



#### Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God's Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

# **Our Worship**

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God's service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The Service of Entrance begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Invocation, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God's Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The Service of the Word will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God's Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The Service of the Table begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord's Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

#### Your Children

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

#### **Between Services**

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Green – symbolizes our growth in Christ.

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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

October 22, 2023

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

# In Preparation



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings. to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, have mercy on us that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# The Service of Entrance

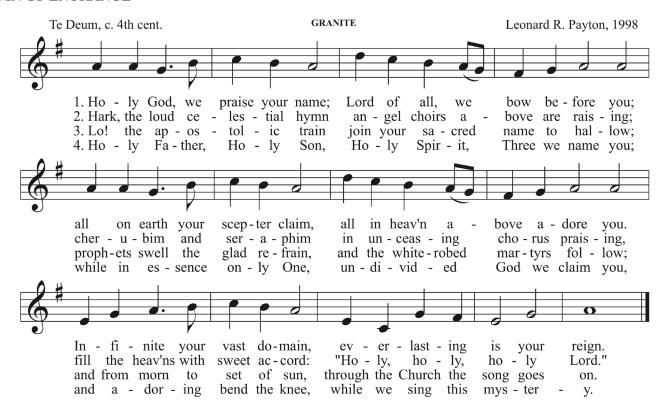


CHORAL INTROIT Isaiah 6:3

Sanctus — Paul Sadusky (1956-2020)

Holy! Holy! Holy! Holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Filled are the heavens with your glory. Filled is the earth with your glory, Hosanna in the highest!

# HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness,

**People:** And tremble before him all the earth.

Minister: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice **People:** For the LORD is coming to judge the earth.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

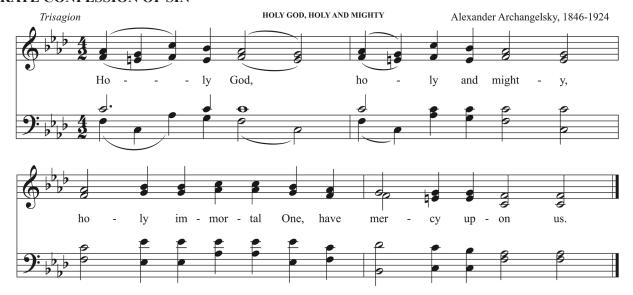
Minister: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

Congregation stands as able

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**



Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, "The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD

your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what

we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you

who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

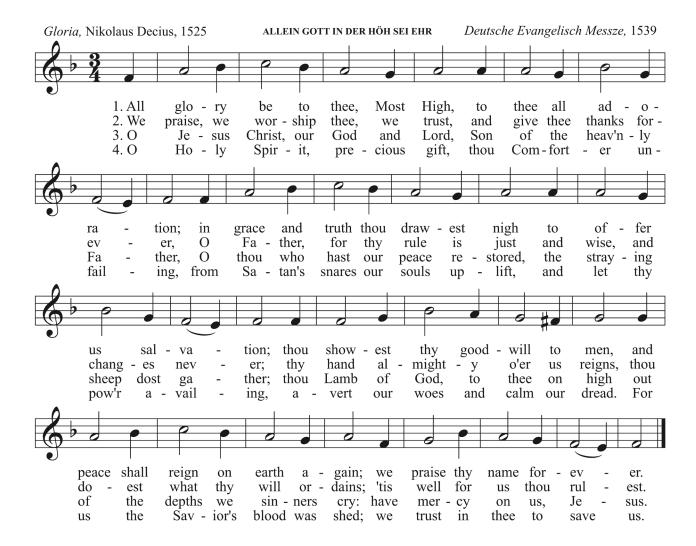
• Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

#### THE GLORIA



# The Service of the Word



from Psalm 96:1-9 THE PSALTER

> Minister: O sing unto the Lord a new song;

All: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honor to the nations,

and his wonders to all peoples.

For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised;

he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Glory and majesty are before him;

power and honor are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples,

ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name;

bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### A CHORAL CONFESSION OF FAITH

Te Deum

Festival Te Deum – Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Grace Einkauf, soprano

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles, praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets, praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee.

