

Easter

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church
9 April 2023*



Cover Art

Melanie MacKillop

Banners

Karyl Boring, Sara Dickey, Shanda Eickelberger, Jamie Felton, Missy Himelick, Jenni Mansell, and Carolyn McDonnell

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

Daffodil Paintings

Redeemer art class instructed by Katie Pourcho

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.

South Window

Creatives Class, Youth Group, and Tom Peck's Community Group (the Peck Pack) led by Beth Hall

Communion Set

Matt Kenyan

Call to Worship

from Revelation 5:9-14

Leader Join with the song of heaven to Jesus, the risen Lamb of God:

All **“You are worthy to take the will of God
and bring about his purposes on the earth,
Because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
You have made them to be a kingdom
and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.**

Leader Join with the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands,
and ten thousand times ten thousand.
They encircle the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they say:

All **“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”**

Leader Join with every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth
and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

All **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”**

Opening Hymn

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

All

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n,
From his eternal throne,
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days,
Adored and magnified.**

words Matthew Bridges, 1851, Public Domain; music George J. Elvey, 1868

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

from Isaiah 53:1; 1 Kings 8:56; Romans 6:9; John 15:26; John 10:10; Matthew 18:7

Leader

Who has believed our message,
and to whom has the Son of God been revealed?

All

**We're so afraid of the shame of being tricked,
that we call cynicism wisdom;
we become self-righteous, doubting everything,
even as our souls are starved, and we cut ourselves off from all that you offer.**

Leader

Jesus, you rose from the dead!
Death no longer has any dominion over you.
You are alive, full of power and with us right now.

All

**Forgive our timidity,
our one-foot-in, one-foot-out attitude.
We hedge our bets for what to depend on,
and half-obey the Spirit you have sent to live in us.**

Leader

Father, you have shown yourself to be faithful and true.
You have not withheld your son from us
and have done everything you have ever promised.

All

**But we underestimate our unbelief,
requiring proofs that even if we had them,
we would hesitate to believe.
We keep trusting the world's promises:
We follow our desires—but still are confused.
We consume all we want—but still are hungry.
We find acceptance—but still are alone.**

Leader

Have mercy on us by your Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

from John 20:29; 1 Peter 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; John 14:18-21; Matthew 28:20

Leader To those who believe and have put their trust in his word,
Jesus says:

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

All **Though we have not seen him yet, we love him;
and even though we do not see him now,
we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.**

Leader Your light and momentary troubles are achieving for you
an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

All **Therefore we do not lose heart,
and we fix our eyes not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen,
Since what is seen is temporary,
but what is unseen is eternal.**

Leader Jesus reassures us:
“I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you.
Though the world will not see me anymore,
you will see me.”

All **Jesus is one with the Father, and we are one with Jesus.
We have been given new hearts obedient to his will,
and now share the love of the Father and the Son,
For we love him, and Jesus shows himself to us.**

Leader Jesus promises us:
“I will be with you always, even to the very end of the age.”

All **In this world there are so many troubles,
But we take heart!
Jesus has overcome the world!**

Song in the Gospel

“Up from the Grave”

All

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose;
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose;
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose;
With a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
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Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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

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.

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Reader

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

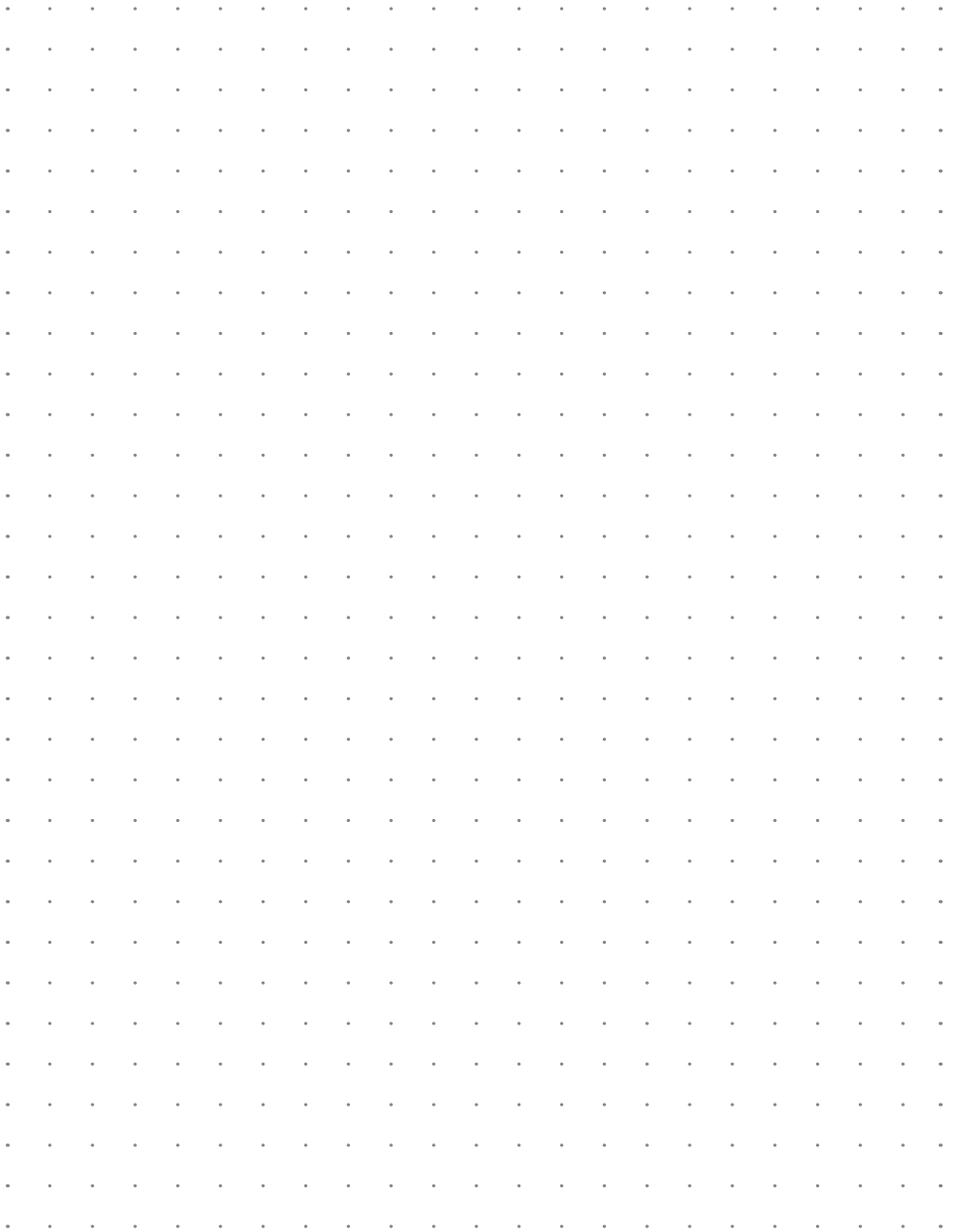
People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Notes



