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LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: David Walker

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PRELUDE/MEDITATION "As a Mother Comforts Her Child"

Wentzel



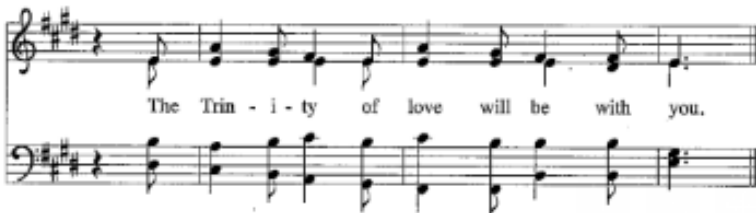
As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com-fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath-er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin-i-ty of love will be with you.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Kristin Nielsen

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

"Rain Down"
(next page)

Jamie Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your
peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;

1. All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.
2. live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.
3. you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.

1. God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;
2. God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;
3. Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,

to Refrain

1. full of God's love is the earth.
2. God will not leave us to starve.
3. all of our hope lies in you.

Text: Based on Psalm 33; Jaime Cortez, b. 1963.

Music: Jaime Cortez.

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OPENING PRAYER

David Walker

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 17: 22 – 31

Jessie Dropp

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have

the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

PSALM 66

“Let All the Earth”

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the Lord;

Let all the earth cry out in joy to the

Lord! Lord! to the Lord!

Verses

1. Cry out in joy to the Lord, all peoples on earth, sing to the praise of God’s name, proclaiming for ever, “tremendous your deeds for us.”
2. Leading your people safe through fire and water, bringing their souls to life, we sing of your glory, your love is eternal.
3. Hearken to me as I sing my love of the Lord, who answers the prayer of my heart. God leads me in safety, from death unto life.

Text: Psalm 66:1-3, 12, 16; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ken Canedo

REFRAIN

(G) (C/D) (C/D) (G) (Bm7) (C) (Cm)
 B \flat Eb/F Eb/F_{All} B \flat Dm7 E \flat E \flat m

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

(G) (Bm7) (C) (Cm) 1 (G/D) (Em7)
 B \flat Dm7 E \flat E \flat m B \flat /F Gm7

lu - ia! Give the glo - ry and the

(A7) (D) (A7) (D) (D7) (C/D)
 C7 F C7 F F7 Eb/F

hon - or to the Lord! Al - le -

2 (G/D) (Em7) (A7) (C/D) (G) (C/G) (G) (G7)
 B \flat /F Gm7 C7 Eb/F B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat B \flat 7 to Verse(s)

glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

Final (G/D) (Em7) (A7) (C/D) (G) (C/G) (G) Fine
 B \flat /F Gm7 C7 Eb/F B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat

glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 15 – 21

Pastor Kristin Nielsen

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of John, Chapter 14, verses 15 – 21:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.**

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹**They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me**, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Kristin Nielsen

SERMON SONG

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Verse”
(prayer squares collected)

Red Book 392 vs 1,2,3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying” *Red Book 752*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“Slow Down”
Jeff and Dar

Nordeman/Stevens

OFFERING PRAYER

David Walker

Generous God, **all that we have, and all that we are, come from you.** Use us and these gifts we offer to share the good news of Jesus Christ in words and actions. **May your love be known, especially to those who need you the most. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Kristin Nielsen

"Table Will Be Wide"

*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

Reprise "Table Will Be Wide"

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

COMMUNION SONG

"Spirit of Gentleness"

Red Book 396

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

David Walker

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal, may we be strengthened to keep your word and proclaim the power of your love. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS


THE BLESSING

SENDING SONG


"Lord of the Dance"
(next page)

Sydney Carter


Verses




1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, And I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the phar - i - see, But they
 3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame, The
 4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; It's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



1. danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
 2. would not dance and they would-n't fol-low me; I
 3. ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; They
 4. hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; They
 5. I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



1. came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At
 2. danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; They
 3. whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; And they
 4. bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; But
 5. live in you if you'll live in me; y



1. Beth - le - hem I had my birth,
 2. came with me and the dance went on,
 3. left me there on a cross to die,
 4. I am the Dance and I still go on,
 5. "I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.

"Dance, then, wher-



ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.



"And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,



And I'll lead you all in the Dance," said he.

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DISMISSAL

Go now in peace. Happy Mothers Day! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WE WELCOME PASTOR KRISTIN NIELSEN TO THE PULPIT TODAY

- Pastor Kristin is Assistant to the Bishop in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. She has been working closely with our council and staff to secure the right interim candidate for us. She will also assist us through the call process.

WE NEED USHERS

- Please use the link below to sign up in the coming weeks to help with ushering.
- Greeters to arrive by 9:30 to help Dorothy greet people and pass out bulletins. Ushers to arrive by 9:45. Ushers will collect the offering and usher during communion.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-62349087-usher>

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.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- **We need a cook team for May 23, from 9 – 12** for the Olga Sunday Meal hosted by Redeemer. We need at least 5 people. If you can volunteer individually, as a family or as a small group, please sign up at olganws.com/volunteer.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MAY 25 – PLAN AHEAD

- Reminder that the church office will be closed Monday, May 25 to celebrate Memorial Day. Let's hope for great weather!