

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: Our weekly “hospitality meal” will be today after our morning service in the fellowship hall. If you have no plans for lunch, please join some of our COTR families for a great time of food and fellowship.

This evening—SECOND SUNDAY: Once again this evening we will have our “Second Sunday” service at 6:00 p.m. There will be a time of singing, prayer, and a study from God’s Word. Plan to come and remember: If you have special prayer requests, please let Zach know this afternoon: zparker@redeemertwincities.org

This evening—PIZZA FELLOWSHIP: After our Second Sunday service, we will be having pizza in the fellowship hall (\$2 per person or \$10 per family). Make plans to join in!

Friday—RENEWAL CENTER LUNCH: We will be serving lunch at the Center this Friday. If you are able to assist in this, please use the sign up sheet in the foyer or call the office to let us know you will be helping. Thank you for your labors in this important ministry.

UPCOMING:

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP: After evening worship next week at 7:15 p.m., there will be a time of fellowship for both our High Schoolers and the College & Career group. High School fellowship will meet for its study, song, and prayer in the fellowship hall while College & Career will resume their study of “How to Be Free from Bitterness.”

Psalm Sing Dessert Fellowship: - Friday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. there will be another Psalm Sing Dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be singing of some favorites and work on a few new songs as well. August was a great time of singing, dancing, and fellowshiping. Make plans now to attend.

LANGS’ ANNIVERSARY DANCE: Mr. And Mrs. Russell Lang have invited everyone to join in the celebration with a family dance on Friday, October 12. Everything will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. See you there!

SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RESTORATION: The fall session of our School of Cultural Restoration will begin Wednesday, October 2, and continue each of the four following Wednesdays of October (Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30). Each Wednesday we’ll gather for a light supper at 5:00 p.m. (courtesy of Mrs. Micah McCoy) and afterwards gather for our classes at 6:05 (ending at 7:00 p.m.). We will again have two classes: “The Bible a Dirty Word: A Biblical Study of Personhood & Care,” taught by Pastor Zach Parker and our second class is TBA. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

FALL PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 14. Please check with your parish elder(s) for the time and place of your parish fellowship. These are not only fun times to be together but important times for us to get to know one another and encourage and exhort one another. Plan to attend your parish fellowship!

CALENDAR

September 8 – Second Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
13 – Renewal Center Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
15 – High School fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
20 – Psalm Sing in Fellowship Hall,

October 2 – Fall SCR classes begin, meal at 5:00 p.m., classes, 6:05 p.m.
9 – Second SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes, 6:05 p.m.
11 – Renewal Center Lunch
12 – Langs’ Anniversary Dance, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Parish Fellowships, no evening service
15-16 – Wycliff Presbytery, Austin, Texas
16 – Third SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes 6:05 p.m.
23 – Fourth SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes 6:05 p.m.
30 – Final SCR class, meal, 5:00 p.m., classes 6:05 p.m.

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration, 4:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Connie Merritt, Sophie Ferrington
Floater: Savannah Nash

Toddler: AM: Darren Dlugosh, Adam Jones
Floater: Elias Richey

NEXT WEEK:

Esther Catledge, Jamie Cychosz
Vineetha Savage

Aleta Eley, Emily Gautreaux
Adam Hilleke

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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 #53 *“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”*

† 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 Lord, open our lips,”

Cong: “And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.”

Minister: “I will bless Yahweh at every time; Continually His praise is in my mouth. . . . Glorify Yahweh with me, and let us exalt His Name together.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

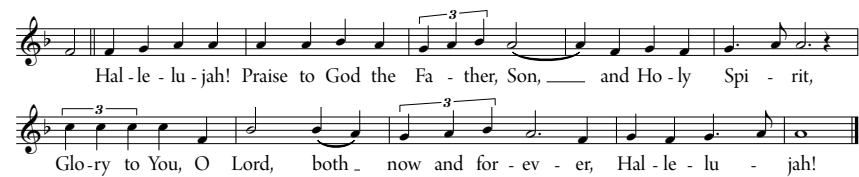
CONFESSION OF SINS:

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

Cong: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before You our sinful natures and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, & in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins and for the sake of Your dear Son, grant that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of 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.”

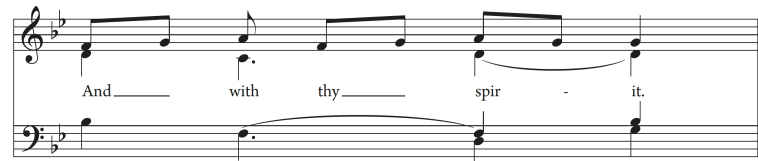


† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

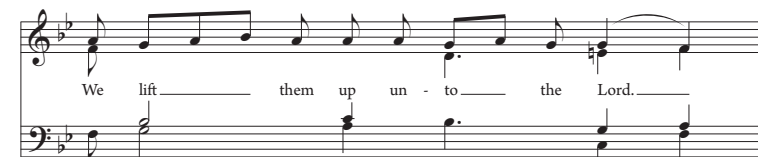
Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



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

Congregation:



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 #14 (SH) *“A Song of David”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 15

THE EPISTLE

James 2:1-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #119

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee”

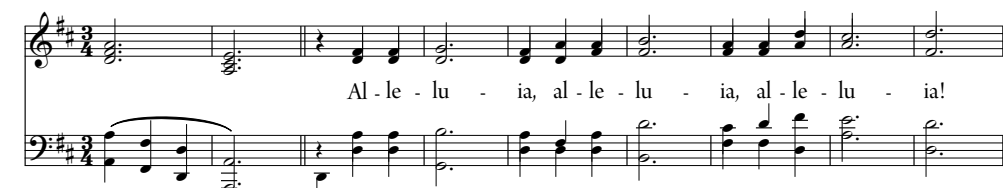
† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.”

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Be Thou Opened”

Pastor Zach Parker

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #156 (SH)

“Jehovah to My Lord has Said”

(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 #116

“Thou Art the Way”

† 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 #550

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

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

†The Congregation will please stand