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

PRELUDE

"Come As You Are"

Crowder

MEDITATION CHANT

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

Red Book 814

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

(stand)

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

LITANY

Jesus asks us today, as he asked the disciples by the shores of Caesarea Philippi: *Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*

Some speak of a great teacher, a prophet of love, or a voice for justice in a weary world.

But Jesus turns the question to us: *Who do you say that I am?*

This is the question that we answer with our lives, following Jesus' example.

In Jesus we see the Messiah. We see and profess that the love of God can change the world. Upon this rock of living faith, Christ builds his church.

We are joined as living stones, individuals who are shaped by grace and held by love. Together, we make something greater than ourselves.

God calls us to open doors of hope and forgiveness—to bring healing where there is hurt and freedom where there is fear.

Let our lives be a reflection of Jesus: our healer, our hope, our God. Amen.

OPENING SONG “The Church’s One Foundation” *Red Book 654, vs 1, 2, 5*

OPENING PRAYER *Nancy Groethe*

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**
(sit)

FIRST READING Romans 12: 1 – 8 *Brittany Wilson*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²**Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴**For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,** ⁵**so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.** ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace

given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

PSALM 138

"On the Day I Called"

Rory Cooney

Refrain



Lord, on the day I called for help, you an-swered me, you an-swered me.

Verses

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| 1. I shall thank you, God of my heart,
you have heard my troubled word.
While angels watch, your name I praise;
I dance before your holy place. | 3. From on high,
from the heavens the poor you see,
you drive the proud to their knees.
Though I live
in the midst of trouble and woe,
you save me, and foil my foe. |
| 2. For your love and your faithfulness,
I thank your name,
your promise surpasses your fame.
I called for your help
all night and day long:
you heard me, and made me strong. | 4. Your strong hand shall come to my aid:
you shall be all good to me.
Forever shall your love abide;
do not cast your child aside. |

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(stand)

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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Mark Sedio

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 13 – 20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ **He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”** ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered

him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ **And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,** and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

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SERMON SONG

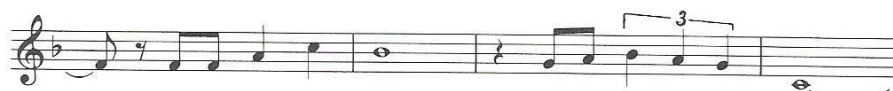
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Marty Haugen

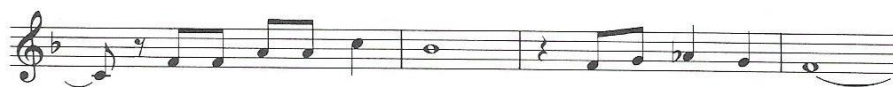
We Are Many Parts 310



We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,



and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.



May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;



one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de-



spair, one, the cross that we bear.



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| 1. God of all, | we look to you, | we would be your |
| 2. So my pain | is pain for you, | in your joy is |
| 3. All you seek - ers, | great and small, | seek the great - est |



ser-vants true,	let us be your love	to all the world.
my joy, too;	all is brought to - geth - er	in the Lord.
gift of all;	if you love, then you	will know the Lord.

D.C.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Hear Our Prayer"

Paul Andress



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Take My Life"

Chris Tomlin

OFFERING PRAYER

Nancy Groethe

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

"Here Is Bread"

Red Book 483 vs 1 and refrain

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "Here Is Bread"
(stand)

vs 3 and refrain

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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Red Book 461

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nancy Groethe

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(stand)

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

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

Red Book 583

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Be who Jesus calls you to be! **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.

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 Washing 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.
- Registration deadline is August 23, 2026.

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).