



CREATION AT REDEEMER

CREATION SEASON IV – Eucharist & Blessing of the Animals

PRELUDE “Madre De La Tiera” – David Lanz

HYMN You Turn Mourning into Dancing

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

You turn mourning into dancing, you give peace in times of strife;
You turn weapons made for fighting into tools that nurture life.
God of love, you give a vision of a time when war will cease,
And you call us as your children to embrace your way of peace.
May we learn that peace and justice mean much more than saying, "No!"
Peace requires our daily practice, seeds of listening need to grow,
Justice can indeed be costly, love can put us to the test,
And nonviolence must be nurtured — yet in seeking peace, we're blessed!
May we journey with our neighbors in the struggles they go through;
To accompany another is a peace-filled thing to do.
May we change our laws and culture that give guns priority;
May we care for earth and nature, seeking to be fossil free.
When we're driven to distraction at the hatred and the fear,
When we struggle to take action as we grieve the violence here,
Turn our mourning into dancing! May our songs of joy increase
As we see what you are doing in our midst, O God of peace!

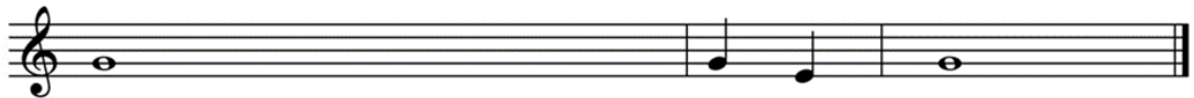
Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 ("Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

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A COLLECT FOR DISCERNMENT

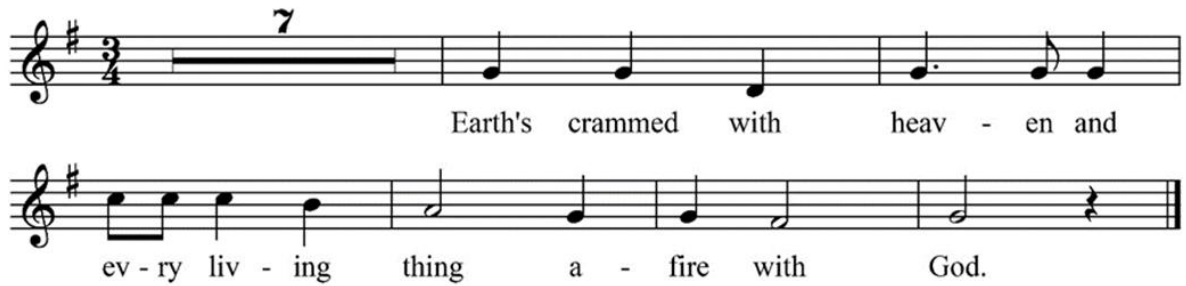
God of all wisdom and vision, guide Redeemer as we discern new directions and pursue the creation of your realm here. Grant that we will be open to your guidance in searching for a new priest and choosing our future. Thank you for our heritage and help us discern your new vision for our community as we continue welcoming all, learning and doing in new ways, and walking in justice as God's love in the world. Amen.

GREETING *Leader*



Bless-ed - be God, Cre - a - tor of all the universe.

The soloist sings first and then the congregation responds,



Be a gardener. Dig a ditch, toil and sweat.

And turn the earth upside down.

Seek the deepness and water the plants in time.

Continue this labor and make sweet water to run; and noble and abundant fruits to spring.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of strange authority, whose questions challenge the powers of the world: teach us to look beyond appearance, to see your loving rule emptying itself for the world, through Jesus our Christ, the humble one. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

A reading from the book of Exodus (17:1-7)

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (*Celebrant and the People in Unison*)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come

the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *

he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

**16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

The Contemporary Reading is an excerpt from A Universal Declaration of Human Responsibilities, proposed by the InterAction Council in 1997.

