

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMITMENT



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

GUIDED MEDITATION

Search Me, O God

*Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalms 139:23-24*

1. Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day, Try me, O Sav - ior, know my tho'ts, I pray;

See if there be some wick - ed way in me; Cleanse me from eve - ry sin, and set me free.

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second system corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The music is in a public domain.

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OPENING PRAYER

DJ Slater

God, Give me the courage to take up my cross and follow you, even when the way is difficult. Help me to follow your commandments, to live a life of love, and to serve others with humility. Remind me that a life following you is less about rules and more about grace. Grace for others and grace for myself. **Amen.**

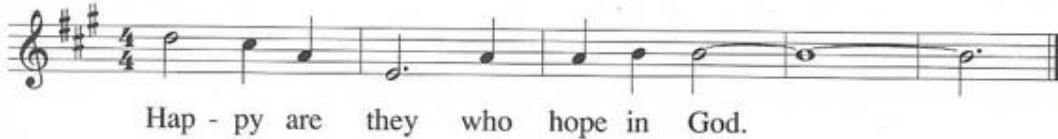
OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 20

Amy Nyren

15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

PSALM 1**"Happy Are They"***Led by Jeff Bray***Refrain****Verses**

1. Happy are they who do not seek to walk the way of those who sin, but delight in the law of the Lord. Happy, happy are they.
2. Like a tree planted near water, there it blooms, like our God, whose leaves will not fade, but remain. Happy, happy are they.
3. The wicked, the lawless, who, like the chaff, our God, like wind, will drive away. God will keep watch for the just. Happy, happy are they.

Text: Psalm 1:1-2, 3-4, 6; David Haas, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL
Music: David Haas, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**"Oh Sing to God Above"***Red Book 555 v. 2/refrain***GOSPEL READING****Luke 14: 25 - 33***Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of Luke, Chapter 14, verses 25 - 33:

Glory to you, O Lord.

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 **Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.** 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to

see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, **'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'** 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

SERMON "Commitment to the Commitment" *Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

SERMON SONG "How Small Our Span of Life" *Red Book 636*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (music next page)

PRAYER

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O God, We Call

O God, we call, O God, we call, from

The first line of music features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from

The second line of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign at the end of the line.

deep in - side we yearn for you.

The third line of music concludes the phrase with a final cadence. It includes a repeat sign at the end of the line.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Time After Time"

Cyndi Lauper

OFFERING PRAYER

DJ Slater

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. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

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, sr, b. 1939

Music: John Foley, sr

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

4 4 6 and refrain

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "One Bread, One Body"

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 "Now We Remain"

Red Book 500

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DJ Slater

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG "Here I Am, Lord"

Red Book 574

DISMISSAL Go in Peace; God is with you! **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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONVENTION & RETREAT

- You are invited to attend the Women of the ELCA Convention & Retreat
September 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield
Find information and register here: [Greater Milwaukee SWO convention – Women of the ELCA](#)

INTERFAITH FISHBOWL CONVERSATION – PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE & ISRAEL

- On Sunday, September 14 at 4 PM, Pastor Lisa will be taking part in a fishbowl conversation about peace and justice in Palestine and Israel. The event is sponsored by SUMUD and will take place at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4860 Arthur Rd, Slinger, WI. All are welcome.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

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

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.

BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME

- We will be resuming the Monday afternoon Bible Study, starting Monday, September 8, in the lower level conference room. Note, new time is from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

CHOIR IS STARTING AGAIN

- Jeff will be holding choir practices for 30 minutes after Sunday services. Our first rehearsal is today! If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at music@redeermilwaukee.org.