

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-SPRING PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: We will have our Spring Parish-wide Fellowship meetings, this afternoon and evening. If you do not know where an when your parish is meeting, please check with your parish elder(s) for the place and time for your parish fellowship!

NO EVENING SERVICE TODAY: Because of our parish-wide fellowship meetings, we will not have our evening service today, nor will there be any high school fellowship this evening.

Friday-DESIARD STREET SHELTER LUNCH: This coming Friday is the day that we serve lunch (red beans and rice) at the DeSiard Street Shelter. If you are able to help in food preparation your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let Jackie know so that we can plan appropriately. Thanks to all who have helped in the past. This has been an encouraging ministry to our neighbors over the years.

Next Sunday-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing new officers next Sunday immediately following our morning service. All members 18 years of age and over are allowed to vote for those candidates they believe to be qualified, called, and ready to serve the Lord as officers in our congregation. Please pray that the Lord will grant us great wisdom and guide us in choosing new elders and deacons.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE & SENIOR RECOGNITION: Each year we recognize our graduating high school seniors, and we will do that again next Sunday evening during our "Second Sunday" service. Please plan to come to congratulate our graduating seniors, and pray for God's blessing upon them as they transition into a new stage of life.

GENERAL:

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice over the birth of Donny Montgomery Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Riley, last Saturday morning. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

THANK YOU! Our thanks go to all who worked so hard to present the Geneva Art Show and DYC concert this past Thursday evening. It was a great and wonderful gift to us all! Thank you all for your long hours of practice and preparation – thank you for being instruments of blessing to the rest of us!

UPCOMING:

PENTECOST CELEBRATION: Pentecost Sunday is May 24, and we will again have our Pentecost celebration in the afternoon. It's going to be a great time of food and fellowship together, so plan to come! **Because of our Pentecost celebration, we will not have our evening service on May 24.**

IMAGO DEI ART CAMP: The first annual Imago Dei Art Camp will be held the last week in July (July 27-31). All high school aged students (13-18) will be able to participate in a variety of visual art projects (which will include painting, drawing, print making, calligraphy, and more!), culminating in the Imago Market and the Collective Showcase. Registration fee is \$200 (which includes supplies) and is limited to 50 students – so register today!

CALENDAR

May 3 – Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
8 – Serving lunch at the DeSiard Street Shelter, 11:30 a.m.
10 – Congregational meeting to elect new officers
Second Sunday service
Senior recognition, 6:00 p.m.
14 – Redeemer School of the Arts Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
15 – Geneva Academy Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
24 – Pentecost Sunday
No evening worship
30 – Trisler-Plyter Wedding
31 – Ordination and Installation Service for new officers

June 8-11 – Summer Sanctus 2026
14 – Second Sunday
Pizza afterwards
15-20 – 2026 Jubilate Deo Music Camp

July 4 – Independence Day.
10 – Moreau-Clarke Wedding
27-31 – Imago Dei Art Camp

August 1 – Imago Market and Showcase

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Charity Jones, Sophie Ferrington
Floater: Evie Mae Lizenby

Toddler: AM: Rachel Huber, Anna Dlugosh
Floater: Isaac McCoy

NEXT WEEK:

Amalia Clark, Jamie Cychosz
Layla Booth

Jaiken Wilkins, Noah Landry
Spencer McBroom

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>.

CHURCH of the REDEEMER

715 Cypress Street | West Monroe, LA 71291
Phone: (318) 323-3061 | Fax: (318) 387-5135
www.redeemertwincities.org



THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

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 (Insert) *“Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above”*

† 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: “Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!”

Cong: “Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!”

Minister: *“Yahweh does judgment to the oppressed, and gives bread to the famished; Yahweh, loosing the bound; Yahweh, opening those blind; Yahweh, raising those bowed down; Yahweh, loving those righteous; Yahweh, guarding sojourners; orphan and widow He will bolster; and the way of the wicked He will bend. Yahweh will reign to past beyond—your God, Zion, for generation and generation.” Amen.*

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

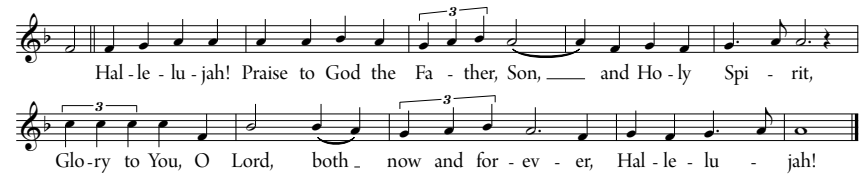
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: Almighty God, who has brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ; we confess that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not believed Your promises, nor heeded Your Word. We have forgotten the glad tidings of our Savior’s victory over death and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. Forgive us and cleanse us from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. 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.”

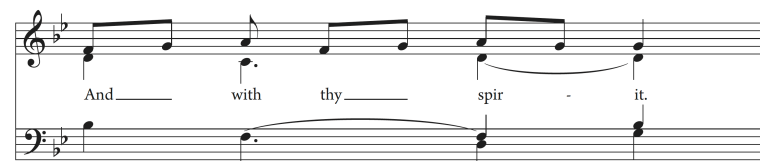
†OPENING ACCLAMATION



†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

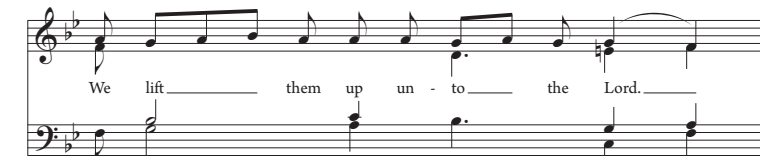
Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



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

Congregation:



†The Congregation will please stand

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 saying:”

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 6:1-9

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1, 19-29

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

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

John 14:1-14

Minister: “The Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: “Praise be to You, O Christ.”

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA



READING OF THE TEXT

Genesis 1:26-28

SERMON

“After the Image of God”

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #204

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

(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 #372

“Arm of the Lord, Awake!”

† 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 #178 (SH)

“Built on the Rock the Church”

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 (Insert)

“Nunc Dimittis” (Vickers)

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† HYMN #12

“Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim”

†The Congregation will please stand