The Father of an infinite majesty

Thine honorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

Thou did'st not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou had'st overcome the sharpness of death,

Thou did'st open the kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee help thy servants

Whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this day without sin,

O Lord have mercy upon us,

O Lord let thy mercy lighten upon us,

As our trust is in thee.

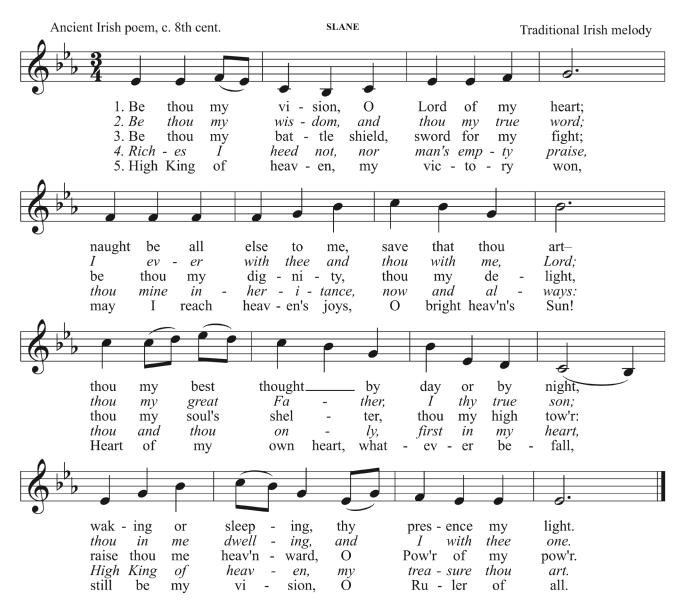
O Lord in thee have I trusted.

Let me never be confounded.

(AD 387)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

#### OUR RESPONSE



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Congregation stands as able

#### **WELCOME**

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

#### **INTERLUDE**

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Scott Brister

**Unison:** 

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **\*** THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 7:3-17

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

Here I Raise My Ebenezer
1 Samuel 7:3-17

# The Service of the Table

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Unison: "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

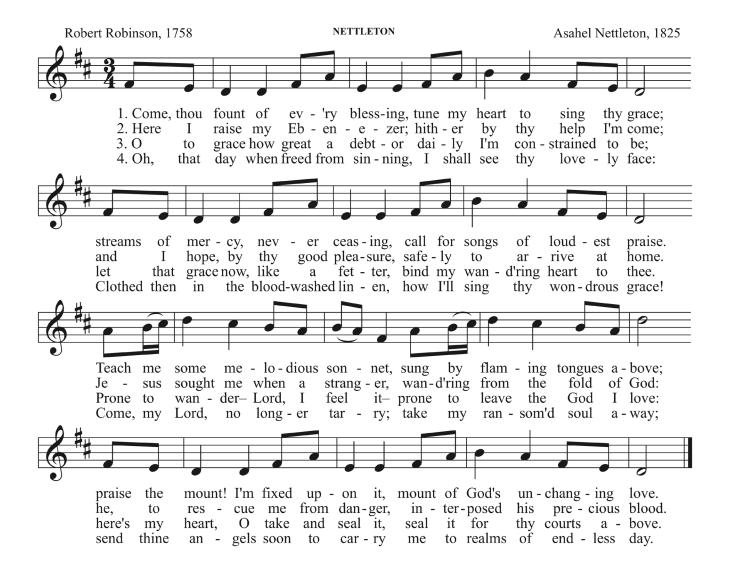
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

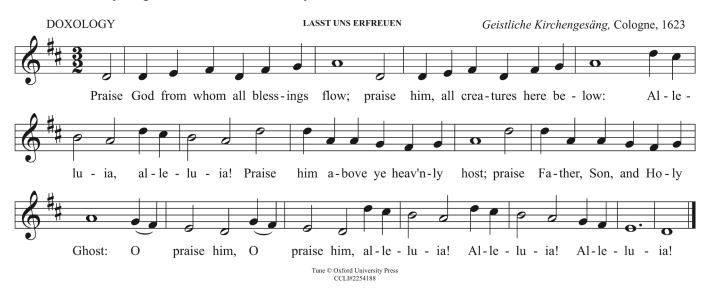
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

#### HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



**❖** Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed be vour name, O Most High God, forever and ever. You have delivered us from the power of Minister:

> darkness. You have brought us into your kingdom. All that we are and all that we have belongs to you. Prosper these gifts and bless the service we render to others through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose

name we pray.

