

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023  
8:30 & 11am Worship



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## Welcome to Central!

**Central Lutheran Church**, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and ministry.

Our mission is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by *loving* God and one another, *nurturing* faithful living, *servicing* those in need, and *sharing* the Gospel.

**A special word of welcome to our guests today:** Thank you for worshiping with us. If you are a first-time or occasional visitor and would like to be added to our mailing list, or if you'd like to hear from us, we invite you to fill out the visitor information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Also, if you wish to find out more about Central we invite you to visit our website *welcometocentral.org*.

**Parents of young children:** We welcome the sound of little ones in worship and so we encourage children and parents to worship together. However, if it is helpful to you, you are welcome to utilize the children's space located adjacent to the Narthex (entrance) to the Sanctuary. Additionally, there are children's bags and kid's bulletins available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins as well as hearing assistance receivers are also available** from the ushers. Please note: if your personal hearing device has a T-Coil there are Hearing Loops in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

**PRELUDE (8:30)**  
**(11:00)**

Sweet Hour of Prayer  
La Folia

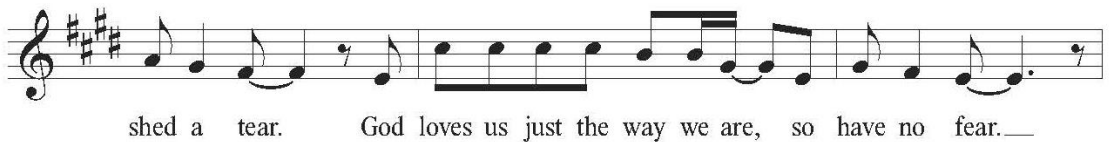
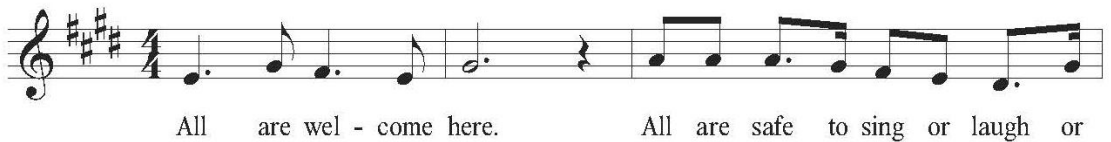
Charlotte Miller  
Honora Mathisen-Lund

## WELCOME

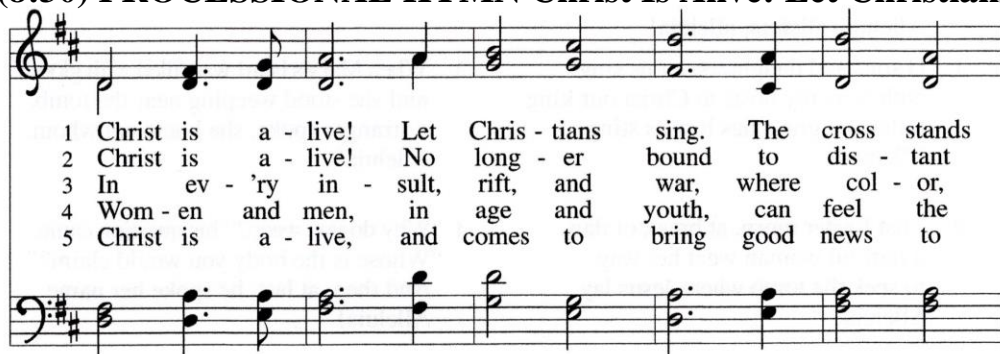
## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**(11:00) ANTHEM** You Are Welcome Here Mark Burrows  
Children's Choir, accompanied by Dr. Stephen Rodgers  
Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers, Director


*The congregation will be invited to join in the refrain.*



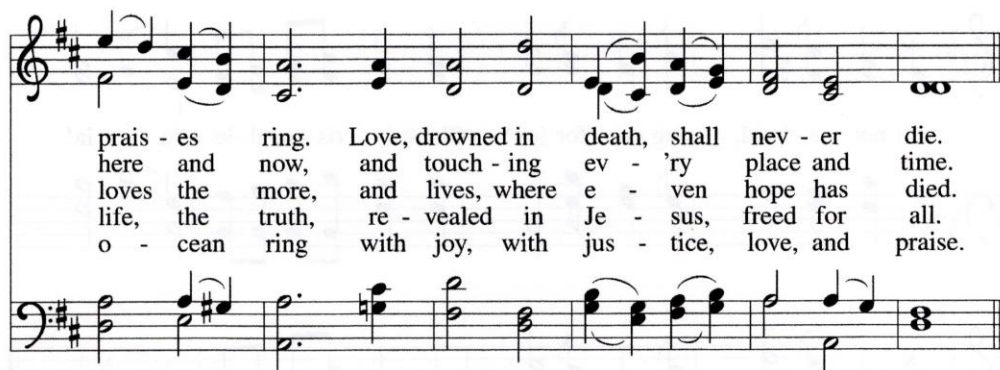
## (8:30) PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