*After the reading the reader says,
Listen for what the Spirit is saying.*

*The people respond
Thanks be to God.*

A MOMENT IN CREATION -Video

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

*Response before the Gospel
Glory to you, O Christ.*

*Response after the Gospel
Praise to you, O Christ.*

REFLECTION

THE CREED

The musical notation for the Creed consists of three staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a time signature of 3/4. The first staff has a 4-measure rest followed by the melody. The second staff has a 3-measure rest followed by the melody. The third staff has a 3-measure rest followed by the melody. The lyrics 'Je - sus lives on. We are the bo - dy of Christ.' are written below each staff. The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes) and rests.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. God of mercy, God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader The steadfast love of God never ceases: morning, noon or night.

With open hearts and minds, let us pray with confidence, knowing that God hears our prayers, rejoices with us, weeps with us and heals our brokenness.

The leader will leave a period of time during which people may speak their concerns and thanksgivings, or share them in the chat.

We now pray the specific concerns of this parish family...

Also, we pray our thanksgivings...

In the face of racial injustice, flood and famine, storms and wildfires, dying reefs and invasive species, we reflect and pray.

We acknowledge our part in the destruction of the earth, and the oppression of humanity, and we hold these heavily in our hearts.

Forgive us for our denial, apathy and mindless consumption, and call us to live simply and walk humbly within creation;

Loving Creator God, forgive us.

Call us to practice wise and respectful stewardship of this planet that we leave to future generations;

Loving Creator God, change our hearts.

Give us humility, compassion and courage as we look to the future in new ways, seeing all creation as a reflection of God;

Loving Creator God, give us new vision.

Show us how to welcome the stranger displaced by climate crises;

Loving Creator God, show us the way.

We rejoice in the ever-evolving beauty, complexity, and power of your creation and hear your call to act as the formed-out-of-Earth children of God that we are;

We thank you for calling us into a new relationship with you, our neighbors, and all creation.

Silence will be kept for a time.

Remind us that when the journey of life in the world is complete, we take with us only what we have built inside ourselves: treasures of the heart, love and integrity, friendship and generosity. We pray for these in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



THE PEACE

Shalom, the Peace of Christ is always with you.

And also with you.

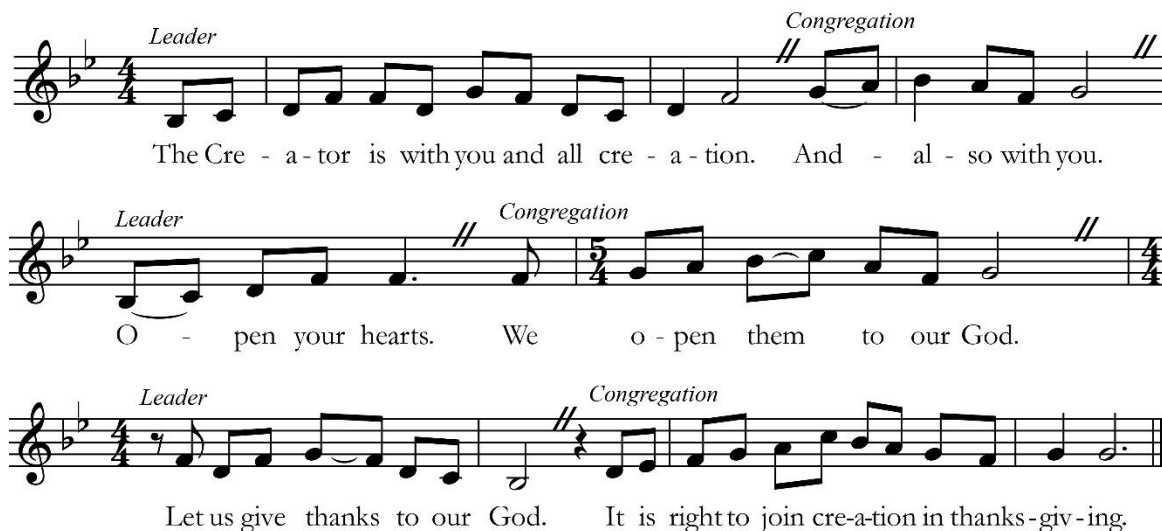
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

I will Magnify Thee, O God – Mosenthal

Krista Donough, Soprano, and Chris Henke, piano

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Leader *Congregation*

The Cre - a - tor is with you and all cre - a - tion. And - al - so with you.

