

Lent

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
26 March 2023

Cover Art

Creatives Class

Banners

Esther Gray

Stair Caps

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

Frames

Robert J. Hoffman (1930-2017), Barbara Knuckles' father. Use the QR code to learn more about "Frames" which are hanging in the Sanctuary.



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

Lent—Easter Calendar

Date Service Times

<i>April 2</i>	<i>8:30 & 11 am</i>	Palm Sunday
<i>April 3-6</i>	<i>6-6:45 pm</i>	Holy Week Prayer Nights
<i>April 7</i>	<i>6-7:15 pm</i>	Good Friday Service
<i>April 9</i>	<i>8, 9:30, & 11 am</i>	Easter Celebration

Call to Worship

from Psalm 121

Leader Dear pilgrims, lift up your eyes! Look around you!
Where does your help come from?

All **Our help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader He is the one who guards you,
He will not fall asleep.

All **Amen, our Father watches over us,
He does not doze off, he does not let his eyes rest.**

Leader Yes, the LORD is the one who keeps care of you,
He is by your side to protect you day and night.
The LORD will protect you from all evil,
He will keep your soul.

All **The LORD will watch over us as we come and go,
day by day, season by season, and for all eternity.**

Opening Hymn

“My Hope is Built”

All

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury 1863

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

"Look There! The Christ!"

All

**Look there! The Christ, our Brother, comes,
Resplendent from the cursed tree,
And what he brings in his hurt hands
Is life on life for you and me.**

**Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all therein.
Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, inside his pain,
Looked down Golgotha's stony slope,
And let the blood flow from his flesh,
To fill the springs of living hope.**

**Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all therein.
Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

**Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died,
In darkest hurt upon the tree,
To offer us the worlds of light,
That live inside the Trinity.**

**Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all therein.
Joy! Joy!
Joy to the world and all in this good day's dawning.**

words John Bennett, 1920; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Song in the Gospel

“The Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

All

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus' name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,
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**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

words by Haldor Lillenas, 1918; chorus and music by Nathan Partain, 2011

Prayer of Dependence

Amanda & Kyle Edgell

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 5:17-26

Reader

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. ¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. ¹⁹ When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Reader
People

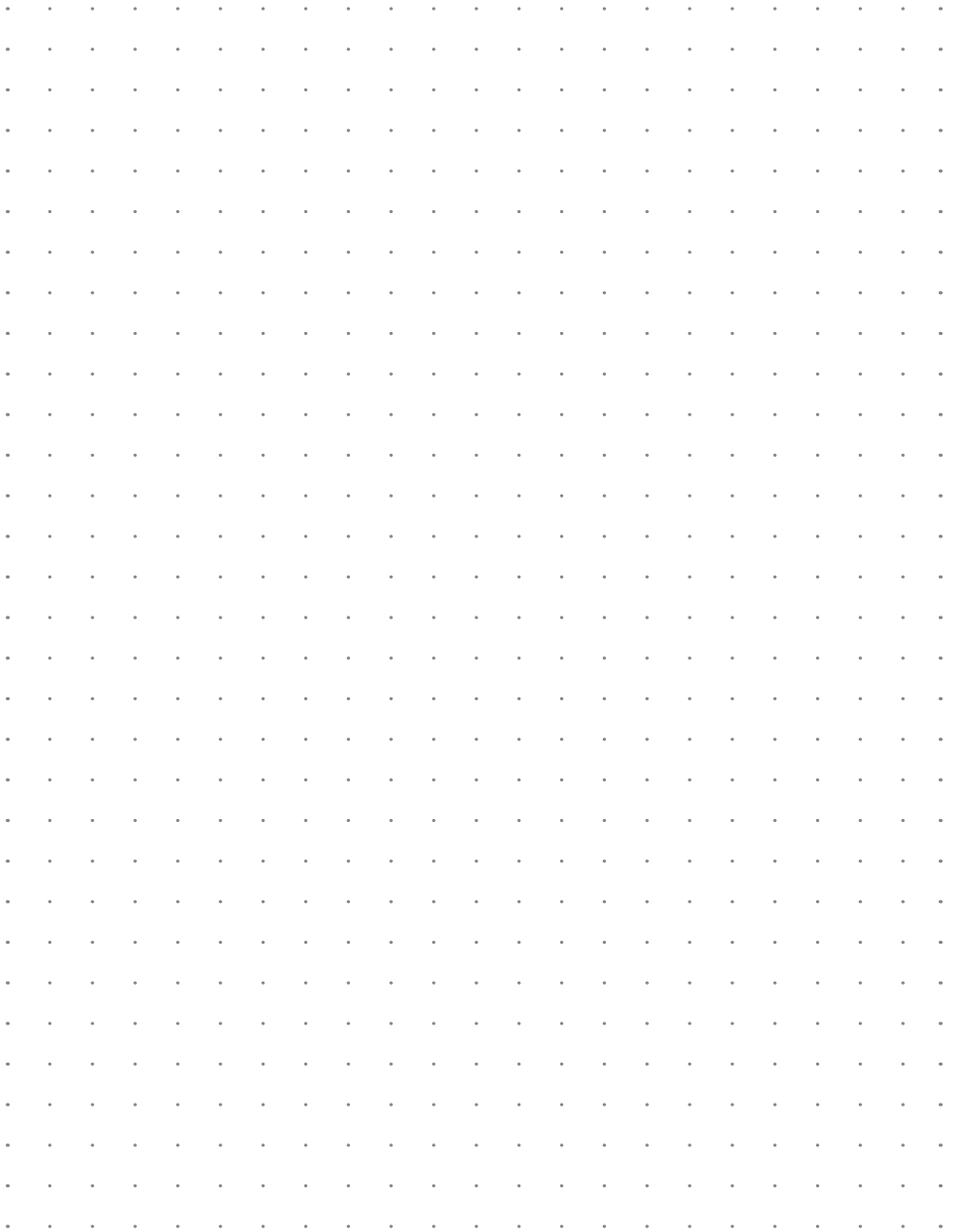
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ben Reed

