

# Christ Our Redeemer



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### HYMN

### “Jesus Lead Us On”

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Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;  
If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,  
Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,  
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;  
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,  
Heav'n - ly Lead - er still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less. Guide us  
Let not faith and hope for - sake us, For through  
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing; Show us  
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us Till we



by your hand To our fa - ther - land.  
man - ya woe To our home we go.  
that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

Pastor: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: God, our Father, you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive our poor worship, our neglect of the means of grace, our hesitant witness of Christ, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive our lack of showing love and forgiveness to others. We have been thoughtless in our judgments. We have been slow to seek reconciliation. We have been unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: As God has promised to those who repent and turn to him, all your sins have been forgiven. May he keep you in his grace, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

P: Almighty God, your Son Jesus willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Give us the courage to take up our crosses and daily follow him wherever he leads to life everlasting. In his name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*



## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON    Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup> Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me.

Avenge me on my persecutors.

You are long-suffering —do not take me away;  
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

<sup>16</sup> When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight,  
for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.

<sup>17</sup> I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them;  
I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable?  
You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore this is what the Lord says:

“If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy,  
not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you,  
but you must not turn to them.

<sup>20</sup> I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you but will not overcome you,  
for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> “I will save you from the hands of the wicked  
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

## EPISTLE LESSON    Galatians 6:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

## HYMN

## "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

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Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave and  
 Let the world de - spise and leave me; They have left my  
 Go, then earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and



fol - low you. Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on  
 Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are  
 scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your  
 winged by prayer. All but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



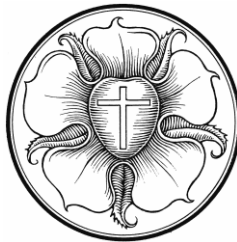
earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have smiled up - on me,  
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther!  
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry;



All I've ev - er hoped or known; Yet how rich is  
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, Foes may hate and  
 You my all in all shall be, Storms may howl, and  
 Swift shall pass the pil - grim days, Hope soon change to



my con - di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
 friends may shun me - Show your face, and all is bright.  
 clouds may gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.



# The Problem with the Cross

## SERMON

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Stand*

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Be Seated*

## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

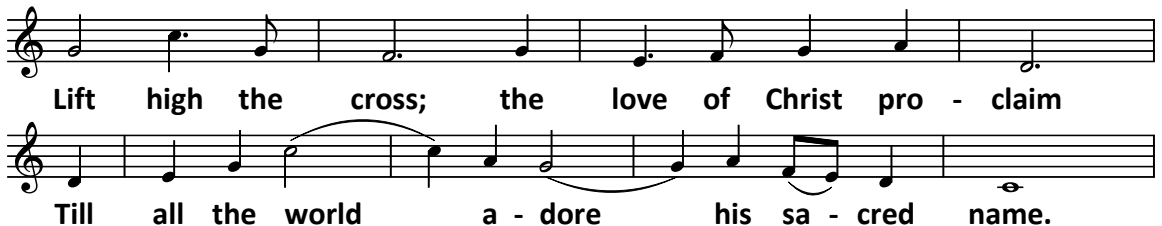
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## HYMN

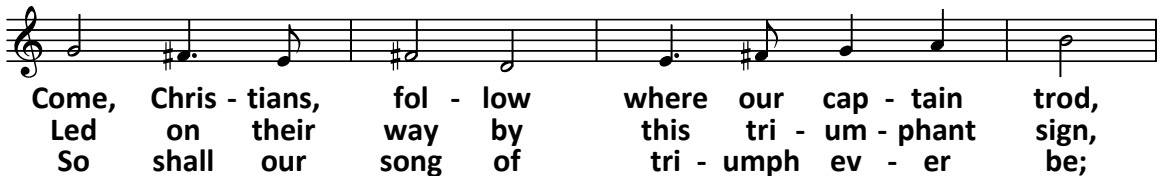
### "Lift High the Cross"

CW 579 George William Kitchin | Michael Robert Newbolt | Shirley Erena Murray  
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#### Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim  
Till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be;



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ the Son of God. *Refrain*  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine. *Refrain*  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry. *Refrain*

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

# THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

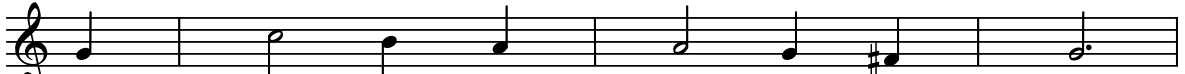
## HYMN

## “When Peace Like a River”

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When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,  
My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought-  
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,



When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll-  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;



What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
The trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



It is well, it is well with my soul.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.  
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## This Week's Calendar

Today	8 & 10:30a	Worship
	9:15a	Bible Class & Sunday School
Tuesday	7:00p	COR Women's Group – at COR and virtually
Thursday	7:00p	Worship with Communion
	7:45p	Bible Study

## Announcements

**FALL SCHEDULE:** This Sunday our Fall Schedule returned with services at 8 and 10:30a. Bible Class and Sunday school will be held at 9:15a. We will observe social distancing and won't be able to serve treats, but we are grateful for these opportunities.

**SUNDAY & THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** The theme for our Fall Bible Class is Growing in Hope. The lessons focus on the hope God gives us through faith in Jesus. Please join us, either Thursday evenings from 7:45p to 8:15p or Sunday mornings from 9:15a to 10:15a, and bring a friend!

**OFFERINGS:** The offering plate is not being passed during our worship services. It is located on a small table to your right as you exit. You may also mail your envelopes to us or go to [www.christredeemer.church](http://www.christredeemer.church) and click on the Online Donations tab to offer a onetime or recurring offering.



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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [christredeemer.church](http://christredeemer.church) and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to [www.christredeemer.church](http://www.christredeemer.church) and click on "Our Beliefs". To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.