

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: After our service this morning we will have our regular "Hospitality" meal 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.

Monday-CREC 2023 COUNCIL MEETING: The 2023 CREC Council meeting will convene on tomorrow evening, 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 as it meets through this week.

Wednesday-FALL SCR CLASS: We will continue our Fall SCR class this Wednesday BUT we will only have one of our classes. Since this is the week of the CREC Council and Pastor Parker will be in Moscow, Idaho, **we will not be having his class** on "Why Christians Should Read Fiction" – we will only have Steve's class on the "Significance and Importance of Our Liturgy." Our meal will again begin at 5:15 in the fellowship hall and the class will begin at 6:05 in the sanctuary. Make plans to come!

Next Sunday-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Next Sunday, we will have our High School Fellowship after evening worship, beginning at 7:15. All High Schoolers are encouraged to come.

GENERAL:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Last Sunday we received into our membership, Mr. And Mrs. Jeff Landry. We are thankful to the Lord for bringing Jeff and Libby back to us. Please pray for God's blessings upon them as they worship and serve the Lord with us!

UPCOMING:

PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 8. Please check with your Parish elder(s) for the time and place of your meeting.

FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our Fridays with Flannery meetings will resume Friday evening, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing "The Enduring Chill." Make plans to join us!

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.

MONROE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT: The Monroe Symphony Orchestra will have its Fall concert here at COTR, Saturday evening, October 14, at 7:00. Make plans to come!

CALENDAR

September 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 College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
7 – Lang's Anniversary Dance, 6-9 p.m., fellowship hall
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 Orchestra Fall 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.
25 – Fall SCR, meal 5:15, class 6:05 p.m.
27 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
29 – Mr. Will Gunter preaching in our evening service

November 1 – All Saints Day celebration, 4:00 p.m.
3 – College and Career Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
4 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
10 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
12 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
19 – High School Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.
22 – Happy Thanksgiving!

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Rebekah Landry, Jenni Maney
Floater: Molly Kate Eley

Toddler: AM: Robbie McBroom, Matt Wilkins
Floater: Parker Hanson

NEXT WEEK:

Sarah Freeland, Amy Higginbotham
Laura Belle Hilleke

Jordan Myers, Emily Hilleke
Henry Booth

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 #269 *“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”*

† 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: “Our help is in the name of the Lord”

Cong: “Who made heaven and earth.”

Minister: “For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

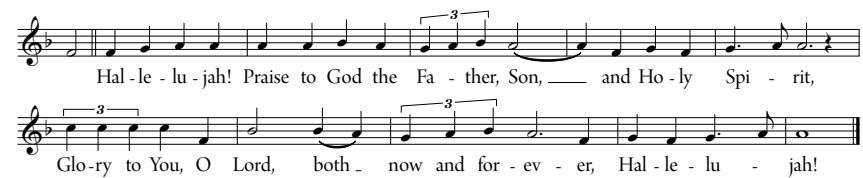
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, we implore Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation 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:

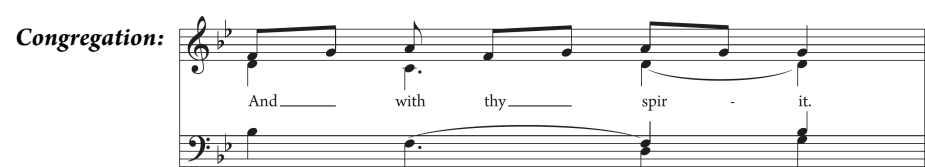


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

†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 #14 (SH) *“A Song of David”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 149

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1:19-30

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #135 *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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: Matthew 5:1-12

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON **The Beatitudes: “The Blessedness of the Kingdom”**

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #268 *“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

(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 #369 *“Zion, Founded on the Mountains”*

† 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 #427 (1st) *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*
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