with a collect

God of hope, from you come every blessing and all peace: Show us that, in the midst of our struggles, you are with us. Give us the abundance of your grace that we may do the work you give us to do and that we may be for the world a sign of your presence; through Christ, the Way and the Truth. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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 God's immeasurable grace

Out of the abundance of God's love

You are forgiven. **Amen**

PEACE

The officiant continues

We gather to embrace the unity of God's people and Christ's church;
to make peace a reality.

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are invited to follow the cross and draw near. All are welcome to join us around the altar.

Walk in love, as Christ loves us.

SONG

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Verse 2

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

Verse 3

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;*

*strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

Celebrant

In the beginning, God of creation,
your wind swept the darkness,
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 a 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 and
we give thanks to you.**

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Be what you see. Receive what you are, the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Verse 1

*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory*

Verse 2

*Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished*

Verse 3

*I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom*

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the world as we prepare to be sent out.

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.**

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Holy Spirit, **enlighten our thinking,
strengthen our will,
guide us and give us courage
that we may serve God. Amen.**

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Herschel Wade
Preacher The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Deacon The Rev. Gary Lubin
The Great Commandment & Scripture Reading Anny Stevens-Gleason
Prayers Anny Stevens-Gleason
Chalice Bearer
Sacristan Kelli Wisecup
Ushers Kylie & Jared Utah
Bread Guild Cheryl Fast
Altar Guild Katy Mallon, Kathe Kissel, Brian Weinewuth
Flower Guild Francie Morrison, Anna Kamphaus, Laurie Maguire, Andrea Schenck

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alvin & Martha Knoll and William & Ethel Lynch by Pat Knoll; in loving memory of Betty & Tom Alsop by Hobe & Dave Hinchman; and in Remembrance of Gordon & Fabienne Christenson's Love Affair of 47 years on September 16 by Gordon Christenson.

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! We have a vision of a worshipping community that **knows Jesus and grows in love**. A community that is **united** in relationships of holy connection and communion. A community **growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion. A community **inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us. A community **sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness. Come, join us on the journey.

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.

ASK QUESTIONS and join our Newcomer group at our 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. **Children's education hour resumes on September 8** — (**age 3-6**) may join Godly Play in the Playroom; (**grades 1-4**) are invited to Club CoR in the Great Hall (Cloister Side) and youth (**grades 5-8**) gather in the Library for Middle CoR.

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

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



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.

We strive to share our mission of radical welcome and hospitality with the world through photos and video. From time to time we document church events for use in publications, website, and social media. By your presence, you grant Redeemer unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast images, and or likenesses that may be taken of you for use in communications related to the church. Please contact Mireya Medina, Communications Minister, with any questions at communications@redeemer-cincy.org.



JOIN OUR NEWCOMER GROUP - New to Church of the Redeemer? Ready to learn more about our ministries? Considering membership? Use the QR code at the left to join our Newcomer group and receive information about ministries, events, membership and access to our CoR App.

TODAY'S OFFERING - 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 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.



WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

We strive to share our mission of radical welcome and hospitality with the world through photos and video. From time to time we document church events for use in publications, website, and social media. By your presence, you grant Redeemer unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast images, and or likenesses that may be taken of you for use in communications related to the church. This service is livestreamed Please contact communications@redeemer-cincy.org with any questions.

CALENDAR

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

Church of the Redeemer offers a variety of worship, education, and fellowship events for all ages. A quick glance at our calendar provides a look at both our recurring opportunities, as well as those special events we have throughout the year. You can access the church calendar on our website under the Connect tab, on our CoR App using the Calendar button, on our TV sign in the narthex (lobby), and by using the QR code at right.



VESTRY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

*Beth Weinewuth, Senior Warden; Mark Sesler, Junior Warden
Carter Kemper, Treasurer; Kelly Schleker, Asst. Treasurer; Pattie Kovach, Clerk of Vestry*

Kathryn Albertson, Liturgy Board Co-Chair
Steve Zimmerman, Liturgy Board Co-Chair

Matthew Solomon, Education Board Co-Chair
Bain Massey, Education Board Co-Chair

Andrew Cole, Stewardship Board Co-Chair
David Haffner, Stewardship Board Co-Chair

Amanda Rasche, Pastoral Board Co-Chair
Cynthia Walker, Pastoral Board Co-Chair

Larry Kissel, Mission Board Co-Chair
Elizabeth Coley, Mission Board Co-Chair



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