People: Amen.

#### **❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you! People: And also with you! Minister: Lift up your hearts!

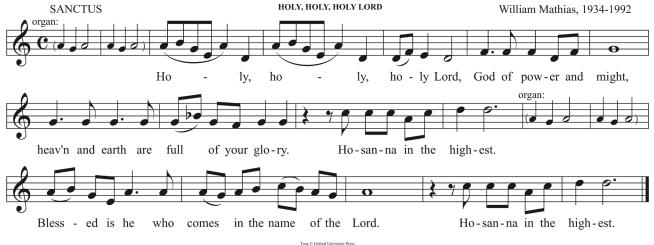
People: We lift them up to the Lord! Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Minister:

Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore

praising you and singing:



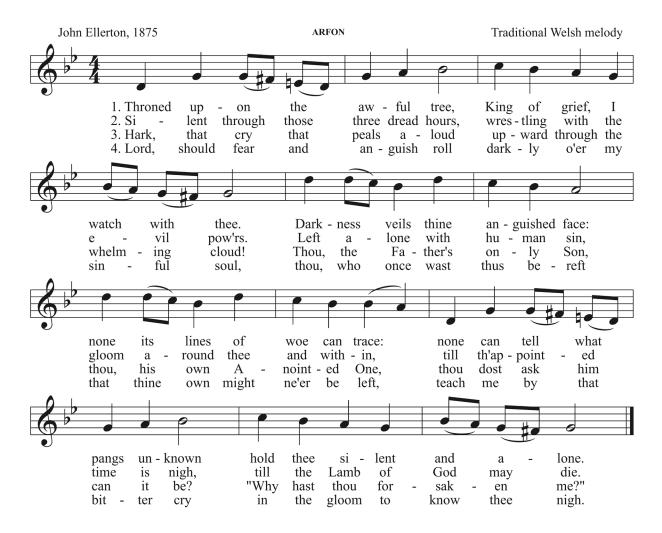
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#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

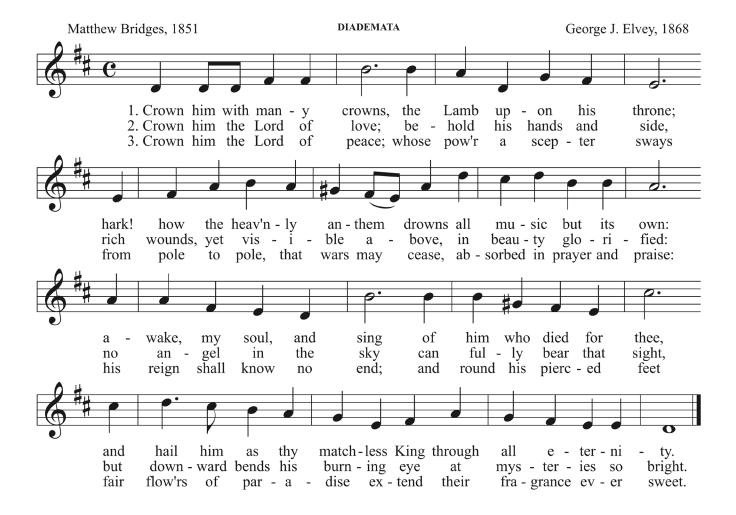
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (2 Cor. 11:23-24)



