

Angie S. L.

Lent

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
12 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

David Halladay

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



Call to Worship

from Psalm 86:5-13

Leader You, LORD, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

All **Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.
When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.**

Leader Among the gods there is none like you, LORD;
no deeds can compare with yours.
All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, LORD;
they will bring glory to your name.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

All **Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
I will praise you, LORD my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.**

Opening Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners”

All

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.**

**Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms,
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.**

words Joseph Hart, 1835; music RESTORATION, trad American Melody Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

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 lay bare his holy arm
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 from whom we hid our faces,
because he shared our pain and bore our sins,
thus 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

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”

All

**Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved, through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change, its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**O let the dead now hear thy voice;
Now bid thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

words Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; music Nathan Partain, 2010

Song in the Gospel

"We Need to Hear Your Word (Psalm 119:33-40)"

All

**Train our hearts to love what you command.
We let go of our perception as you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you as we follow further on,
As you give us your desire, we obey with all we are.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord, we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to fill ourselves.
Show the emptiness fulfillment is outside your perfect will,
O how easily like sheep deceived without their shepherd's voice.
Make alive in us your scripture, melody against the noise.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord, we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Father, make our souls to hear you,
Spirit, by your power, break through,
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord, we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

Nathan Partain, 2020

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]



Missions Interview

Ben will interview Carolyn McDonnell, Director of International Sending with Cru.

Redeemer values strong support for our missions partners. Financially this means increasing support with inflation and raising funds for special projects to help ministries take a strategic step forward. Our support is also pastoral and relational through efforts like providing counseling services, being a pastoral presence in the midst of hardship, and fostering friendships between our partners and the congregation.

Our 2023 goal is to deepen that support. You will see more communication about our partners and opportunities to connect with them. We also want to raise \$25,000 this year to increase our support levels. The session generously provides funds for the missions team from the general budget, but with the global economic realities, we wish to increase the amount we spend supporting our partners. (Any additional funds will be used for specific needs that come up, such as providing counseling for a partner, grant for a one-time need, etc.).

Ways to Give

If you wish to support the work of the Missions Team, you can give in one of the following ways.

- *Write “Missions” on the memo of your check*
- *Give online at redeemindy.org/give and select “Missions” for the fund*
- *Scan the QR code here with your phone to give online*

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the work of the Missions Team and the care for our partners.



Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11

Reader

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

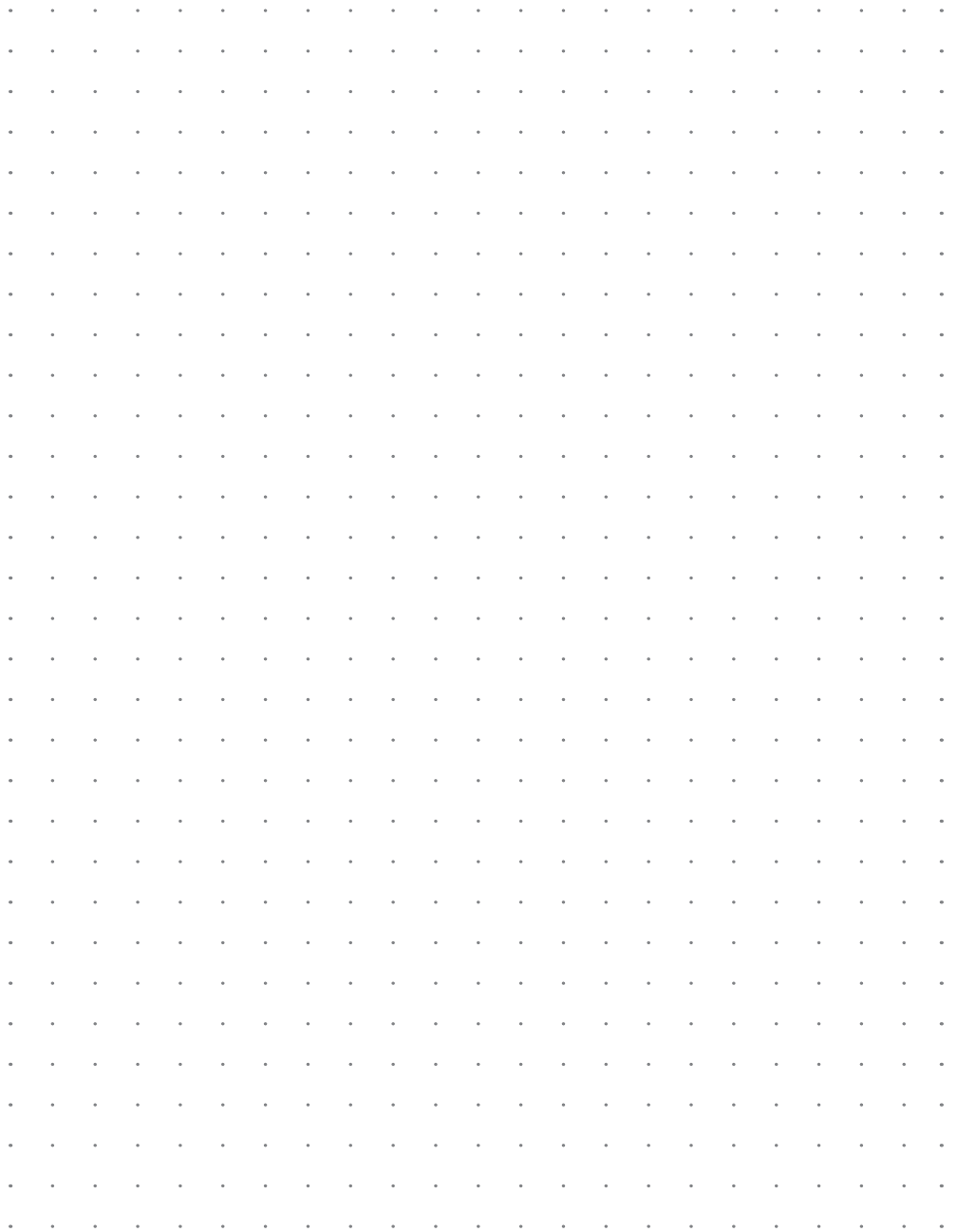
People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nicholas McDonald

