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PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

READER: Lurna Prantil

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lurna Prantil and Cheryl Walker

ALTAR GUILD: Lurna Prantil and Chris Bremer

USHERS/GREETER: Dorothy Zeidler, Jacob Habeck and Sean Holub

PRELUDE

"The Lord Will Make A Way"

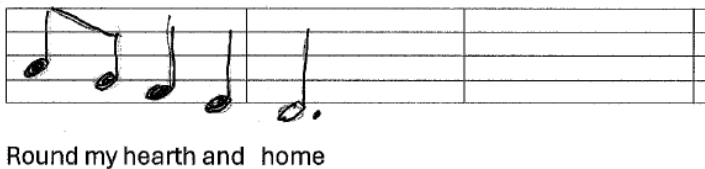
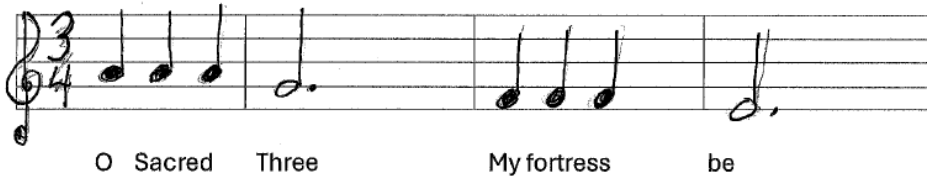
The Porter's Gate

COUNCIL WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

MEDITATION CHANT

"Celtic Poem"

Jeff Bray



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

(please stand if able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: Life Together in Mercy

We gather as God's family, called to love one another sincerely, to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

Lord, we confess that we have not always lived as your family.

When our brothers and sisters hurt us, we have sometimes held onto anger rather than seeking reconciliation.

Forgive us for the grudges we carry, the words we speak in anger, and the wounds we refuse to acknowledge.

You call us to let love be genuine, to honor one another, to practice hospitality, and to live in harmony.

Forgive us for the times we have chosen our own way over the good of the community—for jealousy, resentment, pride, and indifference.

You tell us to bless those who persecute us, to repay no one evil for evil, and, as far as it depends on us, to live peaceably with all.

Guide us not to answer with hurt with hurt, anger with anger, and judgment with judgment. Give us courage to overcome evil with good.

Like Jonah, we confess that sometimes we would rather see others judged than welcomed, punished than restored, excluded than embraced.

When your mercy toward others troubles us, expand our minds and hearts to see others as you do: as people worthy of grace.

In Christ, God does not hold our sins against us. We are forgiven +, restored, and called again into the family of God.

By the grace of God, we will seek peace, practice mercy, and love one another. Amen.

OPENING SONG

"Faithful Family" (vs 1 and 3)
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Rory Cooney

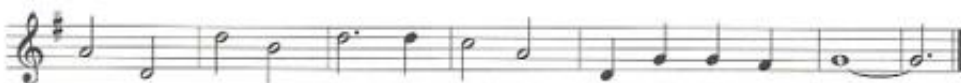
Refrain



Be like our God, who chose to live and learn our ways, and



die in deep, un-bound-ed love. For-give each



oth - er ten-der - ly. The faith-ful fam-'ly of our God.

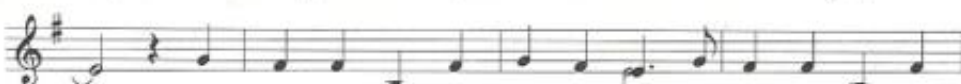
Verses



1. Where ev - er there is char - i - ty, self - less, giv - ing
2. And let us love the Liv - ing God, mer - ci - ful, and
3. ‡ When we are to - geth - er, let us act as
4. ‡ One day in the com - pan - y of the saints in



care, sure - ly our God is there.
kind, bod - y and heart and mind.
one, ways of greed and con - flict done.
light, may we see your face shine bright;



The love of Christ has gath - ered us to one from is - land
‡ Let us love each oth - er well, hold the stran-ger
‡ Let there be no bit - ter-ness, quar-rel-ing, nor
‡ Bright up - on your fam - i - ly, faith-ful, hu - man,



ways: let us sing for joy all our days.
dear, reach-ing out to all with-out fear.
strife. In our midst is Christ, our life.
flawed. Shine in glo-ry, Christ, our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power, help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(please sit)

FIRST READING

Ephesians 4:25-32

Laurina Prantil

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, **for we are members of one another.** ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹**Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up,** as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. ³²**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.**

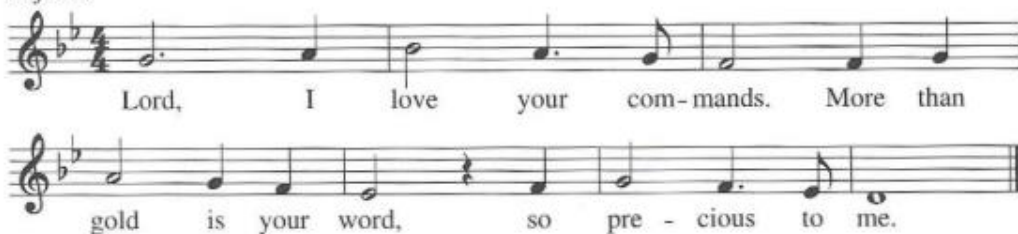
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119

