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***Holy Communion Service  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 9, 2024***

## PRELUDE

played by organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 415

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

## GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit... the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C **Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C God, our provider, **help us and forgive us. We challenge your ways when they differ from the ways of the world. We turn to our own understandings rather than trusting in you. We are not always wanting to follow your teachings and your will. Turn us again to you. Share with us your words of mercy, grace, and eternal life. Amen.**

P Beloved people of God: we are given the spiritual food of forgiveness. Our Creator continues to give us our daily bread and we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough love. Through the Spirit, + we see and believe in the mercy and abundance of God. We are forgiven and loved into a life with God that has no end.

C **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C** All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

### **The First Lesson is from Genesis chapter 3 verses 8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I

ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 130**

*Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those

who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.  
<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**The Second Lesson is from 2 Corinthians chapter 4 verses 13—5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So, we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

<sup>13</sup>But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

*(Congregation stands and sings “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” following the Second Reading.)*

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first three staves each end with a double bar line, while the fourth staff ends with a final double bar line. The lyrics for the first three staves are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!'. The lyrics for the fourth staff are: 'Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!'.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Caribbean traditional  
Music: HALLE, HALLE, Caribbean traditional

## The Gospel Lesson is from Mark chapter 3 verses 20-35

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against

itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."  
<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Steve Beckham

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

**SOLOIST**

Hiroko Minei

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**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 into hell. 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.**

**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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**L** ... Merciful God,  
**C** receive our prayer.

## **OFFERTORY**

*“When Peace Like a River”*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
**C** Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ has set this table with more than enough for us all. The Lord's Table is now ready and all are welcome!

*Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited by the ushers to come forward to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Communion will be brought to you in the pew. We believe Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. Anyone with any questions may speak with the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains grape juice.)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**C** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world as you love us. In your name we pray. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** The abundance of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon us now and forever. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**LBW [Green Book] # 365**

*"Built on a Rock"*

## DISMISSAL

**P** Let us go in peace as the children of God and the body of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**played by organist**

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**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

**Organist:** Sharon Heck

**Flowers are given by:** *Betty Lucero for John.*

### **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

<b><i>Presider:</i></b>	The Rev. Steve Beckham
<b><i>Communion Assistant</i></b>	Carmen Leslie
<b><i>Acolyte</i></b>	Sylvia Makus
<b><i>Reader / Prayer Leader:</i></b>	Kay Pushman
<b><i>Financial Team:</i></b>	Kay Pushman and Doris Weinert

### **THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** NO Bible Study  
NO Office Hours

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Communion Service  
**Father's Day**

### **Redeemer Finance: June Offering through June 2, 2024**

Budgeted Monthly Expense	\$7,308.00
Offering	<u>\$3,652.00</u>
Needed to meet budget	\$3,656.00

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

**President** Kay Pushman, **Vice-President** Wendy Alfageme,  
**Secretary** Nancy Anderson, **Treasurer** Phyllis Mackey, **Finance**  
**Chair** Doris Weinert

**Members at Large,** Sandy Langdale, Carmen Leslie, Betty Lucero,  
Sylvia Makus, and Michael Vanvales

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Dena, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Jerry, Carol, Mickey, Evelyn, Gloria, Christa, Alice, Barbara, Cedric, Lucy, Karen, Kelly, Raymond, Dick, Marilyn, Brian, Carl, Jessica, Carol, Rose, Ken, Sandra, Elaine, Carmen, Barbara, Betty, Nancy, Phyllis, Sylvia, Gil, Flo, Eileen, Erich, Leslie, Linda, Ronnie, Kay, Violet, Linda, Ron, Collette, Lisa, Patty, Barbara, Joan, Dee, Susan, Norma, Lathy, Juanita, Clarence, Debbie, Joan, Anne, Doris, Linda, Bruce, Alma, Martha, Marianne, Robert, Laura, Jim, Loretta, Ray, Patty, Delrie, Bill, Betty, Lorna, M. Teresa, Joan, Mike, Frankie, Donna, Ernie, Eileen, Darlene, Sharon, Danota, Lynne, Ethan, Kurt, Brinly, McCall, Kathy, Nayleen, Nicole, Donald, Maria, Andy, Owen, Tom, Anastasia, Claire, Fran, Chris, Kyle, Michele, Bill, Wes, Sam, Kolt, Maeve, Brigid, Joanna, Dale, Karla, Sands, Gloria, Tom, Rosalia, Wendy, Elaine, and Rachel. Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

*Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, (ELCA) and Bishop John Taylor (ECUSA), the victims of the Ukrainian/Russian and Israel/Hamas conflicts, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

*Gracious God, none who trust in your Son can be separated from your love. Give to those who live alone peace and contentment in their solitude, hope and fulfillment in their love of you, and joy and companionship in their relations with others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Announcements

- † Welcome to everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out a card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited down to the Fellowship Hall after Service for coffee, treats, and fellowship (we have tea, too!).
- † Please take a moment and fill out the attendance slip found in the rack in the pews. Please place it in the offertory plate. Thank you!
- † Thank you to The Rev. Steve Beckham for being with us again today to lead us in Worship!
- † The office will **NOT** be open on Wednesday, June 12.
- † Bible Study will **NOT** meet on Wednesday, June 12. We will be returning to the study on June 19 with Chapter 6.
- † Call on Tuesdays, after 5:00 pm, for the Leisure World Bus if you are having issues with it in regards to getting to Church on Sundays. (562) 431-6586 extension 2379.
- † If you are having a little problem with hearing on Sundays, please remember that there are speakers in the ceiling light fixtures so sitting closer to one of those may help.
- † The NEW Flower Chart is available for sign-ups in the entryway. One bouquet is \$15.00. Both are \$30.00. Please include any dedication for your flower request when signing up or include a note beforehand if there is a dedication. If you take the flowers in the plastic holders, please return the holders. We try to reuse them and are currently out of them.
- † Printed copies of our current newsletter are available in the entryway. It is online on our website at: [www.redeemersealbeach.com](http://www.redeemersealbeach.com). It is sent out via email, if we have your email address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, or the midweek communiqué from the pastor, please put your email address on the attendance sheet in the pew pocket and put it in the collection plate, so we can add you or correct the address we have.