

Easter tide

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church
7 May 2023*



Cover Art

Melanie MacKillop

My still life series was created by gathering pieces from around my home—family heirlooms, ornate vases, and glass goblets—I have collected. I looked for ones of varying heights and sizes and filled them with organic materials, like dried flowers and leaves. I played with different arrangements until they gave me a sense of fluidity and balanced composition. For each day of Holy Week I was representing, I chose colors and elements to portray the emotion of the day: green to celebrate the life of Christ on Palm Sunday, red and dark tones to mourn His death on Good Friday, and gold and orange to represent the jubilation of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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 Psalm 24

Leader The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
 the world, and all who live in it.

All **He set the land against the raging sea,
He fixed it firm among rushing waters.**

Leader Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
 Who may stand where his holiness is?

All **The one whose hands are innocent,
 whose heart is pure,
 who has not given himself to evil use,
 who has not lived against the truth.**

Leader Lift up your heads, you gates!

All **Be lifted up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader Who is this King of glory?

All **The LORD strong and mighty,
 the LORD mighty in battle.**

Leader Lift up your heads, you gates!

All **Lift them up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader Who is he, this King of glory?

All **The LORD Almighty—
 he is the King of glory.**

Hymn of Praise

“Joy to the World”

All

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

words Isaac Watts, 1719; music “Antioch”; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Hymn of Praise

“The Lord is King”

All

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!
From world to world, the joy shall ring,
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways;
Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

words Josiah Conder, 1824; music Nathan Partain, 2003

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

“Arise, my Soul, Arise”

All

**Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on his hands.**

**Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!**

**He ever lives above, for me, to intercede,
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead,
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.**

**Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!**

**Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”**

**Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!**

**With God, I’m reconciled, his pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence, I now draw nigh, with confidence, I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father” cry.**

**Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!**

words Charles Wesley, 1742; music Kevin Twit, 1996

Song in the Gospel

“Hold Thou My Hand”

All

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Dependence

Katie Pourcho and Beatrice Rader

Baptism

Second Service:

Russell James McDonald

Parents: Brenna & Nicholas McDonald

Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

What is Baptism?

All

Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

All

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Saward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Vows of Baptism

Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Russell's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Russell to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God."

All

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call."**

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Russell James McDonald into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All

**We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ's name, welcomes Christ.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

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 24:36-43

Reader

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

*Reader
People*

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Additional Text

1 Corinthians 15:20

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Community Group Questions

1. *How do you think of heaven? (Do you think of heaven?) By heaven, we mean the place where believers will live for eternity. What do you picture it like? What, do you think, shapes those pictures for you?*
2. *Read Isaiah 60 and Revelation 21:1-22:5 (which draws on Isaiah 60). These passages picture the new heaven and earth (Rev. 21:1). What do we learn from the embodied, earthy description? How does that interact with how you tend to picture heaven?*
3. *As a group brainstorm images and pictures of what a resurrected, embodied new heaven and earth could look like. Then pray together and ask God to stir your imagination and desire for him to bring his new creation.*

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.**

Valediction

Second Service:

Carolyn Herrera

Community Life

Today
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.*

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 After second service Kyle Ragsdale will interview Kate Orr on the exhibit "The Edge of Infinity" in the Harrison Gallery.

3:5 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle school and high school students come join us as we celebrate and hear from our awesome seniors! Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. Email Mary Paxton or Nicholas with any questions.

Small Business Sunday We will have coffee from *Ithmah Coffee Roaster* and baked goods from *Cleo's Bodega* in the Harrison Gallery after service.

OPEN UNTIL
NEXT SUNDAY

Kid's Club Sign-Ups Are Open Kid's Club is Redeemer's camp-like version of VBS. In the evenings of June 5th-8th, preschool and elementary children will play games and learn Bible Stories, then on the 9th we will end the week with a special dinner celebration at Spades Park. *Use the QR code if you would like to register your child or sign-up to volunteer as a student or adult.*



Children



Volunteer

May 7
12:30-2 pm

Amanda Edgell's Thank You Lunch Join us in the gym as we celebrate the legacy of Amanda Edgell's time as the Director of Community Groups after the 2nd service. While the Edgell family will continue to be a part of our church, we hope to send them graciously as they pursue their next steps in God's calling.

September '23
- May '24
9:30 am - 12 pm

MOPS Join us this September through next May on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month in the Underground for good discussion, thought-provoking speakers, and the support of other moms. *Use the QR code to register.*



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

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 our Mercy Class. We hope you'll join us in the Underground for an overview of Redeemer's theological view of mercy and justice.

Closing 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

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:
\$713,511

Congregational Giving

January-April 2023 budget:
\$928,636

April 2, 2023	\$ 40,343
April 9, 2023	\$ 85,927
April 16, 2023	\$ 20,372
April 23, 2023	\$ 97,956
April 30, 2023	\$ 52,305
April Total	\$ 297,679

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

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:

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



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