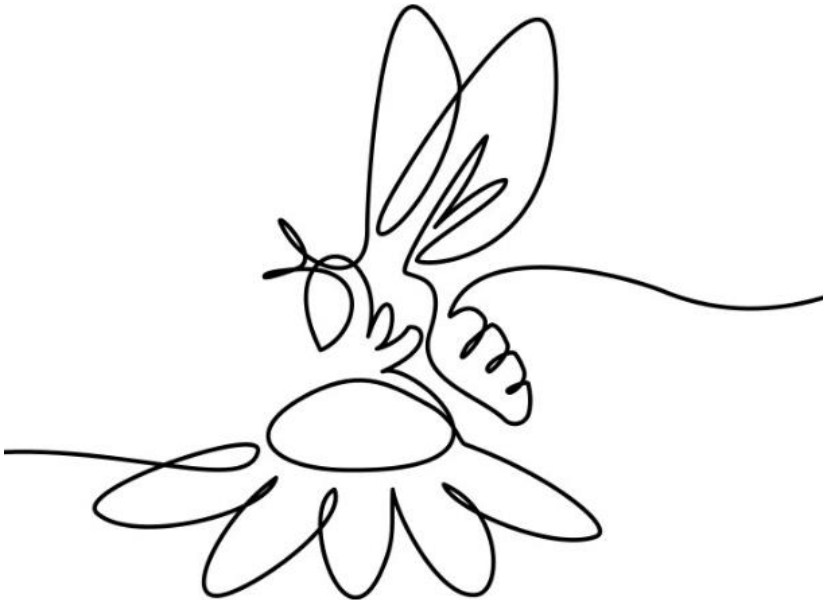


CELEBRATING WORLD BEE SUNDAY 2025

by nature to nourish us all



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May 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
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GUEST MUSICIAN: Aaron Musser

READERS: Lisa Miller and Brittany Wilson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Elaine Lindstrom and Lurna Prantil

ALTAR GUILD: Elaine Lindstrom and Lurna Prantil

USHERS: Dorothy Zeidler, Bill Standiford and Jacob Habeck

PRELUDE

"Brother Sun"

Porter's Gate

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING PRAYER

DJ Slater

Creator God, We give thanks for the plants and trees, rivers and streams, sparrows and bees. We are awed by your genius in designing our interconnected existence on this planet. Inspire us and guide us to be good stewards of our lives and the earth we share. **AMEN.**

OPENING SONG

"Glory Bee to God In Heaven" (next page)



Glo-ry bee to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Glo-ry bee to Christ for-ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass-ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry bee to God on high!

FIRST READING

I Samuel 14: 24-30a

The First Reading comes from the book of I Samuel, starting with the 24th verse.

24 Now the Israelites were in distress that day, because Saul had bound the people under an oath, saying, "Cursed be anyone who eats food before evening

comes, before I have avenged myself on my enemies!" So none of the troops tasted food.

25 The entire army entered the woods, **and there was honey on the ground.** **26** When they went into the woods, they saw the honey oozing out; **yet no one put his hand to his mouth,** because they feared the oath. **27** But Jonathan had not heard that his father had bound the people with the oath, so he reached out the end of the staff that was in his hand **and dipped it into the honeycomb.** He raised his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened. **28** Then one of the soldiers told him, "Your father bound the army under a strict oath, saying, 'Cursed be anyone who eats food today!' That is why the men are faint."

29 Jonathan said, "My father has made trouble for the country. **See how my eyes brightened when I tasted a little of this honey!** **30** How much better it would have been if the men had eaten today some of the plunder they took from their enemies.

Psalms 19

Lisa Miller

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, **giving light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors? **Forgive my hidden faults.**

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

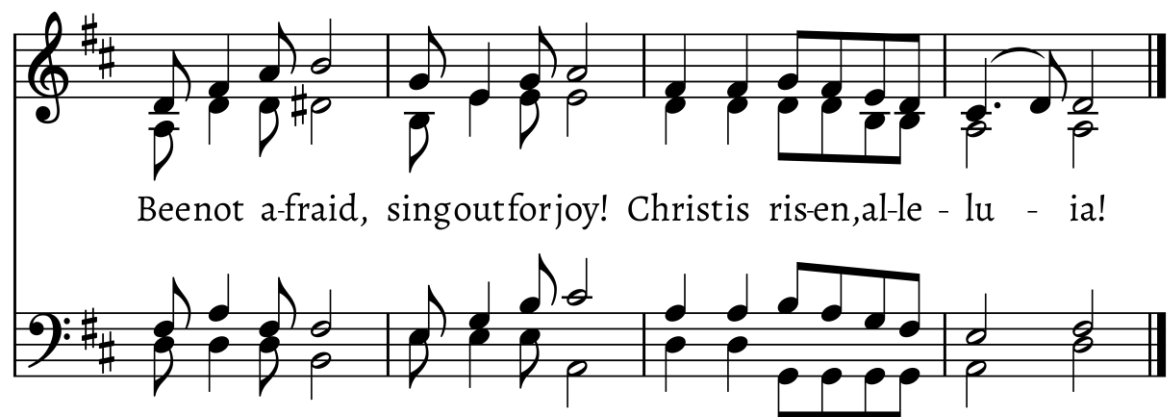
14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "BEE Not Afraid" *Sing 2x*



