

# Palm Sunday

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church*

2 April 2023



## Cover Art

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## Banners

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Crafted expressly for the April 1 wedding of Laura Mail & Josh Herr, banners are made of fabrics chosen to reflect the global church and the bride and groom's time living in Hong Kong and Indonesia. Leaves are embroidered in English and Chinese with words from Colossians 3:12-17, which was read during the wedding.

## 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

### Lent—Easter Calendar

*Date*    *Service Times*

April 2    8:30 & 11 am    Palm Sunday

April 3-6    6-6:45 pm    Holy Week Prayer Nights

April 7    6-7:15 pm    Good Friday Service

April 9    8, 9:30, & 11 am    Easter Celebration

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



# Call to Worship

*from Luke 19:28-40*

*Leader*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

*All*

**"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**

*Leader*

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

Jesus replied, "I tell you if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

# Opening Hymn

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

*All*

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**

**You chosen seed of Israel’s race, you ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!**

**Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him, all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
To him, all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall;  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

*words: Edward Perronet, 1779-1780; vs. 4 John Rippon, 1787  
music: Oliver Holden, 1793*

# 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 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

*“Praise my Soul the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)”*

*All*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor,  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**God our Father tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands, he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Widely as his mercy goes.**

**Angels, help us to adore him,  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

**Come and worship, come and worship,  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

*words Henry F. Lyte, 1834; music Nathan Partain, 2000*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Bring your Sick”*

*All*

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,  
Who would kill for some relief from, all the itching in their bones.  
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,  
Some sweet drink to drive the poison, from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.  
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.  
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.  
Yes, bring all those who could never, return any of their cost**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!  
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.  
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.  
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.  
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,  
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!  
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.  
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,  
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.  
Those who live with their aggressor, whip’ring doubts into their ear,  
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!  
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.  
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
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*Nathan Partain, 2014*



# 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](https://redeemindy.org/give)]*



# Scripture Reading

*Luke 5:27-32*

*Reader*

<sup>27</sup> After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him.

<sup>29</sup> And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. <sup>30</sup> And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, “It is not those who are well who need a physician but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

*Reader*

This is the Word of the Lord.

*People*

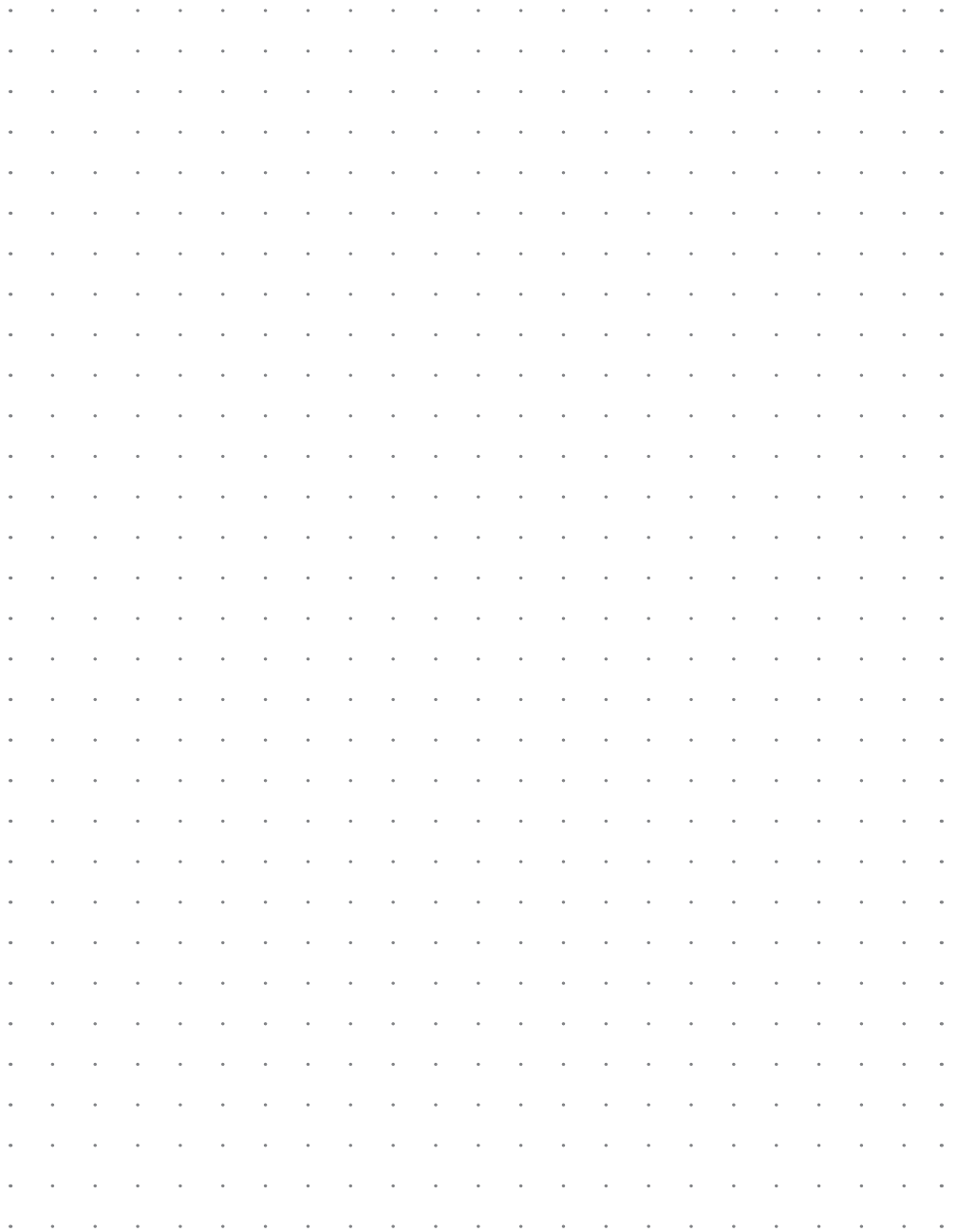
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Ben Hein