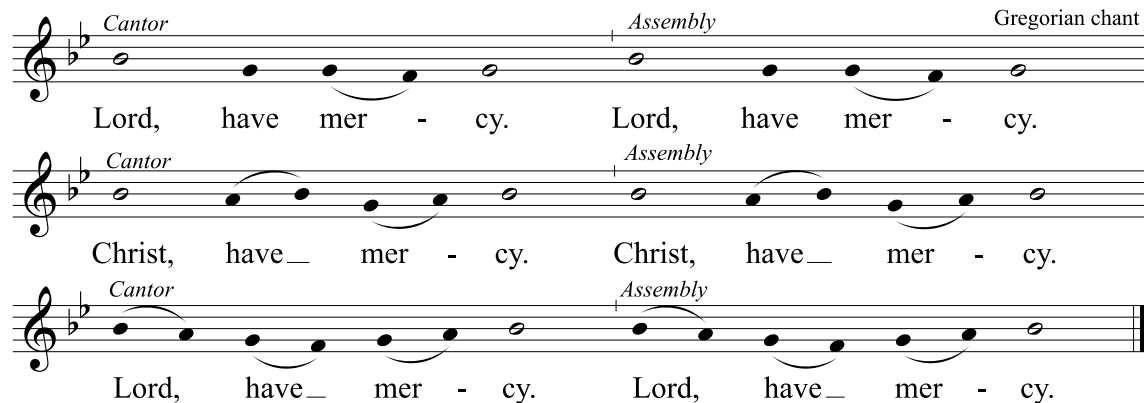


prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## GREETING

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# KYRIE



*Cantor* *Assembly* Gregorian chant

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

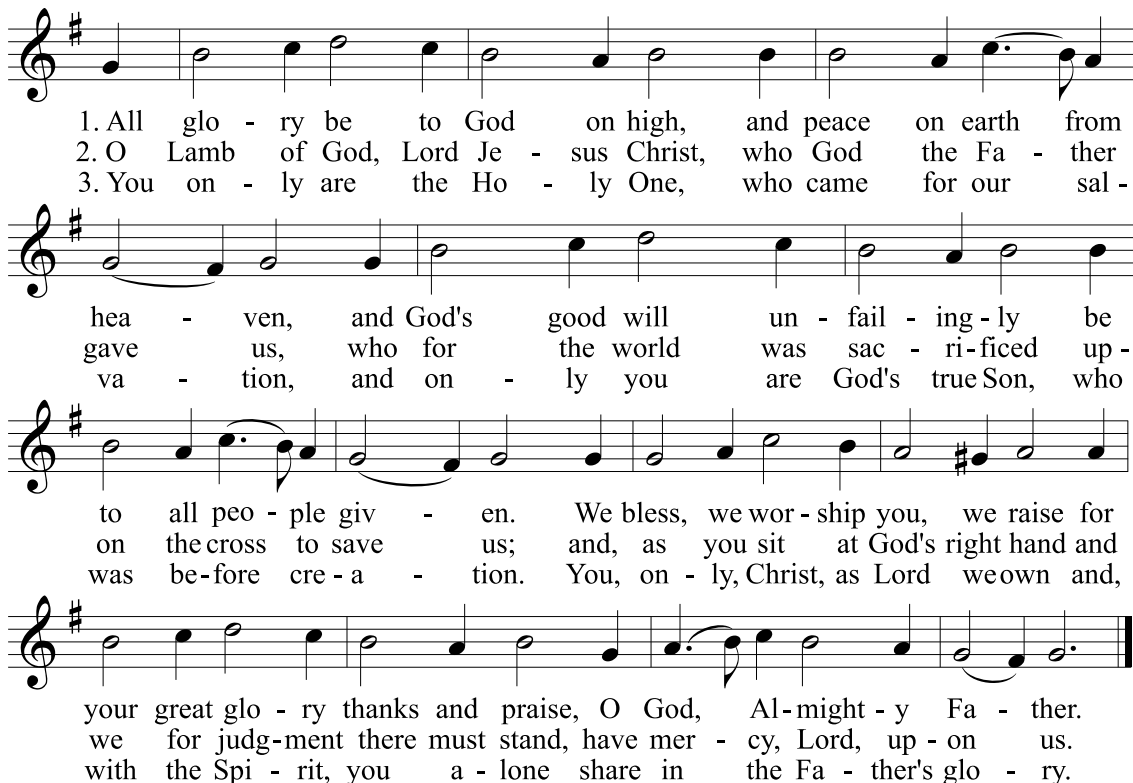
*Cantor* *Assembly*

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor* *Assembly*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

# GLORIA



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
 2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, who God the Fa - ther  
 3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of glory, **your Son Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and is seated at your right hand. United with Christ, teach us to love one another, until all the world is drawn into your abiding presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

**ANTHEM**                      Sing and Dance                      Michael Bedford  
Children's Choir with Honora Mathisen-Lund, soloist

**FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:4-6**                      Reader: Arya Saks  
Hear, O People: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**                      Love Each Other                      Timothy Bushong  
Children's Choir

**SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-8**                      Reader: Signe Smith  
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



**CANTOR:** God himself dwells in us if we love<sup>1</sup> one another.\* God's love is made per<sup>1</sup>fect in us. **Repeat Antiphon.**

## GOSPEL Matthew 19:13-15

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 19th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Then little children were being brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

## HYMN OF THE DAY I Come with Joy *(please stand)*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### OFFERTORY HYMN We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

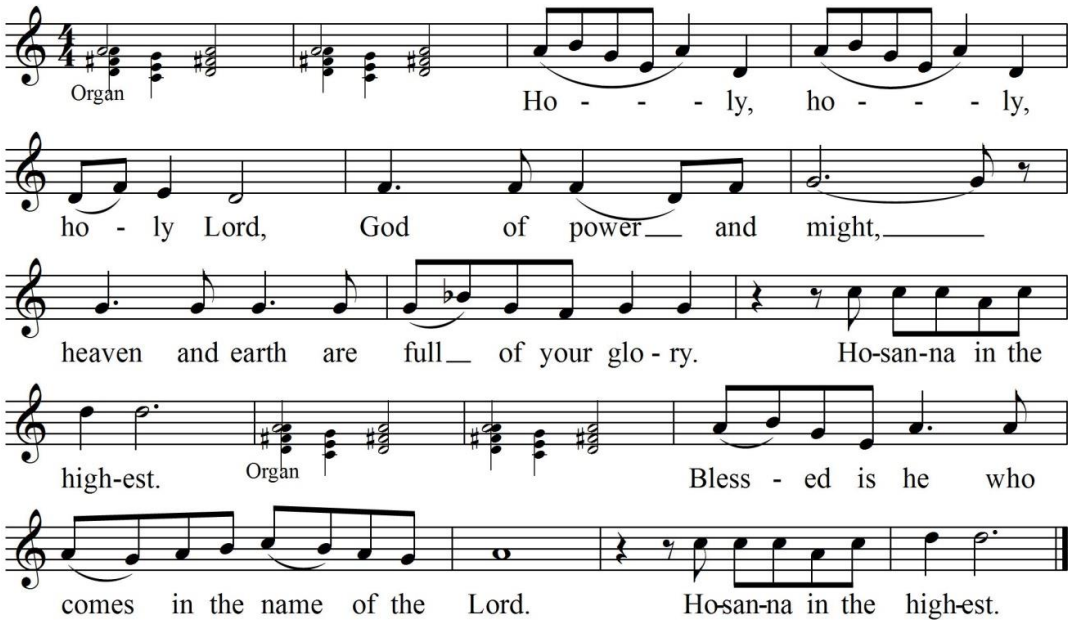
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Organ Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. Organ Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the high-est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. (*please be seated*)**



(11:00) HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives! St. 1-4, 6 & 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Offertoire sur les grands jeux    Francois Couperin

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**Cantors at 8:30am:** Alyse Jamieson and Daniel Au

