



You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when others' grain and wine and oil increased.

Psalms 4:7

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023

# WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

We're so glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

Find ways to get involved at [churchrez.org/connect](http://churchrez.org/connect) and check out what's happening now at [churchrez.org/signup](http://churchrez.org/signup).



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**Fr. Steve Williamson**  
**Cathedral Dean**

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As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of the bishop. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

Learn more about us at [midwestanglican.org](http://midwestanglican.org).



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**Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III**  
**Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest**



# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

## VISITING?

We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

## CHILDREN

RezKids ministry is available for infants through 5th grade at both services. Midweek ministry (for 1st through 5th graders) meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, starting September 20.

## YOUTH AND COLLEGE

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, meets on Wednesday at 6:30pm. College students are invited to periodic Sunday evening dinners. Visit [churchrez.org/youth](http://churchrez.org/youth) to learn more.

## QUESTIONS?

- For general questions:  
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- Set up a meeting with a pastor:  
[meghanrobins@churchrez.org](mailto:meghanrobins@churchrez.org)
- Contact non-staff vestry (church board):  
[rezvestrymembers@gmail.com](mailto:rezvestrymembers@gmail.com)

## CATHEDRAL LEADERS

Bishop Stewart Ruch III  
Fr. Steve Williamson, Dean  
Fr. Matt Woodley, Vicar  
Fr. Brett Crull, Vicar

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am & 10:30am

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# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand.*

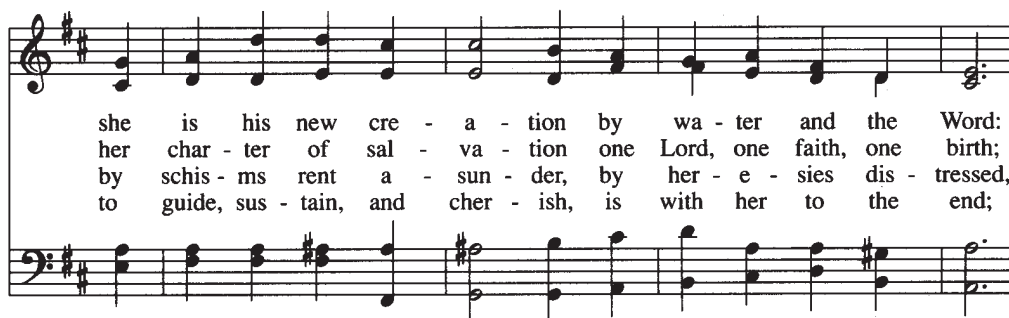
*In the first half of the service, we encounter God by hearing and responding to his truth in the Bible.*

## Processional Hymn

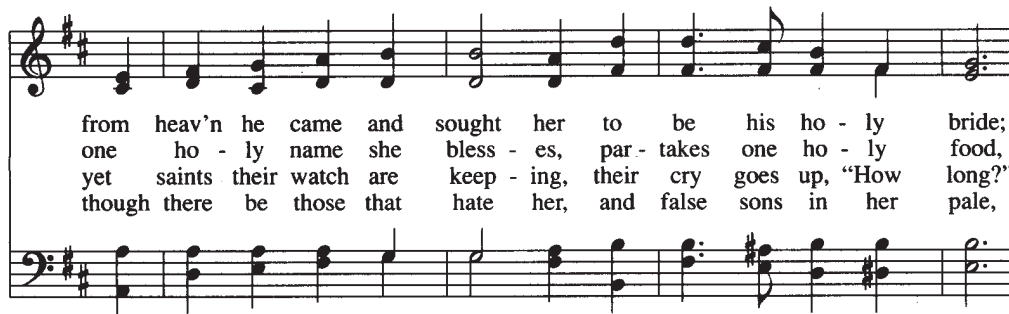
### The Church's One Foundation



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
 and tumult of her war,  
 she waits the consummation  
 of peace forevermore;  
 till with the vision glorious  
 her longing eyes are blest,  
 and the great church victorious  
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
 with God the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion  
 with those whose rest is won:  
 O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we,  
 like them, the meek and lowly,  
 on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel J. Stone (1868).  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley (1864).

# Collect for Purity

CELEBRANT: *Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.*

ALL: **Amen.**

# Songs of Worship

*The Gloria may be sung.*

# The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

ALL: **Amen.**

# The Lessons

*Please be seated for the readings from the Bible.*

READER: *A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.*

## **Romans 14:1-12 (ESV)**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 4 (BCP 2019)**

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; \*  
you set me free when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me,  
and hear my prayer.
- 2 O you children of men, how long will you blaspheme my honor, \*  
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
- 3 Know this also, that the LORD has chosen for himself the one  
that is godly; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; \*  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There are many that say, "Who will show us any good?" \*  
LORD, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when others' grain and wine and oil increased.
- 8 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; \*  
for you, LORD, only, make me dwell in safety.