"More than Gold"
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Tom Booth

Refrain



Verses

1. I have said, O Lord, that my part
is in the keeping of your words.
The law of your mouth
is more precious to me
than thousands of pieces of gold—
than thousands of pieces of gold.
2. Let your kindness comfort me
according to your word;
let your compassion give light to my soul,
for your law is my delight—
for your law is my delight.
3. For I love your commands
more than gold, however fine.
For in your precepts I will go forth.
Every false way I hate—
every false way I hate.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

Jerry Sinclair

(please stand)



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 15 – 20

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, **go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.** If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶**But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.** ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰**For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**
(please sit)

SERMON

“Jesus’ Guide to Handling Conflict”

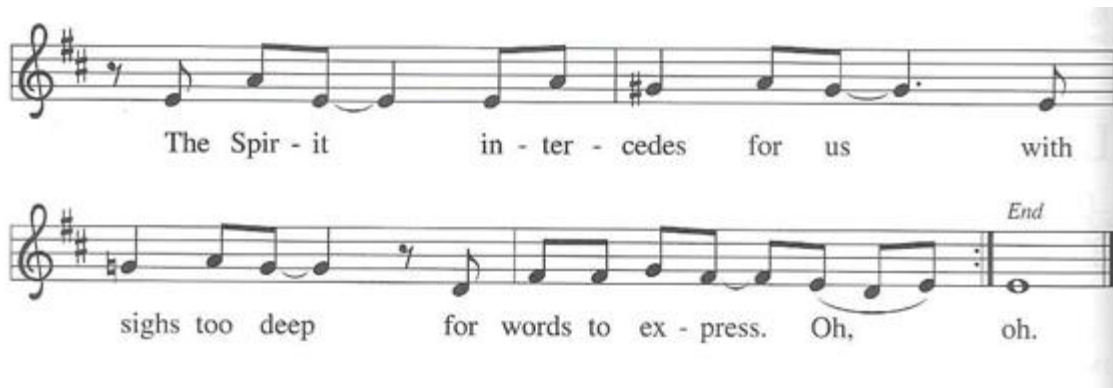
*Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen***SERMON SONG**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(prayer squares collected)

*Red Book 656***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

“The Spirit Intercedes for Us”
(next page)

Larry Olson



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“We Can Work It Out”

Lennon/McCartney

OFFERING PRAYER

Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **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)

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 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Red Book 470

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(stand)

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “When We Are Living”

Red Book 639

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Let’s be kind to each other! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TOMORROW IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

BIBLE STUDY WILL BE ON HIATUS FOR A FEW WEEKS

- We will resume Monday, September 14. We'll be looking at Matthew 20: 1 – 16.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- **We are in need of servers throughout Summer** 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. September and October dates out there now.
- [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/
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OUTREACH FOR HOPE – RIDE, RUN, WALK 2026

- This year's Ride, Run, Walk is being held on **Saturday, September 26**, starting at 8:30 AM. There are four sites you can participate at:
 - Grafton: Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
 - Kenosha: Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
 - Milwaukee: Meets at Washington Park (no bike rides at this site)
 - Waukesha: Meets at Fox River Sanctuary
- For more information, go to OFHRRW.org or contact Brittany Wilson who is our ambassador this year. There is also information in the narthex.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF REDEEMER?

- We welcome all people who are involved in the worship and life of Redeemer to consider becoming an official member of this faith community.
- Becoming a member doesn't mean you have to make a pledge or be housed. Being a member here simply means you want Redeemer to be your spiritual home, that you worship here and support the ministry in whatever way you can—whether that is your time, your prayers, or financial contributions. Here, all are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this ministry.
- Pastor Heidi will be holding a gathering downstairs in the Mission Partner Space on **Sunday, September 13th** following worship. She will give a little background on this congregation and what it means that we are a "Lutheran" church. It will also be a time to ask questions and get to know other prospective members.
- On **Sunday, September 20th** we will have a brief part of the service to welcome the New Members.
- *If you can't make these days but are still interested, please reach out to Pastor Heidi.*

JOIN THE MET TEAM FOR COFFEE HOUR – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – 9 AM

- Greet the MET Team before worship on the 20th. They will be there to answer your questions on the MET process. It will be held in the Mission Partner Space.

WE HAVE A SUGGESTION BOX!

- Box is located in the Narthex on one of the large tables.
- Please put any questions, suggestions, or thoughts that you'd like to share with the MET and leadership in there, and we will check it weekly. Also, feel free to reach out to Pastor Heidi and the other members of the MET: Solomon Tesfai (chair), LuAnn Blohm, Scott McIntosh, Lisa Myers, Nancy Grothe, and Donnie Bogle-Boesiger (council president).

PLAN AHEAD – SEMI ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

- The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary right after the service ends.