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PRELUDE

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning"

Dolly Parton

MEDITATION CHANT

"The Kingdom of God"

Taize Community

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

The king - dom of God is jus-tice and peace and
joy in the Ho-ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

(please stand if able)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Holy God,
**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace.

✝ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven.

Blessed are you. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Red Book 834

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Brittany Wilson

Caesar,

did you create the stars,
hurl them to the reaches of the universe;
did you issue rules that keep the planets in place?

Can you make blood course through our veins?
Or craft an otter or a moonflower?

Then keep your coins.
They can't buy what we need.

God,
It is your face we see
in our world, our very selves, our breath and love.

We owe every single thing to you.

Claim it all. Claim us.

Please take us
as your
own.

Amen.

(please sit)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ **I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.**

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

- 7 I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96

"Sing a Song to the Lord's Holy Name"

Lawton/McCann

Refrain



Sing a song to the Lord's ho - ly name. May the
won - ders of God be pro - claimed. Sing a
song to the Lord, now ac - claim. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Ho - ly is God's name!

Verses

1. Give the Lord, you families of people, Give the Lord glory and power.
Give the Lord a heart that is grateful. Let us tell of the glory of God.
2. Tell the world our God rules with justice. Tell the world its praises to sing.
Tell the world God's people know fairness. Let our voices proclaim God is King.
3. Day by day we count on God's blessings. Day by day we seek for God's strength.
Day by day may love be our lesson. May our wonder of God have no end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Hallelujah/Heleluyan"

Charles Webb

(please stand if able)

1* 2 3

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

* May be sung in canon.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is divided into three measures labeled 1*, 2, and 3. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in two lines. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. A small asterisk at the bottom left indicates that the piece may be sung in canon.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22: 15 – 22

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷**Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"** ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, **"Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."** ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please sit)

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

SERMON SONG "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"
 (prayer squares collected)

Red Book 816

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *Ken Medema*

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Jesus Draw Me Ever Near"

Keith and Kristyn Getty

OFFERING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

Song

Richardson/Bray

And the ta-ble will be wide. And the wel-come will be wide.

And the arms will o - pen wide to ga-ther us in.

And our hearts will o-pen wide to re - ceive.

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "Table Will Be Wide"
(please stand if able)

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 and . . .

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.

Invitation (please sit)

COMMUNION SONG

"What Feast of Love"

Red Book 487

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(DO NOT stand, no matter what Pastor Heidi does 😊)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Brittany Wilson

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve the world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(please stand if able)

Do what you have learned and received
and seen and heard in Christ,
and the peace of God will be with you.

**And may that peace,
which passes all understanding,
guard our hearts and our minds
in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Blessed Assurance”

Red Book 638

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Give your all to the LORD! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

STAY FOR OUR IMPORTANT SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING TODAY RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE

- **Meeting will be held in the sanctuary.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- **We are in need of servers throughout Fall** for the Olga Sunday Meal hosted at Redeemer. We need at least 12 people. If you can volunteer individually, as a family or as a small group, please sign up at olganws.com/volunteer.

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. Dates are in there up to the end of the year. Plan ahead!
- [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/
worship#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/)



PLAN AHEAD

- MET Coffee Hour – November 1 – 9 AM.
- First Teen Talk – November 8 and following the service, a potluck with Pastor Heidi.