

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTERTIDE

MAY 2, 2021



Kipp Normand

Hidi Gardner led the concept, and many in our community worked to make many, many flowers.

Barb Knuckles and the Kyle Ragsdale Community Group

Lauren McElhane and Molly Kelly

TJ Samuels

Welcome

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 61:1-4

Leader Hear my cry, O God!

All **Quicken your ears to my calling for help.**

Leader From the unreachable places, I call to you.

All **My heart is overwhelmed;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

Leader For you have been a refuge for me,
a tower of strength against the enemy.

All **Let me dwell in your tent forever;
let me take refuge in the shelter of your wings.**

Opening Hymn

"Rejoice! The Lord is King!"

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice! Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

words Charles Wesley, 1744; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Lament and Confession

Leader In this Easter season of resurrection, we lament the power of death in our midst.

All **We grieve the reality of death,
from disease and in violence.
We grieve how we die before we die:
In loneliness and isolation,
In addiction and abuse.
This world is not how it was meant to be.**

Leader The Easter season calls us into the in-between:
We have already been raised with Christ,
and yet we still wait for our resurrection at the last day.

All **We confess that we don't wait well for God.
We impatiently take matters into our own hands,
as if we can find wholeness on our own.
Distracted by the pursuits of this world,
we don't groan for Christ to come again.
We shrink back from suffering for Christ,
preferring comfort over sacrificial love for others.**

Leader God of all creation and of our hearts—Father, Son, and Spirit—
Have mercy and hear our lament and confession.

Song of Hope

"We Shall Sing"

All **Though we wait, the children hunger,
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor.
The weeping lasts, throughout this long night,
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Romans 8

Leader Hear this command of comfort and hope, "Do not fear!"

All **Jesus has died and been raised from the dead!**

Leader Do not fear!

All **We have been crucified, buried, and raised with him.**

Leader Do not fear!

All **Christ is our head, our husband, our covering, and our hope.**

Leader Do not fear!

All **We are no longer in our sins. We have been forgiven!**

Leader Do not fear!

All **The Spirit groans in us and for us and will raise us from the dead!**

Leader Do not fear! He is risen!

All **He is risen indeed!**

Song of Hope

"We Shall Sing"

All

We shall sing with hearts on fire. Yes, we shall rise and not be ashamed.

O we shall look and all be radiant. For we shall see him face to face.

The whole world of despair is not worth being compared to what we shall see.

Nathan Partain, 2016

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus is Mine!”

All

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!
Dark is this wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay,
Born for but one brief day,
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried
Left but a dismal void;
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest,
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!**

words Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture

Romans 8:17–23

Reader

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

All

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson
No Comparison

Community Group Questions

- 1) In what ways is it hard for you get on board with the (non-)comparison that Paul makes in Romans 8:18 between our present suffering and the future glory? What do we do with Scripture when it jars with our experience, as this verse might for you?
- 2) Read Romans 8:17–23. What does it tell us about the future that is coming? What does Paul see in that future that justifies the non-comparison of 8:18?
- 3) How can the truth of the (non-)comparison of 8:18 encourage you? How can it challenge you? How could this truth be wrongly offered to you or to others? How should it rightly be shared? (Remember Proverbs 15:23 To make an apt answer is a joy to a person, and a word in season, how good it is!)

Call to Communion

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please use the hand sanitizer. You will receive the bread into your hands and take a cup from the tray. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until we all do so together, once we are back in our seats. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to share in Communion.

Communion is a time of connection with the Lord Jesus and with each other. Feel free to sing with the band during Communion. The ministry of prayer is also a way we live together as a community of believers and seekers. Please take the time to pray on your own, or with someone else in the pews (in a socially distanced way).

Prayers

Prayer for Guidance to Truth

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Doubt and Faith

God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.

Closing Hymn

“The Lord is my Joy”

All **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

Women **I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you. (Repeat)**

Men **And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I’m asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.
And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I’m asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams.**

All **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

Nathan Partain, 2008

Doxology

All

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Community Life

Julianne Vastbinder, *Deacon Coordinator*

Officer Nominations

Town Hall, May 5th, 6:00 p.m., Tabernacle Presbyterian park

May First Friday. Register at harrisoncenter.org or by scanning:



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\$564,450.43

2021 budget:
\$2,487,554

Congregational Giving

April 25 th	\$	\$29,837.32
April Total	\$	\$86,494.57
April Budget	\$	\$207,296.17
