

Lent

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
5 March 2023

Cover Art

Creatives Class

Banners

Esther Grey

Stair Caps

Mailboxes with seed pods by Landon Shire, Dirk Edwards, and Tom Peck

Frames

Robert J. Hoffman (1930-2017), Barbara Knuckles' father

Hanging Installation

"Letters of Hope" by Nick Dodge & Michael Taft with the Fossy Posse

Much like Luke's Gospel, dedicated to Theophilus, comes as a message of hope about Jesus' coming into the world, these hanging letters are meant to remind us of different words of hope we have heard from God and our loved ones this Advent Season. Most of these letters are simply white but if you look closely some of them are misted with gold paint, reminding us of the divine words that come through ordinary letters.

Seedpod Sketches

Creatives Class

South Window

Molly Kelley

Communion Set

Chris Deprez

*Use the QR code to learn more about "Frames"
which are hanging in the Sanctuary.*



Call to Worship

from Habakkuk 2:14; 3:2, 16-19

Leader Brothers and sisters,
soon the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

All **LORD, we have heard of your fame;
We stand in awe of your deeds, Father.**

Leader Repeat them in our day,
In our time make them known;
But do not sweep us all away in your judgment.

All **Under the surface, in the deep of our hearts,
We are troubled and sad,
losing hope and afraid.**

Leader We cannot fathom how any of this can work out for good.

All **Yet we will wait patiently for the day that Jesus brings justice,
For the time that he removes sin from the earth,
from all creation and from us all,
When death, in all of its forms, is no more.**

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 Confession

based on Luke 4-5; Daniel 7:13-14

Leader Jesus—Son of God, Messiah,
Son of Man, healer, friend of sinners.
May the beauty and perfections of who you are
draw us to true repentance this season of Lent.

You have authority from your Father, in the power of the Spirit,
to teach the word of God.

All **Other words and images cascade over us
that we let distract us from your word.
We distrust its relevance and goodness;
preferring to carve out our own path,
judging everything in our wisdom.**

Leader Compassionately laying on your hands, willing to make us clean,
you have authority to drive out evil, to bring healing.

All **We toy with our evil, indulge our flesh in its selfish wants.
We recoil from your touch, convinced that your healing is like chemo
that burns and hollows us out,
but can't cure the cancer.**

Leader Here you are, Jesus, mixing with sinners, finding the outsiders,
making house calls to the sick, with authority and mercy to forgive sins.

All **We fear that you'll come near, and like Peter,
it will crash on us how sinful we really are.
So, we keep you at a safe distance,
and tell ourselves, "I really am okay."**

Leader Jesus, you came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

All **Jesus, here we are.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

from Isaiah 52:7-10; 53:3-4; Philippians 2:9-11

Leader How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who brings good news,

All **The good news of peace and salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

Leader Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

All **The LORD will show what he can do
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.**

Leader What will the whole world see?

All **The one who shared our pain and bore our sins,
and so was exalted to the highest place by his Father,
that at the name of Jesus,
every knee should bow,
and every tongue acknowledge
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father!**

Song in the Gospel

“We Will Feast”

All

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015

Song in the Gospel

“Father Long before Creation”

All

**Father long before creation, you have chosen us in love,
And your love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion, you, our God, are e’er the same;
Your compassion and your cov’nant, through all ages will remain.
God’s own children, God’s own children, we’ll forever praise his name.**

**Your compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before you, we will ever praise your love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, ‘til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb;**

Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

*words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones;
Andrew Osenga, 2005*

Prayer of Dependence

Children's Worship

*Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We love having children of any age join us in the worship service but also want to provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally. **The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.** Children ages 3-5 are welcome to attend Children's Worship.*

**If you would like your three year-old to attend Nursery and are able, we'd love to encourage you to attend the 11:00 service where more classroom space is available.*

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture Reading

Luke 4:31-44

Reader

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath he taught the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his word had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

³⁵ “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this word? With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!” ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