You Get What You Need

Notes



Additional Text

Luke 4:42-43

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."*

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ *"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.* ¹⁴ *He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

Community Group Questions

1. *The man in our passage is paralyzed, and his friends go to great lengths to try to have Jesus heal him. Being healed from his paralysis would be a life altering experience. What thing(s) in your life have you been asking God to heal/take away that would have a similar impact on you? (e.g. Physical illnesses, broken relationships, other hardships, etc.)*
2. *The first thing Jesus says to the man is that his sins are forgiven. He does not immediately heal him. How do you react when you ask God for something to be healed/taken away and instead he reminds me that your sins have been forgiven and you have eternal life?*
3. *How can we not be complacent about the forgiveness we have received?*

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.

Prayer

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders Amanda & Kyle Edgell located in the back.

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

“The Touch of His Hand”

All

**There are days so dark that I seek in vain
For the face of my Friend divine;
But though the darkness hide, he is there to guide
By the touch of his hand on mine.**

**O the touch of his hand on mine,
O the touch of his hand on mine,
There is grace, there is pow’r in this trying hour
In the touch of his hand on mine.**

**There are times, when I’m tired of this toilsome road,
For the ways of the world I would pine;
But he draws me back to the upward track
By the touch of his hand on mine.**

**O the touch of his hand on mine,
O the touch of his hand on mine,
There is grace, there is pow’r in this trying hour
In the touch of his hand on mine.**

**When the way is dim and I cannot see
Through the mist of his wise design,
How my glad heart yearns and my faith returns
By the touch of his hand on mine.**

**O the touch of his hand on mine,
O the touch of his hand on mine,
There is grace, there is pow’r in this trying hour
In the touch of his hand on mine.**

words Jessie B. Pounds, 1913; music Nathan Partain, 2002

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

No Sunday School Today We will have Sunday School next week (April 2nd), then we will break for Easter Sunday (April 9th), and we will resume Sunday School like normal for the remainder of the school year.

April 8
10-11:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt Redeemer Kids will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt for our friends and neighbors at MLK Park. Bring a bag or basket and meet us at the MLK Park pavilion. We'll have coffee and donuts, split into age groups, search for eggs, and have time to play on the playground with friends afterwards. *Use the QR code to sign up your kids and if you'd like to volunteer to help with the event, please e-mail emily@redeemindy.org.*



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

Easter Sunday Celebration Easter is a feast day in the church, and we take feasting seriously. We encourage you to worship, feast, and serve that morning. We all need to help to put on a brunch of this magnitude and to make our friends and neighbors feel welcome. *If you are ready to sign-up for a dish that you can bring or for a place that you can serve, head to the welcome bar to learn more or use the QR code.*



Upcoming Events and Updates

March 26-
April 9

Near Westside Book Drive Help us express Christ's generosity by donating new or gently used books to support children and families at Matchbook Learning, a K-8 school on the Near Westside. These books will be given to families at the school's Literacy Night and will help foster a greater love for reading among the students. Donations will be accepted on Sundays until April 9th, and can also be dropped off at Redeemer offices during the week.

April 2
10 am

Church Plant Prayer Join us in the Sanctuary to pray for the church planting ministry on the Near Westside. This time will be a place for our congregation to support this ministry through our prayers and seeking Christ together. We will be gathering to pray for the church plant on the first Sunday of every month.

Want to learn more about our current church planting team and what they are up to in the Near Westside/Haughville area? *Use the QR code to sign-up for their newsletter to stay up to date.*



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

"It is Well"

All

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well, with my soul;
 It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul;
 It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul;
 It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so," it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul;
 It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul;
 It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

words Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; music Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$394,070

January-February 2023 budget:

\$696,477

Congregational Giving

March 5, 2023	\$	48,998
March 12, 2023	\$	39,606
March 19, 2023	\$	44,276
March Total	\$	132,859

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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