

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023
8:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

Reaching Out into the Community
To Do What's Best for the Community

2450 SE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34996-3312

(772) 286-0911 (church), (772) 286-0932 (school)

E-mail address: church@redeemerstuart.com

Website: www.redeemerstuart.com

**A LARGE-PRINT COPY OF THIS BULLETIN IS AVAILABLE FROM AN
USHER. IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY HEARING, AUDIO RECEIVERS ARE
AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS**

Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, but please come back. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

Order of Worship

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Let There Be Wonder”

Redman

Let this place be an upper room where Your people learn to wait.

Let this house become holy ground where your children watch and pray.

O, remind us today: we are people of Your presence.

(Chorus) **Let there be wonder, let there be wonder in this place.**

Let there be worship, let there be worship for Your name.

Come, Holy Spirit, how we need Your fire again.

Let there be wonder, let there be wonder.

We’re in awe, and we fear Your name, but we will not be afraid.

For the King in His holiness is our Father and our friend.

O, remind us today, we are people of Your presence. *(Chorus)*

Is He not the God who parted the sea? Is He not the One who heals our disease?

Is He not the source of all that we need? You’re all that we need.

Is He not the God who emptied the grave? Is He not the One who breaks ev’ry chain?

Is He not the hope still with us today? You’re with us today. *(Chorus)*

© 2020 Hipgnosis Songs Essential/Jacob Sooter Music/So Essential Tunes/Vertical Church Band Publishing/Corey Michael Music Publishing/Integrity Worship Music/Integrity’s Alleluia! Music/MSW Publishing/River Wild/Said and Done Music
CCLI License #1457955

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Lord God Almighty, during this season of growth we come to You in worship seeking Your forgiveness. We have not always read, marked and inwardly digested You Holy Word as You require. We have not been entirely faithful as Your baptized children. We have not kept our eyes fixed on You and the feast of victory that is ours in Your Son. Renew us today, that we might walk with You this week and grow in Your grace. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins

Song of Praise

“What Love My God”

Robinson

What love, my God, could bring You down to earth?

What King would take a low and lonely birth?

Yet to this dark and broken place You came

to sleep beneath the stars that You had made.

What love, my God, would send the Way of Life

To walk the road rejected and despised,

That You might know the weakness I possess

And be my rock of strength and righteousness?

(Chorus) **O Your love, my God, like a flood as heaven opened up pouring out on us.**

O praise the King who came to the world in His love like a mighty flood.

What love, my God, could hold You to the tree

To bear that overwhelming debt for me?

The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side,

The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die. *(Chorus)*

What love, my God, so gracious and extreme

Was strong enough to come and fight for me,

To go through hell and down into the grave

And raise me up to see You face to face?

You raise me up to see You face to face. *(Chorus)*

In His love like a mighty flood.

© 2016 Farren Love and War Publishing/Integrity's Aleluia! Music/Jonny Robinson, City Alight Music/Rich Thompson, City Alight Music CCLI License #1457955

Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

Holy Spirit, rule and govern our hearts and minds that we may be stirred up to holy living on earth and dwell with You in eternity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-16 ESV

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. 10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 ESV

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30 ESV

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)”

Kauflin

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;

Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.

He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;

Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.

(Chorus) **How sure his compassion for us! Oh how deep is his love;**

So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.

Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?

He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.

He has paid for ev'ry failure, Mercy flows in endless streams;

Come and follow, freedom call you: rest in Him. *(Chorus)*

Are you waiting in your sorrows For this broken world to heal?

He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.

We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed;

From His kindness ev'ry promise then fulfilled;

Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end. *(Chorus)*

©2021 Getty Music Publishing (BMI)/Jordan Kauflin Music (BMI)/Matthew Merker Music (BMI) CCLI License #1457955

Message

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“All To Us”

Tomlin/Reeves/Redman/Maher

**Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, you are faithful to the end.
We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us. (Repeat)**

(Chorus) **Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.
We believe You're all to us.**

**Only Son of God, sent from heaven, hope and mercy at the cross.
You are ev'rything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us. (Chorus twice)**

**When this passing world is over, we will see You face to face,
And forever we will worship.**

Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, You are all to us.

© 2010 worshiptogether.com songs/sixsteps music/Vamos Publishing/Matt Maher Designee/Said and Done Music/Thankyou Music CCLI License #1457955

The Offering Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Distribution Songs of Praise

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)

"Lamb of God"

Wanous

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

© 2013 Gabriel Wanous CCLI License #1457955

"Send Me"

Johnson

**If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet,
here I am, Lord, send me.**

**If it's loving one another even when we don't agree,
here I am, Lord, send me.**

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy, I'll serve You just the same.

Here I am, Lord, send me.

On the mountain or the valley, I will choose to praise,

Here I am, Lord, send me.

(Chorus) If I'm known by how I love,
let my life reflect how much I love You, I love You.
And before You even ask,
oh, my answer will be yes, 'cause I love You.

If the truth cuts like an arrow, I will say it anyway,
'cause here I am, Lord, send me.
If it means that they'll reject me, Lord, I will still obey.
Here I am, Lord, send me.

(Chorus)

When I'm standing in Your glory I'll be glad I chose to say,
"Here I am, Lord, send me."
"Well done, good and faithful," I live to hear You say.
Here I am, Lord, send me.
Here I am, Lord, send me. Here I am, Lord, send me.

(Chorus twice)

Here I am, Lord, send me. Here I am, Lord, send me.

© 2020 Brandon Lake Music/Brian and Jenn Publishing/Maverick City Publishing Worldwide/Kari Jobe Carnes Music/Worship Together Music/Bethel Music Publishing CCLI License #1457955

"Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)" Tomlin/Cash

**You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.
Though darkness fill the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?**

**You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?**

(Chorus) **I know Who goes before me, I know Who stands behind:
The God of angel armies is always by my side!
The One Who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side!**

**My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me. Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? *(Chorus)***

**And nothing formed against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world in Your hands.**

I'm holding on to Your promises; You are faithful, You are faithful. *(repeat) (Chorus)*

© 2012 Worship Together Music/Sixsteps Songs/A Thousand Generations Publishing/Alletrop Music/McTyeire Music CCLI Song #6440288 CCLI License #1457955

The Communion Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

Here am I, Lord, send me!

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Closing Song of Praise

“Today is the Day”

Brewster/Baloche

I'm casting my cares aside. I'm leaving my past behind.

I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.

I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,

Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Chorus: **Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.

And I won't worry about tomorrow; I'm trusting in what You say.

Today is the day. Today is the day.

I'm putting my fears aside. I'm leaving my doubts behind.

I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.

I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more,

Knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good. (*chorus*)

© 2008 Integrity's Praise! Music Integrity's Hosanna! Music Leadworship Songs CCLI License #1457955