

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY.

APRIL 4, 2021



Cover Art

Kipp Normand

Flower Installation

Hidi Gardner led the concept and many in our community worked to make many, many flowers.

Tree Window Covering

Barb Knuckles and the Kyle Ragsdale Community Group

Vestments

Lauren McElhaney and Molly Kelly

Communion Set

TJ Samuels

Call to Worship

*From Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 11:15; Philippians 2:10; Revelation 5:9;
Ephesians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:12; Isaiah 14:27*

Leader Beloved, open your eyes!
Can you see it?!

The King is on his throne,
surrounded by multitudes and multitudes of angels,
exulting in the work of Jesus,
who is raised higher than any other authority,
victorious over sin and death and hell,
with the name that causes all to fall in worship.

All **His kingdom of peace has no end.
Fear and sadness are gone because all power belongs
to the all loving and ever living God.**

Leader Can you see it?!

He moves in love toward his people.
He purchases their souls with his own blood.
He raises them from the death of sin,
and makes them a part of his family,
rulers in his kingdom.

All **All that's left for them is glory upon glory,
sinners resurrected in majesty,
whose very existence is a miracle
that makes angels gasp at the immensity
and reach of his grace.**

Leader Can you see it?!

He is the one who does the unthinkable,
whose purposes can never be undone,
who speaks and it is accomplished.

All **He lives and will reign forever and ever.
Christ is risen!**

Leader He has risen indeed!

All **Hallelujah!
Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life!**

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 their burning eyes
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.**

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Testimony of God's Grace

From 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and Titus 3:4

Leader Children of God, who were you before you believed in Jesus?

All **We served only ourselves.
We worshiped empty things.
We were broken in our intimacy.
We were twisted in our desires.
We stole from others.
We always wanted more.
We were living in a haze.
We manipulated to get our way.
We were against God and blamed others for our guilt.**

Leader But when the kindness and love of God your Savior appeared,
he saved you, not because of anything good you had done,
but because of his mercy.

All **Yes, we have been washed,
we have been made holy,
we have been justified,
in the name of our Master Jesus, Our Savior,
and by the Spirit of our God.**

Song in the Gospel

"A Child of God"

All

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,
And I see just delight there in my Father's face.

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I know now, I'm safe, cause nothing can harm me
Or break in and take what's been stored up for me;
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

Nathan Partain, 2011

Song in the Gospel

“Hallelujah! What a Savior”

All

**Man of Sorrows! What a name, for the Son of God, who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place, condemned, he stood,
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he;
“Full atonement!” Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Membership

1st Service

Evie Brumbaugh
Raelyn Carter
Keegan Fridblom
Trina Helderman
Samantha Ivaturi
Christina Platt
Kaleb Ware

2nd Service

Addie Anderson
Kaetlyn Haist, Eden, Chloe, and Norah
Eric & Jenny Hannon
Paul Jacobson
John & Jenny Karraker
Luke & Elizabeth Livingston
Nick Rieth & Jean Zipagan

3rd Service

Joel Atkinson
Scott & Trina Jones, Emily, Owen, Madison, and Isaac
Wesley & Carolina Judd
Joel & Julianne Vastbinder
Bert Witzel

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

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

People

What is Baptism?

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.

Covenant Baptism

3rd Service

Carolina Judd

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
and the God of your descendants after you.”

People

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
“The promise is for you and your children.”**

Leader

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

People

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

Scripture

Reader

Romans 8:10-11

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Charles Anderson

“Because Jesus has been raised...”

Community Group Questions

1) How have you experienced the reality of death in this past year? That may be in actual death or the power of death in our lives right now (e.g., relational, emotional, spiritual death).

2) Because Jesus has been raised from the dead, so much about our lives and our world can be different. Which of the consequences discussed in the sermon resonate for you? How does resurrection hope translate into everyday life for you in this season?

Call to Communion

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes 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 to receive Communion with us. 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 (in a socially distanced way).

Prayers

Prayer for Guidance to Truth

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Doubt and Faith

God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.

All

Doxology

**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.**

Community Life

Mini-Conference with Rebecca McLaughlin, April 11th

Eastertide Prayer Guides

Email Ben Reed, ben@redeemindy.org, to request a paper or digital copy.

Closing Hymn

“He Was Wounded”

All

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He bore our sins in his body on the tree;
For our guilt, he gave us peace,
From our bondage gave release,
And with his stripes, and with his stripes,
And with his stripes, our souls are healed.

He was numbered among transgressors,
We did esteem him forsaken by his God;
As our sacrifice, he died,
That the law be satisfied,
And all our sin, and all our sin,
And all our sin was laid on him.

We had wandered, we all had wandered,
Far from the fold of “the Shepherd of the sheep”;
But he sought us where we were,
On the mountains bleak and bare,
And bro’t us home, and bro’t us home,
And bro’t us safely home to God.

Who can number his generation?
Who shall declare all the triumphs of his cross?
Millions, dead, now live again,
Myriads follow in his train!
Victorious Lord, victorious Lord,
Victorious Lord and coming King!

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words Thomas O. Chisholm, 1920 ;music Joseph N. Partain, 1977

Valediction

Leader

All

What is dying will soon be clothed in immortality.

Death will be swallowed up in victory!

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?

Benediction