## **Alleluia**

*Please stand.*

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*

PEOPLE: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## **Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)**

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Alleluia**

"Alleluia," by Steve Williamson.

# The Sermon

More Than

**Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III**

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# The Nicene Creed

*Please stand for the Creed and  
the Prayers of the People.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

ALL: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy:*

ALL: Hear our prayer.

## **Global Partner Spotlight: Devon**

*Each week, we pray for one of our global partners. Use this bio as a reminder to pray today and throughout the week. Due to safety issues, we are often limited in how much we can share about the location and nature of this ministry.*

Devon is living and serving in the Middle East. Please pray for her guest house ministry to be a place of rest and connection. Pray for her progress in learning the local languages.

# Confession of Sin

DEACON: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*Please be seated or kneel. There will be a time of silence.*

ALL: Most 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;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.*

# The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

*Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.  
Parents, please pick up your children from their RezKids classrooms after the announcements.*

# The Offertory

## GIVING SUMMARY:

### Year to Date Income

*July 1, 2023 thru August 31, 2023*

<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
\$320,184	\$296,400	\$23,784

### Current Month Outlook - September

<b>September Goal</b>	<b>September Giving</b>	<b>Difference</b>
\$136,800	\$61,990	(\$74,810)

## GIVE ONLINE:

*Scan the code to pay by card or bank account or go to [churchrez.org/give](https://churchrez.org/give)*



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

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*In the second part of the service,  
we encounter God at his table.*

## Doxology

*Please stand.*

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: *... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!

*"Holy, Holy, Holy," by Richard Leonard, © 1997 Laudemont Ministries.*

CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

ALL: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: . . . *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: Our Father 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 our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
For ever and ever,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
For ever and ever,  
Amen.

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# The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

# The Prayer of Humble Access

ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord,  
whose character is always to have mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

CELEBRANT: *The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

*Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the silver trays. Please dispose of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.*

# Songs of Worship

# The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Please stand.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and  
serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Blessing

*This blessing or another  
will be offered.*

CELEBRANT: *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts  
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.*

ALL: Amen.

# The Dismissal

DEACON: *Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORE INFO AT [CHURCHREZ.ORG/SIGNUP](https://churchrez.org/signup)



**REZCONNECT** | Find your place to grow and connect at Rez! [churchrez.org/connect](https://churchrez.org/connect)

**PRAYERS FOR REAL LIFE SERMON SERIES** |

Check out our fall sermon series on the Psalms. [churchrez.org/prayersforreallife](https://churchrez.org/prayersforreallife)

**FIRST STEP CLASS FOR NEWCOMERS** | Today, Sept 17, 10:30am

New to Rez? Come to First Step, an intro for newcomers. Connect with leaders, hear more of our story and values, and meet others. Upstairs. No sign-up necessary!

**WELCOME GROUP FOR NEWCOMERS** | Starts Sunday, Sept 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Gather at a nearby home in a small group for five weeks to hear from leaders and connect with other new folks. Sign up at [churchrez.org/signup](https://churchrez.org/signup)

**COLLEGE WELCOME DINNER** | Today, Sept 17, 5:30-7pm

All college-age students are invited for pizza! Sign up at [churchrez.org/signup](https://churchrez.org/signup)

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** | Starts Sunday, Oct 1, 4-5:30pm

An 8-week course for learning about Anglicanism, getting baptized, or becoming a member of Rez. Sign up online.

**FALL KICK-OFF PICNIC** | Sunday, Sept 24, 12:15-2:30pm

Enjoy music, games, and food on our south lawn. Sandwiches available for purchase (\$5/person or \$20/family up to 6 people). Bring cash & a lawn chair. Learn more online.

**INVITE A FRIEND TO ALPHA** | Meets Tuesdays | 6:30-8:30pm

Ask questions about life, God, and more. [churchrez.org/whatisalpha](https://churchrez.org/whatisalpha)

**REGISTER FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT** | Oct 20-21

At: St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein. Register by 9/21 at [churchrez.org/mensretreat](https://churchrez.org/mensretreat)

**CARING NETWORK BANQUET** | Thursday, Oct 19, 6pm

Join Fr. Matt's table at the annual Caring Network Banquet with guest speaker, Dr. Ben Carson. No charge, but this is a fundraising event. Email [mattwoodley@churchrez.org](mailto:mattwoodley@churchrez.org)

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