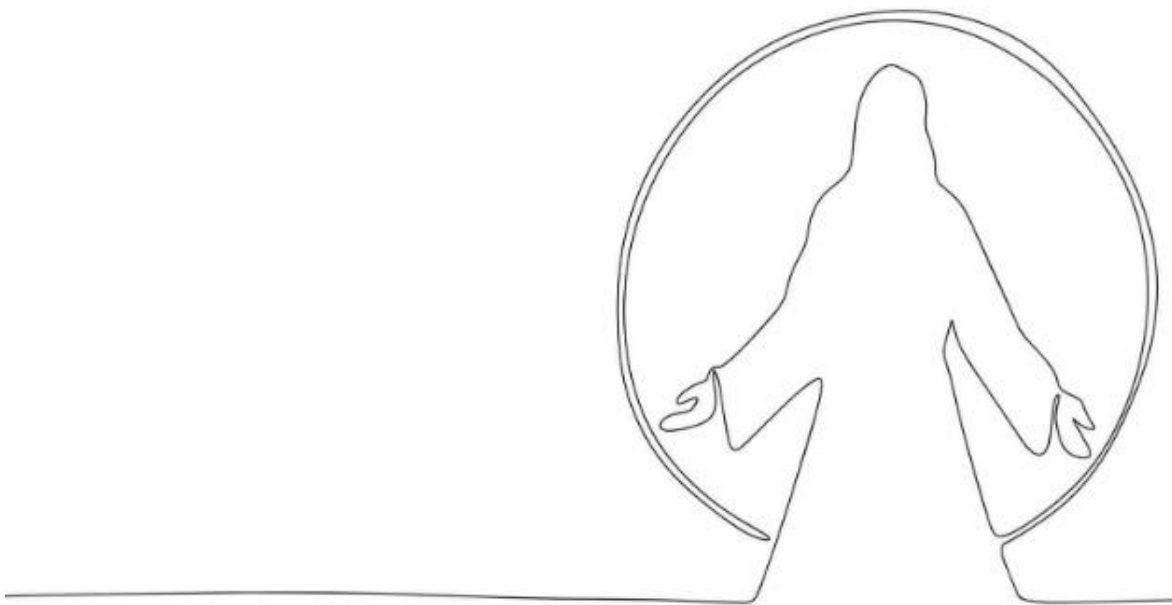


DARK PLACES AND LIGHT'S GRACES



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March 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
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PRESIDER/PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Tim Kruse

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READERS: Janet Gabone and Lisa Miller

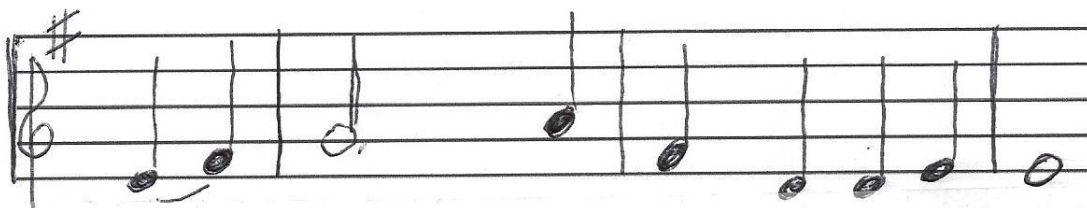
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Elaine Lindstrom and Brittany Wilson

ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Lindstrom and Brittany Wilson

USHERS: Dorothy Zeidler & Bill Standiford

PRELUDE

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"



Be still and know that I am God

GUIDED MEDITATION

REPRISE

"Be Still..." (Reprise)

WELCOME

SONG

"Drawn to the Light"

Red Book 593

OPENING PRAYER

Tim Kruse

Create in me a clean heart, O God, **and put a new and right spirit within me.**
Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, **so I will welcome the many ways you visit my life.** Create in me a clean heart, **healed of the wounds of old battles with others and myself. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Return to God"

410 Return to God

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

GOSPEL READING John 12: 27-38; 42-50 Janet Gabone and Lisa Miller

J: The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of John, Chapter 12, verses 27 – 38: 42 – 50.

Glory to you, O Lord.

J: 27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 **The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.** Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

L: 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 **And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.**" 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. 34 The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

J: 35 Jesus said to them, "The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. **If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.** 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *Red Book 815 VI*

L: After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them. 37 Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. [. . .]42 Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue, 43 **for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.**

J: 44 Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me [only] but [also] in [the One] who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees [the One] who sent me. 46 I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. 47 I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, **for I came not to judge the world but to save the world.** 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge.

L: 49 [F]or I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me.”

The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *Red Book 815 V2*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “Dark Places and Light’s Graces” *Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

SERMON SONG “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *Red Book 815 V3*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Hear Our Prayer



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Text and music: Paul A. Anderson, 1969

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

"Here Comes the Sun"

George Harrison

OFFERING PRAYER

God of the Cross, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. We pledge these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice and service in the world. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Presider's Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother . . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Now Behold the Lamb

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1 Now be-hold the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho-ly is the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre-cious Lamb of God. Be-



bore all my sin, that I may live a-gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev-er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin-ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Tune: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB

Invitation

COMMUNION SONG "Be Thou My Vision"

Red Book 793

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tim Kruse

Holy God, this meal of grace nourishes us and sustains our spirits throughout the season of Lent. May the energy it provides help us to show forth your light through kindness and peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Beloveds, in Jesus, God came near and proclaimed the good news to all with hearts to listen. Go, now, in the blessed company of the Triune God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to encounter the good news of God’s grace wherever you may go! **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Christ Be Our Light”

Red Book 715

DISMISSAL

Go in peace; Be the Light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

CONNECT WITH US



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, **Monday, 10 – 1** and **Tuesday – Thursday, 9 – 1**. Call **414-933-7004**, or email admin@redeemermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with the pastor.

Lunch at Olga's is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at operations@olgaws.com.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- There will be a special Congregational meeting to discuss the budget preview and debt report immediately after the service today.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

- Join us each Wednesday in Lent for worship. Worship from 12 – 12:45 PM. Soup and bread provided.

GRAND OPENING EVENTS PLANNING

- If you are interested in volunteering for our Grand Opening events, please email Dar at admin@redeemermilwaukee.org.
- Save the dates: **Saturday, April 5, 2 – 4 PM and Monday, April 14, 11 AM**

BIBLE STUDY HAS RETURNED – MONDAYS, 1:00 PM IN THE EVENT SPACE

- To prepare, next week's reading is **John 13: 1 – 17**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We are looking for more volunteers to help with Altar Guild, ushering, livestreaming, reading and being a liturgical assistant. If you are interested, please email Dar at admin@redeemermilwaukee.org

REDEEMER CHOIR

- Redeemer Choir rehearses immediately following worship. They sing again on March 30, 2025. Please see Jeff or email music@redeemermilwaukee.org.