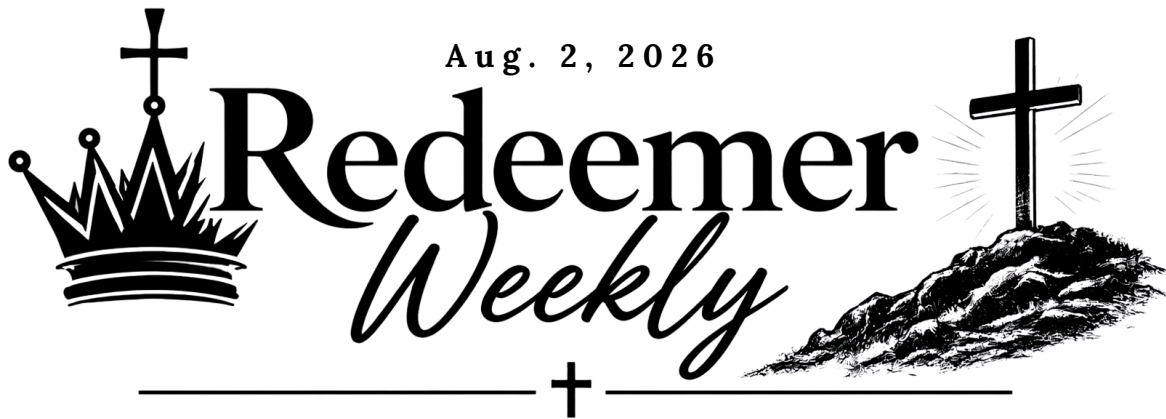




The Newsletter of Redeemer Church, Piketon, OH



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THE COMPASSION OF THE SOVEREIGN SHEPHERD

MATTHEW 14:13-21

Some portions of Scripture are so familiar that we can easily overlook the depth of their glory. The feeding of the five thousand is one such passage. While many remember the miracle of multiplied loaves and fish, Matthew's Gospel invites us to see something even greater. This account reveals the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, the compassionate Shepherd who sovereignly provides for His people.

Set against the sorrowful backdrop of John the Baptist's death, this miracle displays the tenderness and majesty of our Savior. Though seeking solitude, Christ welcomed the weary multitude, healed their afflictions, and satisfied their hunger with abundant provision. Where the disciples saw only scarcity and impossibility, Jesus revealed the limitless sufficiency of God's grace.

This beloved passage also speaks directly to the realities of our own lives. There are seasons when our resources seem inadequate, our burdens feel overwhelming, and the path before us appears uncertain. The miracle recorded by Matthew reminds us that the Lord Jesus is never hindered by human weakness or limited by earthly circumstances. His compassion reaches every need, and His sovereign power accomplishes all that the Father has purposed. As we behold Christ in this passage, we are invited to rest more confidently in His faithful care and to rejoice in the abundance of His grace.

As we gather for worship this Lord's Day, we will consider how this miracle points beyond physical bread to Christ Himself, the Bread of Life who alone satisfies the deepest hunger of the human soul. Together we will be reminded that our Savior's compassion never fails, His provision is never exhausted, and His sovereign grace is more than sufficient for every need.

We invite you to join us in prayer as we prepare our hearts to worship the Lord and receive His Word with faith and thanksgiving.



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday August 2, 2026

11:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

The Worship Service

Pastoral Prayer..... Keith Boothe

Hymn Insert p. 5 “Come and Dine”

Psalm ReadingGreg Flannery

Hymn # 134 “Bless His Holy Name”

SermonJason Boothe

“More Than Conquerors Through Him Who Loved Us” (Romans 8:26-39)

Hymn # 857 “Revive Us Again”

Closing PrayerJason Boothe

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Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

-Matthew 14:19-21





-CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL-

JESUS CARES FOR EVERY NEED

MATTHEW 14:13-21

***And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children."
Matthew 14:21 (ESV)***

Have you ever been really hungry? Maybe you were waiting for dinner after playing outside all afternoon, or perhaps lunch seemed to take forever at school. Hunger reminds us that we need food to live and grow.