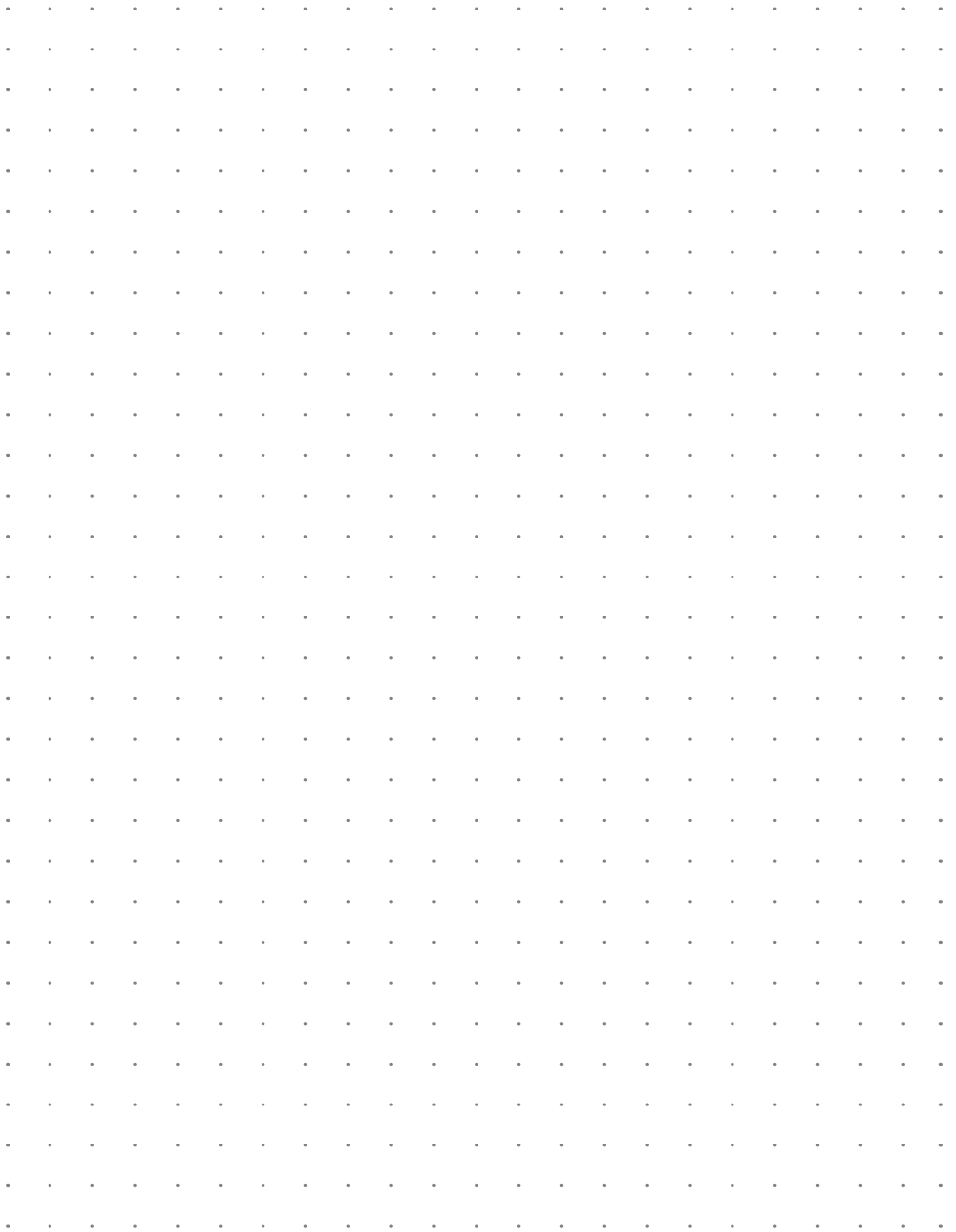
Reader
People

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Notes



Additional Texts

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who *bring good news*,
who proclaim peace,
who *bring good news*,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

Inscription from Priene (in modern-day Turkey)

Since the providence that has divinely ordered our existence has applied her energy and zeal and has brought to life the most perfect good in Augustus, whom she filled with virtues for the benefit of mankind, bestowing him upon us and our descendants as a *saviour* – he who put an end to war and will order *peace*, Caesar, who by his epiphany exceeded the hopes of those who prophesied good news, not only outdoing benefactors of the past, but also allowing no hope of greater benefactions in the future; and since the birthday of the god signaled the *beginning of gospels for the world because of him*, and since Asia voted at Smyrna, in the proconsulship of Lucius Volcacius Tullus, when Papion, son of Diosierites, was secretary, that a crown should be awarded to whomever suggested the greatest honors for the god . . .

1 Samuel 12:12

But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was moving against you, you said to me, ‘No, we want a king to rule over us’—even though the LORD your God was your king.

Psalms 5:2

Hear my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

Psalms 47:8

God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

Zechariah 14:9

The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.

Daniel 2:44

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Luke 23:38-43

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Call to Communion

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes to Communion 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. 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.

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.