**Cantors at 11am:** Honora Mathisen-Lund and Steve Rodgers

**Crucifer:** Matthew Koscho

**Tech Support:** Thomas Stine

**Organist/Children's Music:** Dr. Lindsey Henriksen Rodgers

**Children's Choir:** Agatha Anderson, Evan Barrett, Elliott Hardwick, Lukas Henriksen, Maeve Josef-Maier, Henry Koscho, Charlotte Miller, Greyson Neckels, Piper Neubert, Paul Rodgers, Sam Rodgers, Arya Saks, Signe Smith and Charlotte (CJ) Strietelmeier

**Learn about our own Camp Lutherwood and the Capital Campaign** to build a lodge to further year round activity with Debbie Knebel and Executive Director Andrea Scofield at the Together Tuesday adult education hour on May 30 at 6:00 pm in Central's library. On Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00-3:00 there is an opportunity to spruce up camp before the arrival of the summer campers. Finally, Sunday June 4th is Lutherwood Sunday at Central. This is an opportunity to learn about the programs and camp opportunities for this summer and beyond. Hope to see you there!

**Celebration of Life** service for John Van Scholten will be held at Central Lutheran on Sunday, June 4, 2pm.

## **Congratulations to Central Lutheran's 2023 High School Graduates**



### **Matthew Koscho**

Matthew is the son of Sandra and Michael Koscho. He is graduating from South Eugene High School.

Matthew has been a long-time member of Central and has helped with summer Vacation Bible School. He is finding his voice through creative writing, art and drama and has been working on the South Eugene yearbook all year. He enjoys cooking, riding his bike, playing sports such as pickle ball and swimming. Even though Matthew is not sure of his plans for the future, he knows that Jesus will be by his side every step of his new adventure.

### **Honora Mathisen-Lund**

Honora is the daughter of Sue Mathisen and Lori Lund. She is graduating from Marist Catholic High School.

Baptized and confirmed at Central, Honora has been actively involved in the life of the church. She has participated in youth activities, sang in the Children's Choir, Alleluia Choir, and most recently the Chorale. In addition, Honora has served in a variety of worship leadership roles including as a Cantor and an Assisting Minister. Her extra-curricular involvement at Marist has included orchestra, student council, choir, and theater.



Honora plans to attend the Oregon Institute of Technology to earn an Associate in Applied Science in Paramedicine. This program takes two years to complete and is in association with Oregon Health and Science University. Afterwards she hopes to become a paramedic and perhaps later pursue a degree in nursing.



## Thomas Stine

Thomas is the son of Janice and Christopher Stine. He is graduating from South Eugene High School.

Thomas has been involved in youth activities and confirmation since his early teens. After receiving training from Ted Hicks, in recent years Thomas has been operating the sound system and live streaming the worship services for Central. Occasionally, he can also be found playing his trombone with the brass ensemble.

His extra-curricular activities at South Eugene have primarily revolved around the Robotics Team and traveling to competitions, most recently as one of 600 teams from around the world who competed in the Robotics Championship in Houston. He spends his spare time volunteering with an electronics recycling store and helping with summer science camps for Middle School youth.

Thomas plans to begin pursuing an Electrical Engineering degree at Oregon State University this fall.

### Mark your calendars:

- **Pentecost Sunday, May 28th**—wear red! (Note: church office will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day)
- **Camp Lutherwood Sunday at Central, June 4th**
- **Semi-Annual Meeting, June 11th**—9:45am in the Parish Hall.
- **Last Together Tuesday for the Program Year, June 13th**
- **Blood Drive at Central Lutheran Church Thursday, June 15th** from 10am to 3pm. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: centrallutheraneugene, or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.
- **Summer Worship Schedule beginning Sunday, June 18th**
  - 8:30am in the Sanctuary (and via livestream)
  - 11am at the Garden (2345 Laura St. Springfield)

## Taking Flight

Written by Sandra Koscho

As I sit perched in my nest  
I gaze up at the mountains  
The sight pulls on my heart  
I dream about soaring to great heights  
While my mouth is yet open  
Ready to be fed  
As I grow  
I feel the strength gather in my wings  
Fuzz turns into feathers  
My parents encourage me with a song  
To take flight  
But, I am just a fledgling  
I stand on the edge looking into the abyss  
Seeking independence, fearing responsibility  
Where will these wings take me?  
Even though I am not ready  
I get a nudge  
My wings flap hesitantly  
Beginning to find a rhythm  
I feel the presence of the Lord  
Guiding me toward my purpose  
I know that I am never alone  
We fly together



The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.  
(Psalm 104:12 - NIV)



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