Notes



Community Group Questions

1. *Why did Jesus allow Peter to go a whole night fishing without results? How might he be working in our lives in similar ways? Are there ways you've felt yourself "cleaning empty nets" this week, month, or year?*
2. *How does this passage demonstrate radical claims? Discuss the following quote, from Cambridge classicist C.S. Lewis:*

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Do agree? Why? Do you disagree? Why?

3. *What is Jesus' response to Peter's confession? How does this demonstrate the transforming safety of the gospel?*

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

"I Am One of Those"

All

I am one of those, at the table not invited,
And, to all here at the feast, it's very plain;
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
But Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried,
And I still bear every stigma of decay;
There is no way I can cover what I've been through,
'Cause when Jesus called, I came fresh from the grave.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious,
The deformities and scars I have today;
Yet while I was vile with sickness, Jesus loved me,
And he healed, restored, and, through and through, remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison,
And I've done more evil things than I could say;
Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles,
And, to set me free, he died and took my place.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly,
Self-righteous critical religion was my stain.
So I ran to Christ to wash and be discovered;
Jesus called me out and he covered up my shame.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

Nathan Partain, 2009

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 our missions partner, Jay, who works with church planters in Berlin. *Also, grab a partner prayer guide to learn more about the work of all our partners.*

12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch New-ish to Redeemer? We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer.

Artist Talk Today we have a special Artist Talk with Barb Knuckles in the Harrison Gallery Annex. Barb will share the significance of her father's work being included in the show and how it relates to the frames that are on display in the sanctuary for Lent.

3:5 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. Email Mary Paxton (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) with any questions.

April 9th
Services:
8, 9:30, & 11 am
Brunch:
9 am-12 pm

Easter Sunday Celebration Get ready for this year's Easter Brunch. Easter is a feast day in the church, and we take feasting seriously at Redeemer. We encourage you to worship, feast, and serve that morning. We need your help to put on a brunch of this magnitude and to help our friends and neighbors feel welcome. *If you are ready to sign-up for a dish that you can bring, head to the welcome bar to learn more.*

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 Gospel Is All I Have"

All

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No well-kept, presentable life to display.
The gospel is all I have.**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No courage. No virtuous bold use of faith.
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No merit to offer. No excuses to make.
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No clever, persuasive words I could say.
No debt I could work off. No bribe I could pay.
No goodness. No promise of love that won't fade.
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"
"The gospel is all I have!"**

Nathan Partain, 2005

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$310,188

January-February 2023 budget:

\$696,477

Congregational Giving

March 5, 2023	\$	48,978
March Total	\$	48,978

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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