Beenot a-fraid, singoutforjoy! Christis risen,al-le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL READING Matthew 3: 3-6 *Brittany Wilson*

B: The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 3 – 6.

Glory to you, O Lord.

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea **2** and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” **3** This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

4 John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. **His food was locusts and wild honey.** **5** People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. **6** Confessing their sins, **they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.**

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

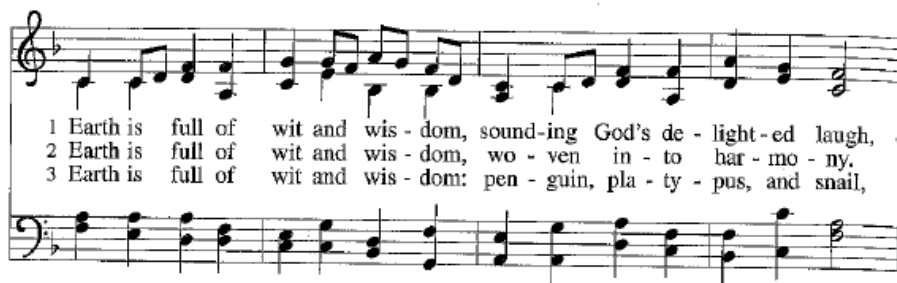
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“Consumer Culture”

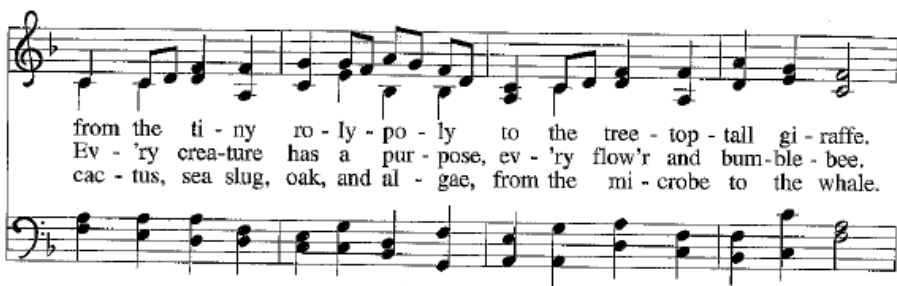
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SERMON SONG (see next page)

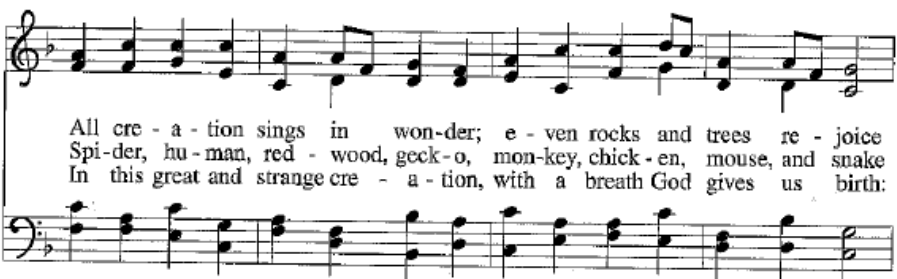
Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



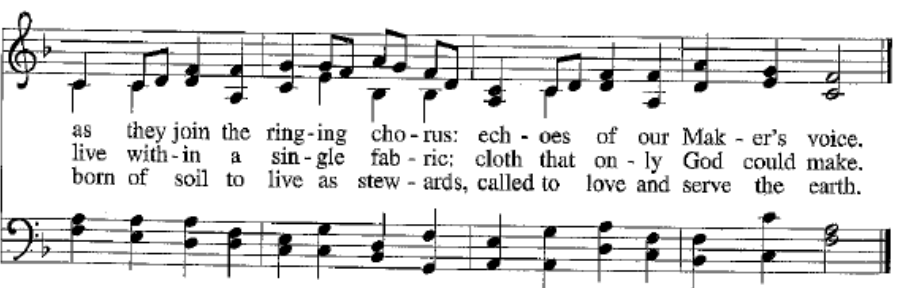
1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Calm to the Waves

