

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER! We welcome all who are visiting with us this morning. We are delighted to have you with us. Please fill out one of our visitor cards so that we can get to know you. If you have any questions about COTR, feel free to ask one of our elders, our ministers, or members. We're glad you're here!

Today-HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: After our service this morning we will resume our regular "Hospitality" meals in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship. Thanks again to Joel and Jordan Myers for leading/organizing our hospitality meals.

Friday-FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Our next Young Adult Fellowship will be this coming Friday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. All college age young people are invited.

Next Sunday-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: We will have our bi-monthly High School Fellowship next Sunday evening after our evening service, beginning at 7:15. Plan to come!

GENERAL:

THANK YOU! Thanks to Dr. And Mrs. Larry Hill for their willingness to host our 2023 Feast of St. Augustine in the beautiful facilities of Molto Bella. It was a great blessing to be able to enjoy this wonderful venue, and we're indebted to the Hills for their generosity and kindness.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are in the process of updating our Church Directory. A copy is in the foyer so please check out the information we have for you and let us know if any changes need to be made. Thank you!

UPCOMING:

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: "Fridays with Flannery" resumes the second Friday in September (September 8) when we will be studying the story, "Parker's Back." Make plans to come and enjoy a great time of fellowship and discussion.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY: The next men's book study will be held the third Monday of September (September 18), in the home of Josh and Melissa Cross, 2102 Redwood Drive, at 7:00 p.m. Make plans to come.

SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: Our Fall School of Cultural Restoration will begin on Wednesday evening, September 20. We will have two classes: Zach Parker will be teaching a class on "Why Read Fiction" and Steve will be teaching a class on "The Meaning & Purpose of our Liturgy." We will begin each Wednesday with a meal (catered by our official SCR Chef, Micah McCoy) at 5:15 and classes will follow at 6:05 p.m. Plan to come!

CREC 2023 COUNCIL MEETING: The 2023 CREC Council meeting will convene on Monday evening, September 25, in Moscow, Idaho. Ed Lang will be COTR's representative at this year's council and Pastor Zach Parker will be visiting. Please pray for God's blessing upon our denomination during this meeting.

YOUTH DANCE: Young people (ages 13 to 19) are invited to a folk dance on Saturday, October 14, from 4-7:30 p.m. at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Dinner will be provided following the dance, and everyone will be cleaning up the fellowship hall so that it's ready for Church service the next day. If you're interested in going to the dance and/or plan to attend worship the next day, please email Sophia Robinson at sophia@barzillai.farm so that the folks in Ft. Worth can plan for you.

CALENDAR

September 1 – First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
3 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
8 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
10 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship afterwards
17 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
18 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
19 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
20 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
22 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
25-27 – CREC Council Meeting

October 1 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
2 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
4 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
6 – First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
8 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings,
No evening service
11 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
13 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
14 – Monroe Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Youth Dance in Ft. Worth, TX, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
15 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
16 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
18 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
27 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Elisabeth Brown, Amanda Jane Vaughan
Floater: Hayes Merritt

Toddler: AM: Melissa Cross, Anna Dlugosh
Floater: Spencer McBroom

NEXT WEEK:

Jennifer Lizenby, Sophie Ferrington
Savannah Nash

Darren Dlugosh, Adam Jones
Elias Richey

CHURCH of the REDEEMER is a member of the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC). The CREC is an international church community with member congregations all across North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, and Eastern Asia. We are evangelical believers who embrace the historic Christian faith, in the Protestant Reformation tradition. More information may be found at <https://crechurches.org>.

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 2023

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God.”

† HYMN #50 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

† SALUTATION:

Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”

Cong: “And with your spirit”

Minister: “O give thanks to the Lord for He is good”

Cong: “For His mercy endures forever.”

Minister: “Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

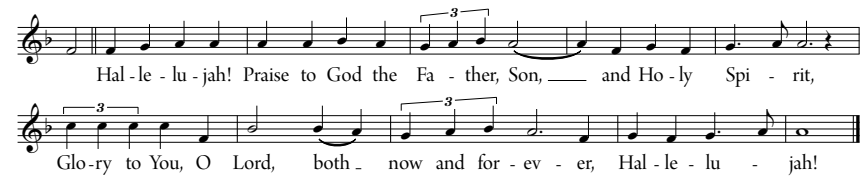
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts and words and deeds, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Be merciful to us, most merciful Father. For the sake of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ forgive us our sins and enable us to turn from them and earnestly persevere in doing Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

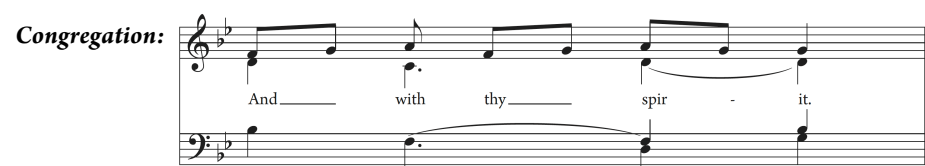


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation:



It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: “It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:”

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #11 (SH) *“The Venite”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 121

THE EPISTLE

Romans 11:33-12:8

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #79

“Though Troubles Assail Us”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† READING OF THE TEXT:

Malachi 3:6-12 & Exodus 20:15

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Ten Words: “You Shall not Steal”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #120 (SH) *“How Blest is He Who Shuns the Path of Sin”*

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY

(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†The Congregation will please stand

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #492

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD’S PRAYER: page ix (SH)

† NICENE CREED:

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #127 (SH) *“The Lord in Your Distress Attend”*

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: “The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” **Amen.**

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN #5 (SH)

“Nunc Dimittis”

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand