

In Gratitude for God's Creation



IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD’S CREATION – Eucharist: Bishop Carlye Hughes

PRELUDE “Sonata No. 1 Mvmt 1” - Charles Ore

HYMN God is Here! (NCH 70)

1 God is here! As we your people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit,
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

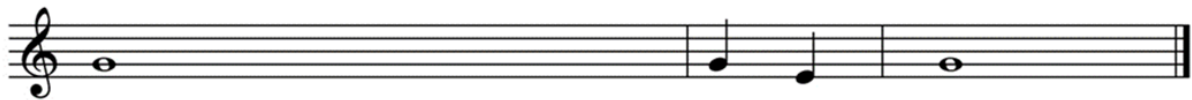
3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Sovereign God, of earth and heaven,
in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel,
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

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,



Earth's crammed with heav - en and



ev - ry liv - ing thing a - fire with God.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the

signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

The people respond
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (*Celebrant and the People in Unison*)

**1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.**
**2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**
**3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."**
**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**
**5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
**13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.**
**14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
**15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
**16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**
**17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

Response before the Gospel
Glory to you, O Christ.

Response after the Gospel
Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and

the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

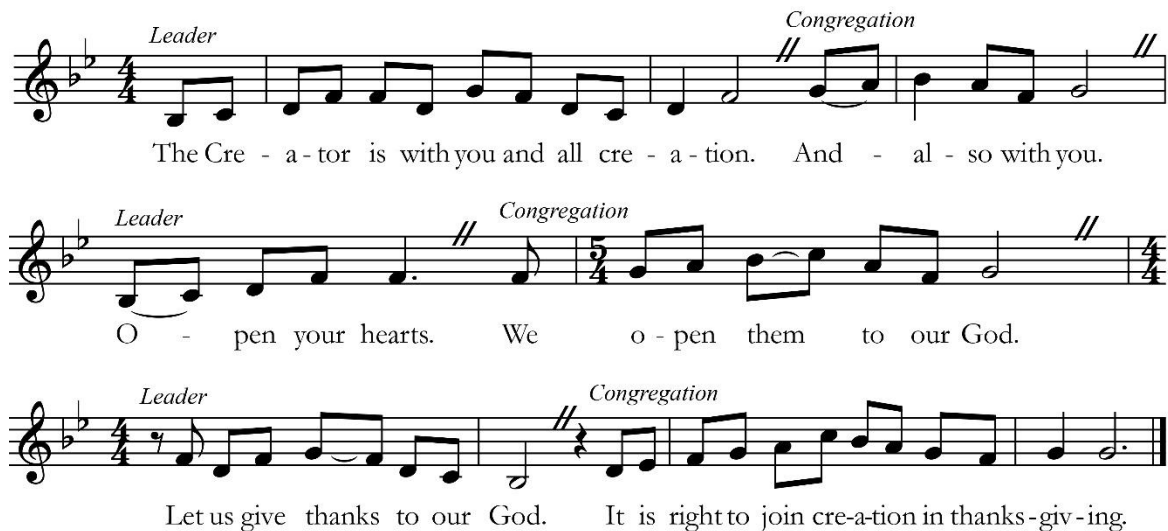
Shalom, the Peace of Christ is always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

“So Soll Ich Dich Verlassen” - Fanny Hensel
Krista Donough, Soprano, Ezra Charles, Tenor, 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.

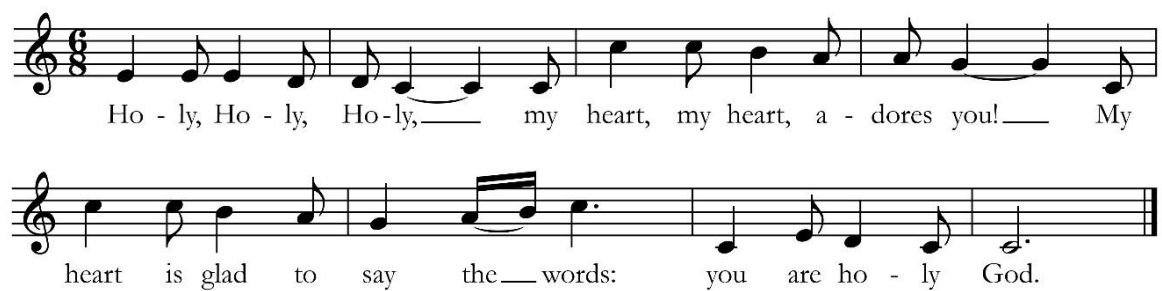
Leader *Congregation*

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.

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 Father Almighty, Bless Us (NCH 518)

1 Father almighty, bless us with your blessing:
answer in love your children's supplication;
Hear now our prayer, the spoken and unspoken;
hear us, Eternal God.

2 Christ of compassion, carry all who seek you
to pastures green beside the peaceful waters;
Most tender guide, in ways of cheerful duty
lead us, good Shepherd.

3 Mother of mercy, from your watch and keeping
no space can part, nor hour of time remove us;
Give us your good, and save us from our evil,
Infinite Spirit.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" - Lemmons

Ministers today:

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	Carlye Hughes
<i>Organist</i>	Chris Henke
<i>Crucifer</i>	Eileen Byrne
<i>Chalice</i>	Paul Cecala, Barbara Shannon
<i>Bishop's Chaplain</i>	Peg Crilly
<i>Ushers</i>	Tony Berkley, Debi Post
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Veronica Serino
<i>Lector</i>	Ajorie Henry
<i>Tech Team</i>	Dawn Woodard

ANNOUNCEMENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

* Bishop's Visit Today

Today we welcome Bishop Carlye Hughes to worship with us. Join us after the service to spend some time with the bishop.

At the her request, today's loose plate offering is designated for the **Alleluia Fund for Outreach**. This diocesan-wide fund supports ministries addressing food insecurity, shelter, education, and international outreach. Each year, grants are awarded to congregation-based and congregation-affiliated programs, including shelters, food ministries, after-school and summer programs for at-risk children, and international ministries that promote health, fight disease, and respond to disasters.

For more information about the **Alleluia Fund**, visit: www.dioceseofnewark.org/alleluia.

The Diocese invited us to learn more about the work and ministries of the Diocese of Newark. Please visit the diocesan website (<https://dioceseofnewark.org>), read the diocesan e-newsletters (<https://dioceseofnewark.org/e-news>), and listen to or read the Bishop's vlog posts (<https://dioceseofnewark.org/bishops-vlog>). You may be surprised by what you discover.

* The Serendipity Stitches 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.

11/30 - The Calamity Club - Kathryn Stockett

12/28 - One for the Money - Janet Evanovich

1/25/2027 - Etna - Paul Yoon

Please support your local bookshop and Redeemer by ordering from our online Bookshop. <https://bookshop.org/shop/Redeemer>

*Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead: 11/1/2026:

Redeemer has been asked again to participate in the **Mexican Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead Festival!** This is on **Sunday, 11/1/2026, from 1-5PM**. DdLM is distinct from Halloween, and coincides with our Feast of All Saints, and we will build an ofrenda/altar in church for our loved ones who have died. It is healing, memorable, and celebratory. There are a number of activities around town to do. Please see <https://link.edgepilot.com/x/4o3aMbvgUxkOBW9l8J5DJg?u=https://tinyurl.com/2pjbxxmb> There is much to do to make this happen at Redeemer. We invite you to participate in the festival at Redeemer in some way, and go around to the other parts of the festival.

You are invited to bring/send a framed image of your loved one(s) for the Redeemer community altar for this (ancestors, pets, Redeemerites, etc.) A copy of a photo will also work:

- **From far away:** You may snail mail or email an image to Sandra at Redeemer's office by **Monday, 10/26**, please. We can print them out and put them in a frame.
office(at)redeemermorristown.org
- **Locally:** You may drop off a framed image/photo to the office with Sandra up to **Thursday, 10/29** (please check office hours.)
- **OR Locally:** You may bring the framed image/photo to the church on **Saturday, 10/31 from 9AM-12Noon**.

Set-Up and decoration will happen at Redeemer on Saturday, 10/31 in the church from 9AM-12Noon.

The side door, on the driveway side, will be the *only* door open then. Please, you are also invited to stay for a while and lend a hand in decorating.

Other logistics that we invite people in to lend a hand:

- Please enjoy creating some paper cut-outs and paper flowers in the back of church **this last Sunday** before on 10/25.
- We need altar **guardians/church welcomers** for 1 or 2 hour shifts. Please see the sign-up sheet in back of church.
- We need people willing to help with **breaking down and cleaning up** Sunday evening after 5PM.
- **We have funds approved to cover expenses for hospitality in finger foods and drinks offered** to visitors in this outreach effort. Consider making something from your own ancestral background or Mexican to share. Finger and Mexican hot chocolate are great. Please ask Peg or see the sign-up sheet in back of church.

Contact Peg for more info at [pegonplanetearth\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:pegonplanetearth@gmail.com)

*** Moms for Comfort: A New Ministry for Redeemer**

ICE has detained more than 18,000 people in New Jersey since January 2025, making it one of the top states nationally for ICE arrests. For the families and loved ones left behind, this might mean a loss of income, and for all immigrants, it can mean fear that may keep them inside their homes, terrified of dropping their kids off at school, going to the laundromat and even of going grocery shopping.

Two Morristown women, Kara Robinson and Laura Duval, decided to do something about that. For approximately a year, they have coordinated a group of volunteers to do grocery shopping and to deliver needed food and supplies to those who are afraid of the possible consequences of leaving their homes. Calling themselves Moms for Comfort, they have been storing perishables in coolers on porches, but they need something more permanent.

And this is where Redeemer comes in, with our plentiful spaces. Starting last week, the Moms are keeping perishables in one of the parish's lockers, and putting other items – non-perishable groceries, diapers, toys, etc., - in the stage area of the parish house. To assist with the logistics, such as insurance, inspection and the like, a member of the parish, Jody Caldwell, joined the group, so that Moms for Comfort's activities could be formally recognized as a parish ministry of Church of the Redeemer.

In line with Redeemer's history of social justice, this alliance takes advantage of our concerns and our available space, as well as answering a need within the community. We hope that soon additional Redeemerites can be actively involved in this new and exciting ministry!

***Garden of Hope:** Our **garden clean-up session** will be **Saturday, 10/24 from 9-11AM**. Thank you to all who have been involved! We are grateful we could share our abundance of time, talent, treasure, and land with siblings who need fresh food grown with love here at Redeemer, one of the best ways to care for our neighbors and spend time in creation. I saw a hawk last week overhead while I was in the garden!

Keep updated with all that is going on at Redeemer

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