

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (BCW)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Blue Hymnal # 579

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

*** SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (from your seat please).

AFFIRMATION: You are loved and you are valued.

AFFIRMATION INTERNALIZED: I am loved and I am valued.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Who is the Redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCNE-EhDH-E>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCW)

NEW TESTAMENT READING I

John 7:1-24

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%207%3A1-24&version=NIV>

PROVERBS READING I

Proverbs 7:1-13

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+7%3A1-13&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"We Come As Guests Invited"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRJ9k20ZDPU>

NEW TESTAMENT READING II**John 7:25-52**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+7%3A25-52&version=NIV>**PROVERBS READING II****Proverbs 7:14-27**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+7%3A14-27&version=NIV>**SERMON****Go-Ali, My Redeemer****Dr. Carlos Baladez**

Isaiah 43:1, 3-4

"But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine... For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life." NIV

Back in the day, as my children remind me, my mother would collect S&H Green Stamps into booklets. When she had saved enough of these booklets she would go to the store and redeem them for small trinkets. It was a way to keep the customers engaged and encouraged them to keep shopping and develop loyalty at this store.

The idea of redeeming in the Bible is slightly different. Different because you and I don't save enough points to buy back from God. We don't save up enough points and then trade them with God to win salvation. No, quite the opposite. It is God who did all the work of redemption at the cross of Calvary. It was here where you and I were given access to re-establishing our relationship with God. God saw our need. He advocated and acted on our behalf making it possible to be at one with him. (At-one-ment).

Remember Ruth? She was a Moabite and according to Deuteronomy 23:3, "No Ammonite or Moabite or any of their descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, not even in the tenth generation." She came from a people forbidden to be brought back or welcomed into the fellowship of the people of God. Yet, Ruth found grace in the eyes of her kinsmen redeemer, Boaz. She did not do this on her own. Boaz acted and advocated on her behalf.

God has acted and advocated on our behalf in Jesus Christ, God's Word, incarnated.

In Christ, God is our redeemer. It is he who brings us back into fellowship with himself.

What to do in the face of what God has done? Recognize who he is and what he has done through Jesus Christ. Accept this gift. Be grateful for his goodness. Express thankfulness to him with a humble heart. Walk in this new light, in this new redeemed relation orienting all of your life towards God. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Laugh at God's enemies as he laughs

at them too. Live the joyous and abundant life of liberty God has given us in Jesus Christ. Remember, recall, and recite it frequently, "I am loved and I am valued. Hallelujah!

To God be all of the glory, honor, and praise forevermore! Amen.

* **HYMN** **"In Christ There Is No East or West"** **Blue Hymnal #439**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IxG0EhEXA3k>

Respond in Love and Service

* **This we believe**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall 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.

PRAYERS AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION

God our Redeemer, we pray for the Church.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for our world.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for our community.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for our loved ones.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for the first responders.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for our health care workers.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for our educators.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

God our Redeemer, we pray for our government leaders.

Heavenly Father of us all, hear our prayer.

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

CHORAL AMEN

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoYDislmHs8>

Words of Institution

The Lord Jesus, on the night 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."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Sharing of the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen (Take the bread and eat)

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen (Drink the cup)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" Blue Hymnal #505**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnUQ14dLsvM>

*** BENEDICTION**

May the God of glory, the Word of life, and the Spirit of truth bless you all, now and forever. Alleluia! Amen. (BCW)

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!