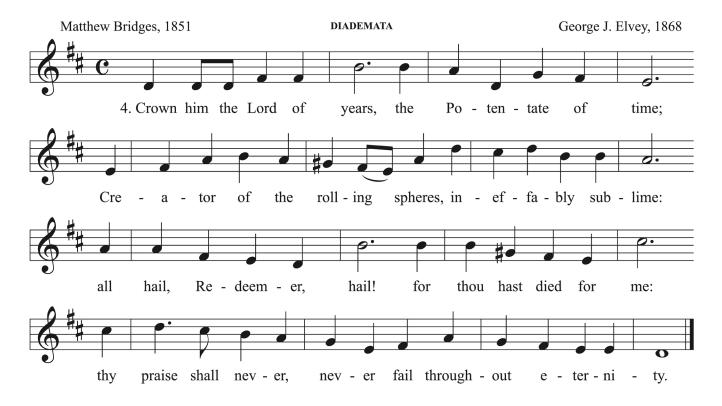
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In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (2 Cor.11:25)



## **\*** BENEDICTION

# **\* DEPARTING HYMN**



#### **LESSONS**

#### Psalm 96:1-9

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his honor to the nations, and his wonders to all peoples. For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Glory and majesty are before him; power and honor are in his sanctuary. Ascribe unto the Lord. O you families of the peoples. ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name: bring offerings and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

#### Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

#### Sermon Lesson—1 Samuel 7:3-17

<sup>3</sup>And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." <sup>4</sup>So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the Lord only.

<sup>5</sup>Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you." <sup>6</sup>So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the Lord and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the Lord." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. <sup>7</sup>Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the Lord our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines." <sup>9</sup>So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the Lord. And Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel, and the Lord answered him. <sup>10</sup>As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the Lord thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. <sup>11</sup>And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car.

<sup>12</sup>Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us." <sup>13</sup>So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. <sup>14</sup>The cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath, and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites.

<sup>15</sup>Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. <sup>16</sup>And he went on a circuit year by year to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah. And he judged Israel in all these places. <sup>17</sup>Then he would return to Ramah, for his home was there, and there also he judged Israel. And he built there an altar to the Lord.



		TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sun, Oct 22	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
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Mon, Oct 23	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Thu, Oct 26	9:30 a.m.	Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
Fri, Oct 27		AoA Presents: Vox Luminis, visit artsonalexander.org for details
Oct 27 & 28		South Texas Presbytery, Christ Church, New Braunfels
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Mon, Oct 30	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Romans, contact Tami White
Thu, Nov 2	•	Theology Study Group, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
,		Journey of Motherhood, Library, contact Alaina Torrey
Nov 3 & 4	<del></del>	Biblical Theology Workshop for Women, visit nancyguthrie.com for details
Sun, Nov 5	_	Daylight Saving Time ends, set clocks back one hour
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		All Saints' Feast, watch for a sign up to come soon!
Sun, Nov 12		Annual Congregational Meeting, Covenant Hall
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#### All Saints' Feast: Nov. 5

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, we will gather to celebrate our next church-wide feast—All Saints! Please watch your email for the sign-up link and be ready to participate by bringing a dish and volunteering to help set up, serve, or clean up.

#### **Biblical Theology Workshop for Women**

We're excited to host author Nancy Guthrie for this fall conference. Invite a friend and register now! There is still space available for either day.

#### Nov. 3 or 4, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost is now \$33 per person (which includes your workbook materials), but that will go up to \$43 after October 27.

#### FRIDAY LINK



#### SATURDAY LINK



#### **Deacons' Fund Offering**

Next Sunday, Oct. 29, is our mercy ministry emphasis day (fifth Sunday of the month). You are encouraged to make a special offering to the Deacons' Fund to support the work of our deacons, as they meet needs in our own congregation and in the wider community. Please pray for them as well, asking the Lord to multiply their efforts, giving them wisdom and discernment along with compassion and love.

# **Missions Spotlight: Christ's Kids**

This month we are featuring and praying for Christ's Kids ministry of Peru Mission. Since 2017, Peru Mission has been serving children from underprivileged backgrounds, providing tutoring, medical care, English classes, Bible clubs, and more. Please scan the code to learn more.



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