*The Savior of Sellouts and Sinners*

# Notes



## Additional Text

### *Isaiah 53:4–6*

- <sup>4</sup> *Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.*
- <sup>5</sup> *But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.*
- <sup>6</sup> *All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.*

### *Romans 8:28*

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

## Community Group Questions

*Break Some Ice: Think about a good meal you've shared with others. What was the most enjoyable part of that meal for you? What do you think Jesus enjoyed most in his many meals with others?*

- 1. As a tax collector, Levi (Matthew) was universally despised and hated. To his own people, he was a sellout, excommunicated from their social and religious life. To his Roman occupiers, he was a person to be exploited. These things did not keep Levi from being seen and called by Jesus. What does this tell us about the love that Jesus has for us?*
- 2. Levi isn't the only person in this story who needs Jesus. The Pharisees also needed his call to pierce their hearts. Unfortunately, their religious code had become a boundary that emphasized keeping others out rather than inviting others into God's presence. Reflect for a moment on the way this instinct may show itself in your own heart. Who are the people/groups you separate yourself from? Who are you quick to judge or show contempt toward? If you're willing, share some of this with your group as an opportunity to pray for one another.*
- 3. Read Isaiah 53:4-6 together. How does the gospel tell us that Jesus heals us of our sin sickness?*
- 4. Levi left everything to follow Jesus. His immediate response was to throw a great feast so that his friends would get to meet Jesus too. Levi's newfound joy both changed his orientation toward his "stuff," and it gave him the desire to tell others about Jesus. How do you see gospel joy at work in your life? Encourage each other with one or two ways Jesus has given you new and lasting joy.*

# 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

### *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 Need Jesus"*

*All*

Well, I was lost inside confusion and a nightmare of a dream,  
I did not know which god to turn to or if it were up to me,  
Until some simple words were spoken that I gratefully received,  
And just one prayer sprang up within me and I started whispering,  
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

But soon I found that sweet salvation just uncovered all my need.  
That sin and me, like blood and ink, were all mixed up inseparably,  
And that it's not my deeds or branches but the roots of my whole tree,  
That are so rotten full of hatred, that for me to merely breath,  
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

See, I had thought, one day, more holy or mature that I would be,  
That I'd lead others on to righteousness and teach the blind to see.  
Instead, I've found each day I'm frightened just how evil I can be,  
And now I feel the most at home with all the perverts and unclean 'cause  
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

I keep on looking for some reason I should raise my self-esteem,  
'Cause all my gifts and all my efforts must sure add up to something,  
But then again, again with tears of joy, I'm brought down to my knees,  
Here at the foot of him who died for me I'm stripped of everything and,  
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

Now I say, "Glory! Hallelujah!" I'm so glad to be redeemed!  
To be so desperate for Jesus and so gloriously weak,  
I do not ever want to stray from the Community of Need  
O may I never leave dependence or forsake my Food and Drink,  
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

*Nathan Partain, 2012*

## 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** 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. The Bible Study Class on 2 Samuel will be in the Speck Gallery. We are continuing a series of interviews and panel discussions with Elders at Redeemer. We hope you'll join us in the Underground as we talk with Kyle Ragsdale, Nathan Partain, and Mike Berend.

**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.*

3-5 pm

**Youth Group this Evening** Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. *Email marypaxton@redeemindy.org with any questions.*

April 3rd-8th  
6-6:45 pm

**Holy Week Prayer Nights** Join us Monday through Thursday for a special time of prayer and worship. We'll sing, pray, and walk through the last week of Jesus' life according to Luke's gospel, with plenty of opportunities for both kids and adults to engage. It'll be family-friendly and intergenerational. We hope you can be there!

April 7  
6-7:15 pm

**Good Friday Service** This year we will have our service from 6 to 7:15 pm. We will provide childcare for children ages 0-5 in the Redeemer offices instead of the nursery, in lieu of First Friday. *Please use the QR code to sign up in advance so we know how many volunteers to provide.* Join in this time of prayer, worship, and reflection as we consider all that Jesus did for us.



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.*



April 2nd-9th

**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 next Sunday, and can also be dropped off at Redeemer offices during the week.



# Closing Hymn

*"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 then 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*

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$394,070

January-March 2023 budget:

\$696,477

## Congregational Giving

March 5, 2023 .....	\$	48,998
March 12, 2023 .....	\$	39,606
March 19, 2023 .....	\$	44,276
<b>March Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>132,859</b>

## 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](mailto: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

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- Male  Female

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Male  Female

### CONTACT

Email 

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Phone 

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### 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](http://www.redeemindy.org/ministries) for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.



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