Leader *Congregation*

O - pen your hearts. We o - pen them to our God.

Leader *Congregation*

Let us give thanks to our God. It is right to join cre-a-tion in thanks-giv-ing.

Holy One, attune us to your wisdom deep in creation. Make our spirits sensitive to the forces of nature at work around us and the sufferings of all experiencing severe changes in their climate. Make our hearts sensitive to the songs of celebration from the wind, the land and the sea, joining in the chorus of praise throughout the cosmos as we sing,



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, my heart, my heart, a - dores you! My

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly God.

O God, your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep within us.

Filling earth, sea and air; filling every element and place;

Filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

Making us in your image, you love and care for us, your children.

In the middle of all creation, and especially within the life and choices of Jesus of Nazareth, we see your hand at work, bringing new life out of the old. We see you, God, yearning to bring new life today.

By your spirit, O God, and by this story we tell, sanctify these gifts to be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the night Jesus was betrayed; he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After Supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said:

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is given for you and the world as a sign of God’s blessing. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Ever-present God, we now celebrate the memory and promise within the life of Jesus of Nazareth. By means of this bread and cup, we proclaim the victory of life over death, the power of resurrection. May the Spirit through the ages fill all creation today.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body. Make us a family of praise and celebration.

Through Christ, yesterday, today and tomorrow, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, honor and glory are yours, Ever-present God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION *The breaking of the bread symbolizes that, out of the broken places of our lives, new life will grow.*

Out of the broken places God creates new life.

THE INVITATION

This gift of God’s creation is consecrated within and for the family of Christ, both near and far, and is shared with all who desire to receive it.

THE COMMUNION

For those who are worshiping in person, please know that you are welcome to receive communion no matter how old you are, whether or not you have been baptized or if you belong to any church. This is God’s table and all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available. We are not yet serving wine or grape juice at the Eucharist, even though the common cup is now generally in use. Some years ago Redeemer

made a conscience decision that, as a simple matter of justice, we would serve both wine and grape juice for communion. It was a choice we made to again affirm that ALL ARE WELCOME at Redeemer. Grape juice is not permitted at this time and because of that, the Vestry has determined that until we can ALL drink from the cup, it will not be offered. It is a matter of justice central to who we are as a community of faith.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Embracing God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food of Jesus, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this meal we share may be to us both a comfort and a pledge of our inheritance in that realm where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN God, The Mountains Tell Your Glory

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D ("Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken")

God, the mountains tell your glory, lifting praise to you above!
In your Word, each mountain story shows your presence and your love.
Noah built as you commanded; soon the waters swirled around.
Those you saved, God, safely landed; you set them on mountain ground.
Christ, you taught upon a mountain, showing us God's kingdom view.
In the heights when you were praying, God's own glory shone on you.
Climbing to a quiet garden, in your grief and faith you cried.
On a hill for our own pardon, you, O God were crucified.
Thank you now for blue-green mountains, red-brown mesas, high peaks, too.
Here may we enjoy creation, know your presence, learn from you.
Here may we sing out your glory, hear your call and find your grace.
Risen Christ, we'll tell your story, from these heights to every place.

Biblical References: Genesis 6-8; Exodus 3, 19-20; Matthew 5-7, 17:1-3, 26:36-46

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Escapades of Pan" - David Lanz

VESTRY NOTES – SEPTEMBER 27TH 2026

Wow, just wow, what a magnificent day of discerning who our new Priest will be! It began with the Creation of Redeemer Story as the homily (link attached) and continued with 21 of us gathering in the Parish Hall to name our hopes and dreams for the future. Thank you to all who have already emailed in their responses. If you have not yet done so, it is not too late so *please* let your voice be heard. The hope is to have this all collated and ready to share with Bishop Hughes when she visits on October 25th! A bit ambitious, true, but a great goal nonetheless!