One day, Jesus was surrounded by a huge crowd of people. More than five thousand men were there, and there were also many women and children. They had followed Jesus because they wanted to hear Him teach and because many people needed to be healed.

As the day came to an end, the disciples became worried. Everyone was far away from the towns, and there was almost no food. They told Jesus to send the people away so they could buy something to eat. Jesus had another plan.

A small boy had five loaves of bread and two fish. That was not enough food for thousands of people. But Jesus took the bread and fish, thanked His Father in heaven, and gave the food to the disciples to share with the crowd. Something wonderful happened!

The bread and fish never ran out. Everyone ate until they were full. When the meal was finished, the disciples even gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. Jesus had provided more than enough for everyone.

This miracle teaches us something very important about Jesus. He knows exactly what we need. He cared about the hungry people that day, and He still cares for His people today.

Sometimes we worry about many things. We may worry about school, making friends, or something happening at home. When we feel afraid or uncertain, we can remember that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He loves His people, cares for them, and always keeps His promises.

This miracle also points us to an even greater gift. Food fills our stomachs for a little while, but only Jesus can satisfy our hearts forever. He is the Bread of Life. Everyone who trusts in Him receives forgiveness of sins, new life, and the promise of living with Him forever.

Whenever you see a loaf of bread at the table, remember the miracle Jesus performed. Thank Him for providing food for your body, and thank Him even more for giving Himself so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life.

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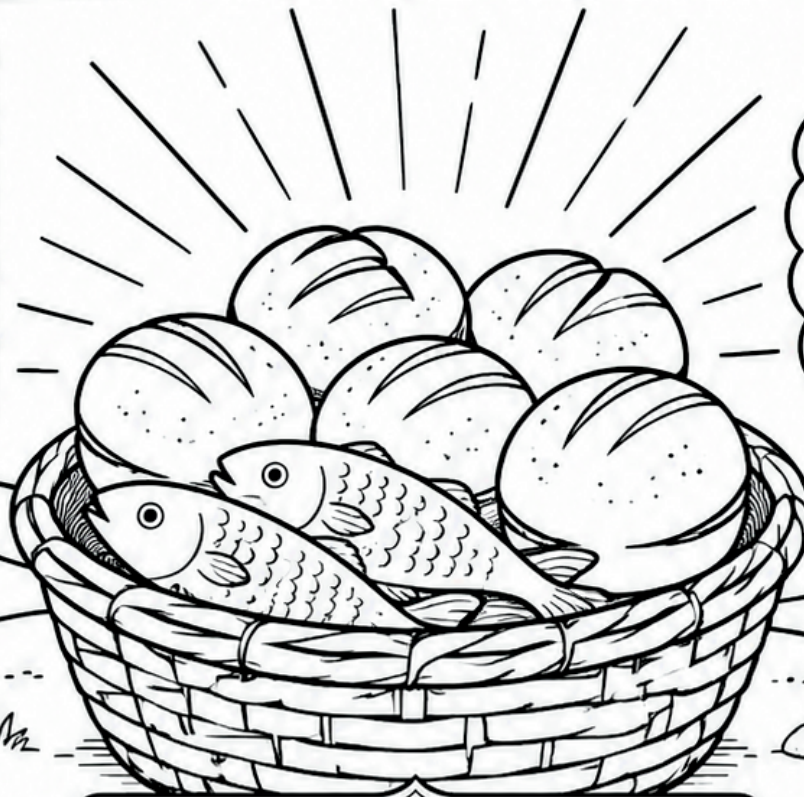


Jesus saw the crowd and had compassion on them.

Matthew 14:14

He took the five loaves and two fish, gave thanks, and everyone ate and was satisfied!

Matthew 14:19-20



"They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

Matthew 14:16

GOD PROVIDES EVERY NEED WITH ABUNDANT GRACE!

I WILL TRUST JESUS, MY GOOD SHEPHERD, TO TAKE CARE OF ME!



He is the Bread of Life who satisfies every hungry heart. ♥ John 6:35

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