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PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Brittany Wilson

READER: Amy Nyren

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lurna Prantil and Larissa Bogle-Boesiger

ALTAR GUILD: Lurna Prantil and Larissa Bogle-Boesiger

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

PRELUDE

"Lean on Me"

Bill Withers

MEDITATION CHANT

"Celtic Poem"

Jeff Bray

Oh Sacred Three, my fortress be.

Encircling me.

Come and Be, round my hearth and home.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

(stand)

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

“When Love Is Found”
(next page)

Brian Wren



1. When love is found and hope comes
2. When love has flow'ed in trust and
3. When love is tried as loved - ones
4. When love is torn and trust be -
5. Praise God for love, praise God for



home, Sing and be glad that two are
care, Build both each day that love may
change, Hold still to hope though all seems
trayed, Pray strength to love till tor - ments
life, In age or youth, in hus - band,



one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
dare To reach be - yond home's warmth and
strange, Till ease re - turns and love grows
fade, Till lov - ers keep no score of
wife. Lift up your hearts let love be



sky, Praise God and share our Mak - er's joy.
light, To serve and strive for truth and right.
wise Through lis - t'ning ears and o - pened eyes.
wrong But hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.
fed Through death and life in bro - ken bread.

OPENING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(sit)

FIRST READING

Romans 12: 9-21

Amy Nyren

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²**Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.** ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸**If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

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

PSALM 26

Amy Nyren

Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

²Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

⁴I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;

⁵I hate the company of evildoers
and will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"
(stand) (next page)

Jerry Sinclair



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 21 - 28

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²**And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."** ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵**For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.** ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

SERMON SONG

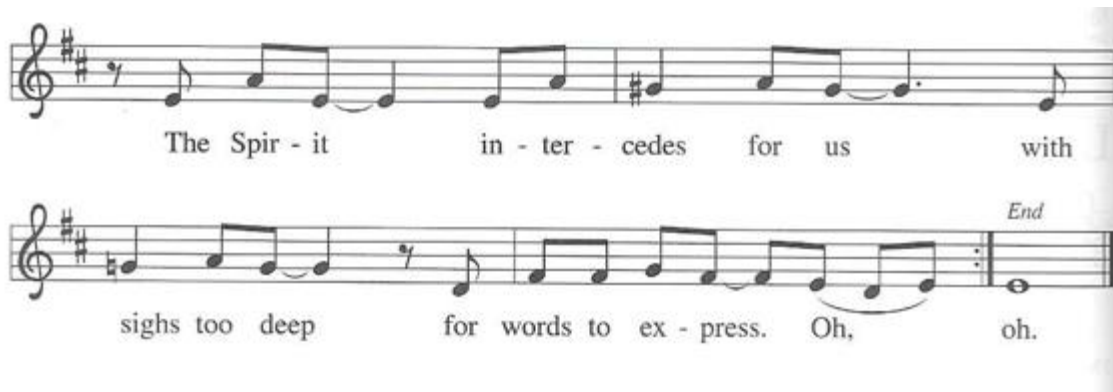
"Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said"
(prayer squares collected)

Red Book 667

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

Larry Olson



OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Red Book 659

OFFERING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

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"
(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

(sit)

COMMUNION SONG

"Faithful Family"
(next page)

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,

D.C.

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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Brittany Wilson

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

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

Red Book 400

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 – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeemermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with a pastor.

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#/
worship#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/)



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.*

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).