

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--NO HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will not be having our regular "hospitality meal" after our morning service this morning. Our meals will resume on Sunday, June 4.

HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: The High School Fellowship will meet this evening after our evening service in the fellowship hall. All high school students are welcome to attend.

Friday--FRIDAYS WITH FLANNERY: Our next "Fridays with Flannery" meeting is this coming Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Scott and Amanda Jane Vaughn (2502 Pargoud Blvd.). We'll be discussing the story "Greenleaf" so come and enjoy a great time of fellowship compliments of Flannery and Mrs. May!

Next Sunday--PENTECOST FEAST: Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost in the afternoon after our morning worship, with some delicious fried fish and great sides and deserts! Make plans to join us beginning at 4:00 p.m. here at COTR.

NO EVENING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY: Because of our Pentecost feast, we will not have our evening service next Sunday.

UPCOMING:

FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Our next "Young Adult" fellowship (college-aged young people) will be held Friday, June 2. Make plans to come!

MEN'S BOOK STUDY: The next meeting of our bi-monthly men's book study will be Monday evening, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to come.

RECOGNITION OF OUR 2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We will be recognizing our 2023 High School graduates in our Second Sunday service, Sunday, June 11. Make plans to come and congratulate our 2023 graduates!

JUBILATE DEO MUSIC CAMP: The 2023 Jubilate Deo Music Camp will begin on Monday, June 26 and conclude with a closing program on Saturday, July 1. Pray for God's blessing!

CALENDAR

May 26 – Fridays With Flannery, "Greenleaf", 7:00 p.m. at the Vaughns
28 – Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m.
No evening service

June 2 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
4 – Trinity Sunday
5 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
9 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays With Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
11 – Second Sunday service
Recognition of our 2023 High School Graduates
Pizza supper afterwards
19 – Men's Book Study, 7:00 p.m.
23 – Fridays With Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
26-30 – Jubilate Deo Music Camp

July 1 – Jubilate Deo closing concert
7 – First Friday Young Adult Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
9 – Second Sunday service, Pizza fellowship afterwards
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.
28 – Fridays with Flannery, 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Rebekah Landry, Jenni Maney
Floater: Madeleine Cross

Toddler: AM: Amy Hanson, Charity Jones
Floater: Tyler Cychosz

NEXT WEEK:

Sarah Freeland, Amy Higginbotham
Hayes Merritt

Robbie McBroom, Harley Davis
Arthur Richey

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 21, 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 #212 *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”*

† 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: “The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty”

Cong: “The LORD has girded Himself with strength.”

Minister: “The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

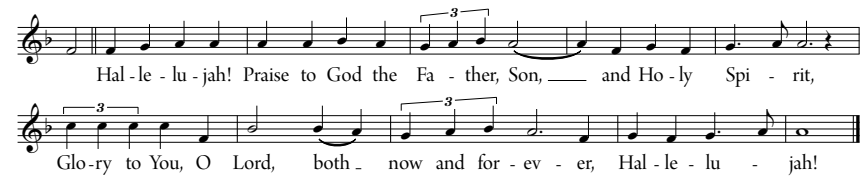
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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:

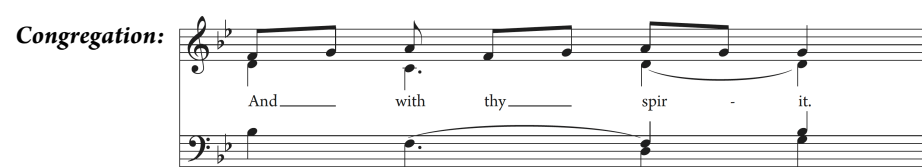


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† 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 #4 (SH) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 46

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #216 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *“The Lord of Lords”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #219 *“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”*

(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 #217

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious”

† 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 #218 (3rd) *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

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