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The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for soprano and bass voices. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line corresponds to the second line. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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WELCOME TO THE "HIVE" – NEW MEMBERS

Lisa and Ryan

Jessie

Samuel

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "We Labor Onto Glory"

Porter's Gate

OFFERING PRAYER

DJ Slater

Gracious God, like the bees, we gather good things that You provided for us. Like the work of the bees, may these gathered gifts pollinate this neighborhood to produce health and offer nourishment, especially for those who need it most.

Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Song "And the Table Will Be Wide" *Jan Richardson/Jeff Bray*

And the table will be wide, and the welcome will be wide

And the arms will open wide to gather us in

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

Presider's Prayer

"And the Table Will Be Wide" – repeat

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

"Mercy"

Mark Miller

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DJ Slater

Jesus our Savior and Friend, we thank you for the gift of this holy meal. Strengthened for our journey, we reflect your love and goodness. Bless all who shared this meal today in the way You know they need it most. **Amen.**

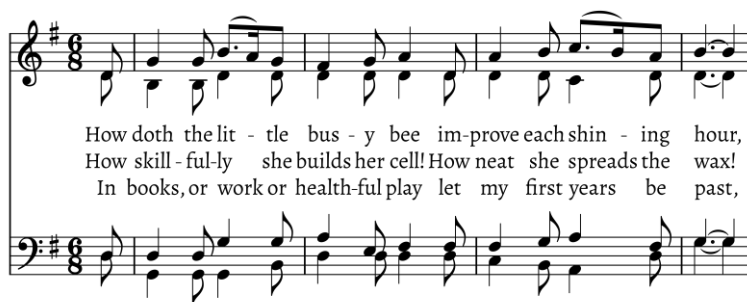
AN INFORMATIVE TALK ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS' WORLD BEE DAY

Charlie Koenen, founder of BeeVangelists

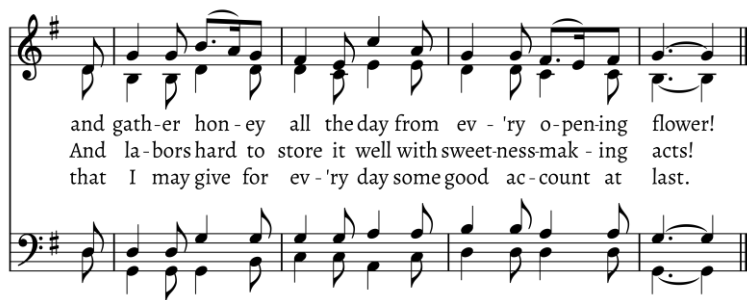
BLESSING OF THE BEES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG



How doth the lit - tle bus - y bee im-prove each shin - ing hour,
How skill - ful-ly she builds her cell! How neat she spreads the wax!
In books, or work or health-ful play let my first years be past,



and gath-er hon-ey all the day from ev - 'ry o-pen-ing flower!
And la-bors hard to store it well with sweet-ness-mak - ing acts!
that I may give for ev - 'ry day some good ac-count at last.

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Pollinate Goodness! **Thanks BEE to God!**

POSTLUDE Prelude No. 24 in B minor, BWV 869a

J.S. Bach

Those interested can go to the Rooftop Apiary to see the new hive and bless our Redeemer bees!

CONNECT WITH US



Visitors, please scan this QR code to share your contact information with Redeemer Staff.

Members, please scan this QR code to update your contact information in the directory.



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The church office is open, Monday, 10 – 1 and Tuesday – Thursday, 9 – 1. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.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.

BIBLE STUDY

- Bible Study will resume after Pastor Lisa's sabbatical.

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@redeermilwaukee.org

REDEEMER CHOIR

- The Choir will be taking a small Summer hiatus.

DONATIONS TO FIDELITY

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter @ walter@hilkerassociates.com. She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY – MAY 30 – 31, 2025

- Many thanks to Pastor Lisa, Mary Beth Huizinga and Brittany Wilson for representing us at this year's event. This year's event will be held at the Brookfield Conference Center.

PRESENTATION BY REV. KHADER EL-YATEEM – SUNDAY, JUNE 1 AT REDEEMER – 2PM

- Join us for a conversation with Rev. Khader El-Yateem.