Song of Celebration

"In the Strength that you Give"

All

**Father, you give me comfort, when my anxious fears arise.
Telling me gently, I'm helpless to change one hour of my life.**

**Jesus, teach me your Sabbath, when all my struggles are weighing me down.
When I cannot stop working 'til I can figure everything out.
Exhaust my reason, stall my effort, thwart my control for in this you bless.
Show me how grace can't be given, 'til I stop to rest.**

**So don't take away my troubles, I want a peace that won't break.
'Cause if you only make me happy, I'm never going to use my faith.
So don't give me only good times, I want eternal content.
So I can sing through all my trials and rejoice in suffering,
In the strength that you give, in the strength that you give.**

**Spirit, lead me to worship, you turn my head and you lift my eyes.
Bringing me visions of heaven, where my Father's face is kind.
Filled with the deepest thanksgiving, sincerest prayers and tender new songs.
The earth may be crumbling and failing, but my love grows more strong.**

**So don't take away my troubles, I want a peace that won't break.
Cause if you only make me happy, I'm never going to use my faith.
So don't give me only good times, I want eternal content.
So I can sing through all my trials and rejoice in suffering,
In the strength that you give, in the strength that you give.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

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!
Amen.**

Community Life

Today
10 am

Sunday School Redeemer Kids classes will be in their usual locations. Middle school boys and girls will meet in Room 205. High school students will meet in room 146 (Art Mix clay studio.) The Bible Study Class on 2 Samuel will be in the Speck Gallery. This week, join us at 10 am in the Underground to hear from Carolyn McDonnell, Director of International Sending for CRU (and a Redeemer member). She will discuss her ministry and how we can care for missionaries. *Also, grab a partner prayer guide to learn more about the work of all our partners.*

Small Business Sunday We will have coffee from *Calvin Fletcher's* and baked goods from *Lemus Bakery* in the Harrison Center after service.

Practicing Gratitude | Lent Prayer Journal Since sin often begins with the belief that God is stingy, we want to use the season of Lent to push back against that. This year, we encourage you to engage this season by actively practicing gratitude and thanksgiving. *Make sure to grab our new Lenten prayer journal this today.*

March 11
8:30 am-
12:30 pm

GRACE Training We are partnering with GRACE to build a culture that connects our values to the need to protect the vulnerable. This training is for all adults; please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

March 12
12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch New-ish to Redeemer? We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service on March 12th. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages welcome. *Use the QR code here to register.*



March
17th: 6-9pm
18th: 9am-
12pm

Discovering Redeemer Interested in learning more about Redeemer and maybe becoming a member? Come to Discovering Redeemer to learn more about our story and what it means to be part of the community here. *Use the QR code to register.*



Connections Coordinator Position Redeemer is looking for a part-time (10 hours per week) Connections Coordinator. We need someone to help Redeemer be a welcoming place where we provide "clarity, comfort, and connection" for our guests. *If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Ben Reed. You can use the QR code to learn more about the position.*



More information can be found at our website: redeemindy.org.

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

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$261,210

January-February 2023 budget:

\$464,318

Congregational Giving

February 5, 2023	\$ 72,872
February 12, 2023	\$ 25,541
February 19, 2023	\$ 21,562
February 26, 2023	\$ 29,341
February Total	\$ 149,316

Membership at Redeemer

Membership is meaningful in multiple ways. First, we believe that as Christians, it is a part of our calling to be active and engaged in the Church. When you become a member, you take public vows to confirm your faith in Christ and commit to his Church. These vows submit members to the leadership and discipline of the church. We submit ourselves to accountability just like in marriage, friendship, citizenship, and any other relationship or institution that we enter into.

Membership also allows you certain benefits. Members in good standing are able to vote on church matters. They elect elders, call pastors, and have a say in other church business.

To become a member at Redeemer you must take our Discovering Redeemer class and meet with an elder for an interview. You will take membership vows privately and then publicly before the church. To begin this process, email info@redeemindy.org.

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Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Classes
10:00 a.m.

Nice to Meet You

We're glad you're here and we'd love to get to know you better. Please help us do that by filling out whatever information you are comfortable sharing below. Tear it off and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the Welcome Table for a small gift! We'll be in touch.

I AM A...

- 1st/2nd-time Guest Out-of-Town Guest
 Regular Attendee Redeemer Member

FIRST & LAST NAME

- Male Female

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

CONTACT

Email

Phone

I'D LIKE TO... *

- Become a Member
 Join a Community Group
 Use my Artistic Talents
 Talk to Someone About Counseling
 Do Something Else:
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*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.



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