What about our worship excites you?

Challenges you?

Opens your eyes and hearts?

Can you name any specifics...

Is there one liturgical season and/or one special service that stands out for you? If so, how and why?

Is there anything you would change about our worship?

As we move into the future, what do you see as the needs of the community that Redeemer can engage in?

Are there groups in need of space?

How might we utilize our location to the advantage of the community?

Might we broaden our relationship with the Egan House, Zen Bowl or other existing ministries?

Given the changing times and declining attendance in many churches how might Redeemer address that?

And it all happened because a lot of people gave of their time and talents so thank you to **everyone** from those who set up the tables and organized the sandwiches and prepared the yummy salads and sides and desserts and provided drinks and helped clean up after and led the discussion and took the notes and so much more. It truly takes a village, and everyone stepped up reminding me again what a blessing Redeemer is! We each have a story and our stories have power!



This Sunday we will be joined once again by Rev. Chellie so be prepared to hear her incredible telling of the Gospel story!

Colleen Hintz for the Vestry

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*** The Serendipity Stitchers** welcome you. 1st and 3rd **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

Our gatherings are full of laughter, delicious treats, and plenty of good company. No experience necessary. Please get in touch with Veronica for more information.

*** The Book Group meets online at 7pm:**

10/26 - THE COUNTRY PEOPLE - Daniel Mason

Joyous, absurd, and life-affirming, *Country People* is a luminous exploration of marriage and parenthood, the nature of belief and the power of stories, and the ways in which we find connection in an increasingly fragmented world. *Please support your local bookshop* and Redeemer by ordering from our online Bookshop. <https://bookshop.org/shop/Redeemer>

***Earth Ministry & Environmental Sustainability** We have so many environmental leaders for Hispanic/Latinx heritage month! Speaking from experience of living both in the US and Columbia, Adrianna Quintero is a lover of nature, an attorney, and a champion of environmental justice and how the climate affects the Latinx community. She has brought the heart and family cultural stories into the environmental conversations that have been centered on caucasian perspectives with so many facts and metrics, and in so doing, has led the invitation to people of color in this field. Focusing on environmental justice and clean energy solutions, Adrianna is working with the US Energy Foundation in diversity, inclusion, and equity as an attorney. Please see her TedX talk on <https://tinyurl.com/3etn2pde> and visit <https://www.ef.org/our-work/>

Garden of Hope: We continue to be grateful for the ability to grow in creation and supply fresh veggies for our local food insecure siblings. Please continue bringing compost to church or garden as we help to create more topsoil. Thank you to everyone who is participating in small or large ways as we donate to the Table of Hope or Market Street Mission.

Dia de Los Muertos: The Morristown community has invited us to celebrate the **Mexican Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead Festival on 11/1/2026, from 1-5PM**. Mark your calendars for this wonderful event! This coincides with our Feast of All Saints and we will build an ofrenda/altar in church for our loved ones who have died. We invite you to participate in our ofrenda and in the walk around Morristown. To get an entertaining intro to this concept, see the trailer (or watch the full movie) for *Coco* on <https://tinyurl.com/55xrdvra>.

We invite you to participate in the festival at Redeemer in some way, and we will need:

Our ofrenda/altar set up in church for our beloved dead open to the public.

Set-up will happen on Saturday, 10/31 in the afternoon.

Clean up & break down the altar in the evening after the open session on 11/1, Sunday.

Redeemer welcomers/altar guardians for 1-2 hour shifts when we are open.

Redeemerites who can share some edible hospitality.

Redeemerites willing to bring framed photos/copies of your beloved dead to participate in the ofrenda, to bring to church on 10/31, or to be dropped off at the church office before then. A framed color copy works also. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church soon.

Contact Peg for more info at pegonplanetearth@gmail.com

Keep updated with all that is going on at Redeemer

Visit our website: <https://redeemermorristown.org/> for further information and to sign up for our newsletter.

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