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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Elaine Lindstrom and Christine Bremer

ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Lindstrom and Christine Bremer

USHERS: Dorothy Zeidler, Bill Standiford and Jacob Habeck

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Barbara Rasmussen

We worship in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of +Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Red Book 583

OPENING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. **Fill us with your Spirit**, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

¹⁸⁻²² I drown in grief.

I'm heartsick.

Oh, listen! Please listen! It's the cry of my dear people
reverberating through the country.

Is God no longer in Zion?

Has the King gone away?

Can you tell me why they flaunt their plaything-gods,
their silly, imported no-gods before me?

The crops are in, the summer is over,
but for us nothing's changed.

We're still waiting to be rescued.

For my dear broken people, I'm heartbroken.

I weep, seized by grief.

Are there no healing ointments in Gilead?

Isn't there a doctor in the house?

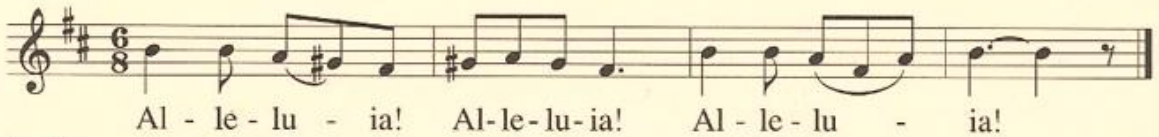
So why can't something be done
to heal and save my dear, dear people.

^{9 1-2} I wish my head were a well of water
and my eyes fountains of tears

So I could weep day and night
for casualties among my dear, dear people.

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

Refrain



Verses

1. You servants of the Lord, bless the Lord: Blessed be the name for ever!
From east to west, praised be the name of the Lord our God!
2. High above the nations the Lord is God;
high above the heavens God's glory!
Who is like God, enthroned on the stars above earth and sky?
3. Raising up the lowly and the poor from the dust,
God gives them a home among rulers:
blessing the barren, giving them children singing for joy!
4. Glory to the Father and glory to the Son; glory to the Holy Spirit:
glory and honor, wisdom and power for evermore!

Text: Psalm 113; Michael Joncas
Music: Michael Joncas
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Oh Sing to God Above" *Red Book 555 v. 2/refrain*

GOSPEL READING Luke 16: 1 – 13 *Kendra Stea*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of Luke, Chapter 16,
verses 1 – 13:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁻² Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by

running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? You're fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.'

³⁻⁴"The manager said to himself, 'What am I going to do? I've lost my job as manager. I'm not strong enough for a laboring job, and I'm too proud to beg. . . . Ah, I've got a plan. Here's what I'll do . . . then when I'm turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.'

⁵"Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶"He replied, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.'

"The manager said, 'Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now—write fifty.'

⁷"To the next he said, 'And you, what do you owe?'

"He answered, 'A hundred sacks of wheat.'

"He said, 'Take your bill, write in eighty.'

⁸⁻⁹"Now here's a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is *right*—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you'll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior."

¹⁰⁻¹³ Jesus went on to make these comments:

If you're honest in small things,
you'll be honest in big things;

If you're a crook in small things,
you'll be a crook in big things.
If you're not honest in small jobs,
who will put you in charge of the store?
No worker can serve two bosses:
He'll either hate the first and love the second
Or adore the first and despise the second.
You can't serve both God and the Bank.

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

SERMON "All My Favorite People are Broken"

Kendra Stea

SERMON SONG "All My Favorite People are Broken"
(Prayer squares are collected)

All my favorite people are broken
Believe me, my heart should know
Some prayers are better left unspoken
I just want to hold you and let the rest go

All my friends are part saint and part sinner
We lean on each other, try to rise above
We are not afraid to admit we are all still beginners
We are all late bloomers when it comes to love

All my favorite people are broken
Believe me, my heart should know
Orphaned believers, skeptical dreamers, step forward
You can stay right here, you don't have to go

Is each wound you've received just a burdensome gift
It gets so hard to lift yourself up off the ground
But the poet says we must praise a mutilated world
We're all working the graveyard shift
You might as well sing along

Cause all my favorite people are broken
Believe me, my heart should know
As for your tender heart, this world's going to rip it wide open,
It ain't gonna be pretty, but you're not alone

All my favorite people are broken
Believe me, my heart should know
Orphaned believers, skeptical dreamers, you're welcome
Yeah, you're safe right here, you don't have to go

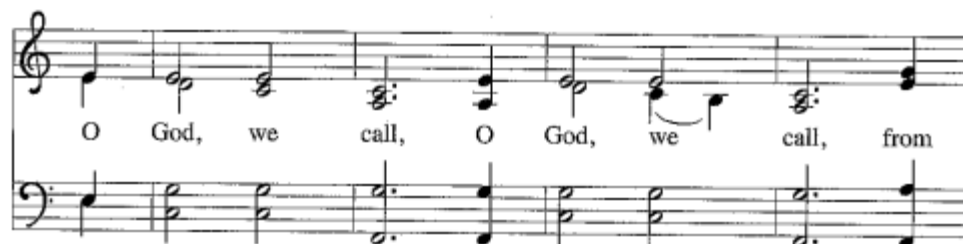
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (next page)

PRAYER

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O God, We Call



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Red Book 674

OFFERING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

Jesus, our Redeemer, our hearts are grateful for the blessings you give us each day. **Cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship.** Receive these gifts as an expression of our deep love for you. Bless them as they further your message of mercy and grace here in this neighborhood and throughout the earth. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Rev. Barbara Rasmussen

Song

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Text: John Foley, st, b. 1939
Music: John Foley, st
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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.

Invitation

COMMUNION SONG "What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" *Red Book 774*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Brittany Wilson*

Holy God, **with this meal you prepare us for the week ahead. Forgiven and nourished, we walk in faith. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Bible Study meets in the gathering space tomorrow from 12:30 to 1:30.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ☩ Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "As Saints of Old" *Red Book 695*

DISMISSAL Go in Peace; Serve the Lord! **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 the pastor.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DRIVE

- Are you ready to get rid of all your old laptops, PCs, tablets and cell phones? Redeemer is partnering with Digital Bridge, a company that refurbishes and recycles electronics and watches very closely how it affects the environment. The drive will be all of September and October. You can either bring them into the church office or drop them off in the supplied bin in the narthex on Sundays. To learn more about Digital Bridge, visit their website.
www.digitalbridge.ngo

OUTREACH FOR HOPE RIDE RUN AND WALK EVENT

- This year the event is being held on Saturday, September 27, 2025. If you are interested in registering, please go to OFHRRW.org.

CONGREGATION MEETING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- Purpose of the meeting is to share the progress report on the finances and operations of Redeemer and Olga.

BEER AND HYMNS

- Mark your calendar for Friday, November 7 from 6:30 to 8 PM.

PAYPAL

- Normal subscription giving in PayPal seems to have been disrupted for some members. Please double check your accounts and if you have any questions, reach out to Lisa Walter at finance@redeermilwaukee.org.

DONATIONS

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter at finance@redeermilwaukee.org. She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.
- Please make sure any donations sent in are clearly marked for regular tithes or Forward in Faith.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

- Bible Study has resumed each Monday afternoon. Note, new time is from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. To prepare for Monday, next week's Gospel is **Luke 18: 15-17**. We will be meeting in the Gathering Space, next to the Event Space on the second floor this week.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Jeff will be holding choir rehearsal for 30 minutes after Sunday services. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at music@redeermilwaukee.org. The next time the choir sings will be Sunday, September 28.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- Lunch is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at operations@olganws.com.