Additional Texts

Aeschylus, Eumindes 647f.

Once a man has died, and the dust has soaked up his blood, there is no resurrection.

Pliny the Elder, Natural History, 7.55

“It is a similar piece of vanity, too, to preserve the dead bodies of men; just like the promise that he shall come to life again, which was made by Democritus; who, however, never has come to life again himself. Out upon it! What downright madness is it to suppose that life is to recommence after death!”

Daniel 12:1–4

There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end.

Community Group Questions

1. *What parts of the Christian faith are you tempted to find nonsensical? This can feel like a tricky question; it may feel risky to articulate our doubts and struggles. But, as a way of believing in the transforming safety of the gospel, can you articulate what parts of the Bible can come off to you as nonsense?*
2. *Read Luke 24:1-49. What are all the ways that God works to show the early believers and us that the resurrection isn't nonsense?*
3. *If Jesus is raised from the dead, and it really is credible to believe it, how does that re-shape what we might see as nonsense in the Christian faith? To put it another way, how can the resurrection give ballast to the parts of the Christian faith we struggle with?*

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

“Look Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious”

All

**Look, ye saints! The sight is glorious:
See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Every knee to Him shall bow;
Now O Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior
Let your love and pow’r rain down.**

**Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him;
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone Him,
While the vault of heaven rings;
Now O Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior
To this dust, your kingdom bring.**

**Sinners in their derision scorned Him,
And thus mocked the Savior’s true claim;
Saints and angels worship around Him,
Shouting his glories, praising His name;**

**Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
O what peace that sight affords!
Our dear Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior
Be our joy forevermore.**

words: Thomas Kelly, 1809; music and additional words: Nathan Partain, 2014

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

No Sunday School We will resume Sunday School next week (April 16th) for the remainder of the school year.

Easter Celebration Enjoy our Easter feast in the gym and Underground. All are welcome to eat.

ENDS TODAY

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 can be dropped off in the storage bin near the Courtyard door.

April 14
5-9 pm

Middle School Social Join us for a night of fun and games at Rascal's Fun Zone! We are excited to take our Middle Schoolers on an awesome adventure with go-karts, arcade games, and more! Pizza will be provided for dinner. *Use the QR code to sign up.*



April 22
9 am-12 pm

Weekend Respite Our care ministry partners with Redeemer Kids to provide quarterly respite childcare events to single parents, parents of children with special needs, and foster and adoptive parents. Our respite care event will have lunch included. Please sign up by April 17th with the QR code, so we can assure that we have enough volunteers. Sign-ups also help us plan for one-on-one support and food allergies. *If you are interested in volunteering to serve the families of Redeemer in this way, please contact Amanda Huron (amanda.huron@redeemindy.org).*



April 30
12:30-1:30 pm

Twenties Lunch Are you in your twenties, looking for space to connect at Redeemer? Come join us in the Underground at 12:30 for a catered lunch and discussion around "What makes a good life?". We want to get to know you and create a space for you to meet more people in their twenties. And oh yeah, and we'll be serving Yats. Woohoo! *Use the QR code to RSVP.*



May 7
12:30-1:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch New-ish to Redeemer? We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service on May 7th. 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. *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

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

All

**Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory, he doth rise.**

**Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit, we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father, sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

**Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

*words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson
music: attr. to William Moore, 1825; Arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005*

Benediction

Leader

The tomb is empty. Christ is risen!

All

He is risen indeed!

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2023 year-to-date giving:
\$456,175



January-April 2023 budget:
\$928,636

Congregational Giving

April 2, 2023	\$	40,343
April Total	\$	40,343

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 Regular Attendee
 Out-of-Town Guest Redeemer Member

FIRST & LAST NAME

- Men Women

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Men Women

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I'D LIKE TO... *

- Become a Member
 Join a Community Group
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 Do Something Else:

*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.



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