

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.

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

Monday–MEN’S BOOK STUDY: We will have our bi-monthly Men’s Book Study tomorrow evening at 7:00, at the Lizenbys (2004 Pargoud Blvd.). All men are encouraged to attend for a great time of discussion and fellowship.

Wednesday–FALL SCR CLASS: We will continue our Fall SCR classes this Wednesday. Our meal will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall and the classes (“Why Christians Should Read Fiction” in the choir room and the “Significance and Importance of Our Liturgy” in the sanctuary) will begin at 6:05. Make plans to come!

Friday–FIRST FRIDAY COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP: Our College and Career fellowship will be held this Friday at 7:00 p.m. All college-aged young people are welcome to come!

Saturday–LANG’S ANNIVERSARY DANCE: Once again Mr. And Mrs. Russell Lang have invited everyone to join in the celebration with a family dance. Everything will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall – everyone from 7th grade and up are invited! See you there!

Next Sunday–PARISH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS: Our Fall Parish-wide fellowship meetings will be held next Sunday afternoon and evening. Please check with your Parish elder(s) for the time and place of your meeting. **Because of these meetings we will not have our evening service next Sunday.**

GENERAL:

CONGRATULATIONS! We rejoice in the safe birth of Emmarie Jane Rockett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rockett. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: We rejoice to welcome into the membership of COTR, the Savage family (Cameron and Joanna, and children, Vijay, Vineetha, Tirzah, and Yohan. Please pray for God’s blessing upon this family as they worship and serve Him here with us!

UPCOMING:

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. 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

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 – Langs’ 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 – Pastor Oleg Volkov preaching in our evening service
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.
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.
5 – 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: Sarah Freeland, Amy Higginbotham
Floater: Laura Belle Hilleke

Toddler: AM: Jordan Myers, Emily Hilleke
Floater: Henry Booth

NEXT WEEK:

Joanna Gunter, Heidi Lang
Emmalynne Eley

Nicholas Dlugosh, Bruce Huber
Ben Hilleke

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THE LORD’S SERVICE

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 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 #9 *“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”*

† 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 soul waits for the Lord;”

Cong: “He is our help and our shield.”

Minister: “*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand*” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

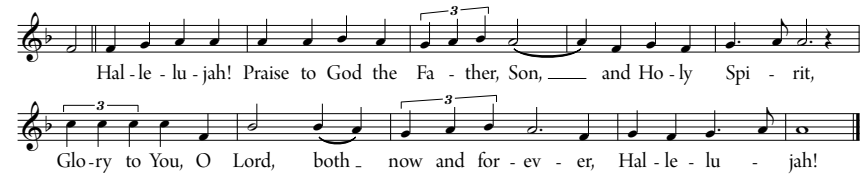
Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

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.”

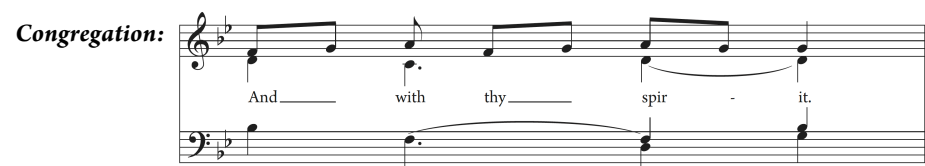
† OPENING ACCLAMATION:



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 #10 (SH) *“God be Merciful Unto Us”*

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 18:25-32

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 149

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-18

Minister: “The Word of the Lord.”

Cong: “Thanks be to God.”

† HYMN #63

“God is Known Among His People”

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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:

Psalm 34:1-10 & Matthew 5:3

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Beatitudes: *“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”*

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #421 (2nd)

“Rock of Ages”

(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 #86 (SH)

“O Thou in All They Might So Far”

† 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 #418 *“We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought”*

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