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***Celebration, Worship, and Communion Service  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 2023***

## PRELUDE

played by organist

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

LBW [Green Book] # 561

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

## 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 God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C **Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C** O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

### **INTRODUCTION**

*When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

### **The First Lesson is from Exodus chapter 3 verses 1-15**

*Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.*

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are

standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this is my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b**

*Make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples. Hallelujah! (Ps. 105:1, 45)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>Search for the strength of the LORD;  
continually seek God's face.

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

<sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

<sup>23</sup>Israel came into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

<sup>24</sup>The LORD made the people of Israel very fruitful,  
more numerous than their enemies,

<sup>25</sup>whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people,  
and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

<sup>26</sup>O LORD, you sent Moses your servant,  
and Aaron, your chosen one. <sup>45b</sup> Hallelujah!

**The Second Lesson is from Romans chapter 12 verses 9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; **hate what is evil**, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>**love one another with mutual affection**; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>**Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit**, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in hope**, be patient in suffering, **persevere in prayer**. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; **extend hospitality to strangers**.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>**Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep**. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; **do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly**; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>**Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all**. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>**Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God**; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>**No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them**; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good**.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"**

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## **The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 16 verses 21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Kelly Frankiewicz

*"Live in Harmony"*

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"God's Work, Our Hands"*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**L** 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**

*“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW [Green Book] Page 71**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*Communion Distribution (The Congregation is invited to come forward by the ushers to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, Communion will be brought to you in the pew. All baptized and believing Christians are invited to the table. Anyone with any questions can speak to the Pastor. The inside circle of glasses contains grape juice.)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**C** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**      *“Bind Us Together”*      **WOV [Blue Book] 748**

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**played by organist**



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**Organist:** Sharon Heck  
**Flowers are given by:** *Cedric Elmer in Memory of Lynda Elmer.*

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

***President:*** Jerry Brady  
***Preaching:*** Kelly Frankiewicz, M. Div.  
***Communion Assistant*** Carmen Leslie  
***Reader / Prayer Leader:*** Carol Costello  
***Financial Team:*** Kay Pushman and Doris Weinert

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Communion Service

**Redeemer Finance: August Offering through August 27, 2023**

Budgeted Monthly Expense	\$8,341.00
Offering	<u>\$4,156.00</u>
Needed to meet expenses	\$4,185.00

**2023 DESIGNATED FUNDS GIFTS**

***Memorial Gifts***

<b><i>Given By</i></b>	<b><i>In Memory Of</i></b>
Kay Pushman	Jim Pushman
Alma Zamzow	Pastor Lynda Elmer
Wendy Alfageme	Pastor Lynda Elmer
Kay Pushman	Pastor Lynda Elmer
Alma Zamzow	George Koehm
Hiroko Minei	Mother
Susan R. Schenck	Pastor Lynda Elmer

***Disaster Relief***

Alma Zamzow	Disaster Relief
Sylvia Makus	Wildfires in Maui

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Jean, Kathy, Wendy, Beverly, Dena, Nancy, Evelyn, Shirlene, Jerry, Dondi, 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, Anita, 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, and Sands. *Please pray for our Bishop David Nagler, the victims of the Ukrainian crisis, and victims and families of all violence and natural disasters.*

*Please pray for this congregation as we continue to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We will be having a special celebration on October 15 for our anniversary.*

Please contact the church to add people to the prayer list.

*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.*

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

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

## Announcements

- ✝ Welcome everyone this morning, and especially to our guests and visitors! Thank you for joining us.
- ✝ Thank you to Jerry Brady for Presiding for today's Service.
- ✝ Thank you to Kelly Frankiewicz, M. Div. for preaching today.
- ✝ Choir rehearsal has begun each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Sharon Heck, our organist.
- ✝ We are in need of help with two important celebrations: Pastor Gil Moore's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 17 (set-up will be September 16) and our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on October 15 (set-up will be October 14). There are sign-up sheets in the entryway. We also need people willing to bring food for both of these events. Sign-up sheets are also available for this.
- ✝ At this time, we are encouraging people to consider wearing a mask again, especially in Church, due to the spike in Covid-19 cases. Initial symptoms are headache and fever. Please consult with your doctor if you are experiencing these or other symptoms. We continue to have masks available in the entryway for your use. We need to join together to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- ✝ 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!
- ✝ The 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.
- ✝ Our current newsletter, if you want a printed copy, is available in the entryway. It is available 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 it, please let us know so we can confirm your address in our system.