



# Lent

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Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
19 March 2023

## Cover Art

*Creatives Class*

## Banners

*Esther Grey*

## 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

*David Halladay*

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



# Call to Worship

*from Isaiah 61*

*Leader*      The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,  
                  for the LORD has anointed me  
                  to bring good news to the poor.

*All*            **He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted  
                  and to proclaim that captives will be released  
                  and prisoners will be freed.**

*Leader*      He has sent me to tell those who mourn  
                  that the time of the LORD's favor has come,  
                  and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

*All*            **To all who mourn in Israel,  
                  he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,  
                  a joyous blessing instead of mourning,  
                  festive praise instead of despair.  
In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks  
                  that the LORD has planted for his own glory.**

# Opening Hymn

*“Beautiful Savior”*

*All*

**All my days, I will sing this song of gladness.  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**I will trust in the cross of my redeemer;  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.**

**Beautiful savior, wonderful counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You’re the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious holiness, you’re the risen one, heaven’s champion,  
And you reign, you reign, over all.**

**I long to be where the praise is never ending;  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshipers will share one song;  
And cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!**

**Beautiful savior, wonderful counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You’re the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious holiness, you’re the risen one, heaven’s champion,  
And you reign, you reign, over all.**

*Stuart Townsend, 1998*

# 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

*“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 embrace.**

**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, whisp'ring doubts into their ear,  
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

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*Nathan Partain, 2014*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Jesus, I Come to Thee”*

*All*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light—Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus—I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.**

*words: William T. Sleeper, 1887; music: Nathan Partain, 2000*



# 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]*



### *Ministry Spotlight*

# High School HOUSE PARTY



*In February, our high school youth group and leaders attended their second annual High School House Party in northern Indiana. It was a great time of intentional gospel conversation, connection, entertainment, and eating!*

*This morning we are excited for you to hear from two high school juniors, Jack Anderson and Libby Hickman, on what most stood out.*

# Scripture Reading

*Luke 5:12-16*

*Reader*

<sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus ordered him to tell no one, but “go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Yet the word about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

*Reader*

This is the Word of the Lord.

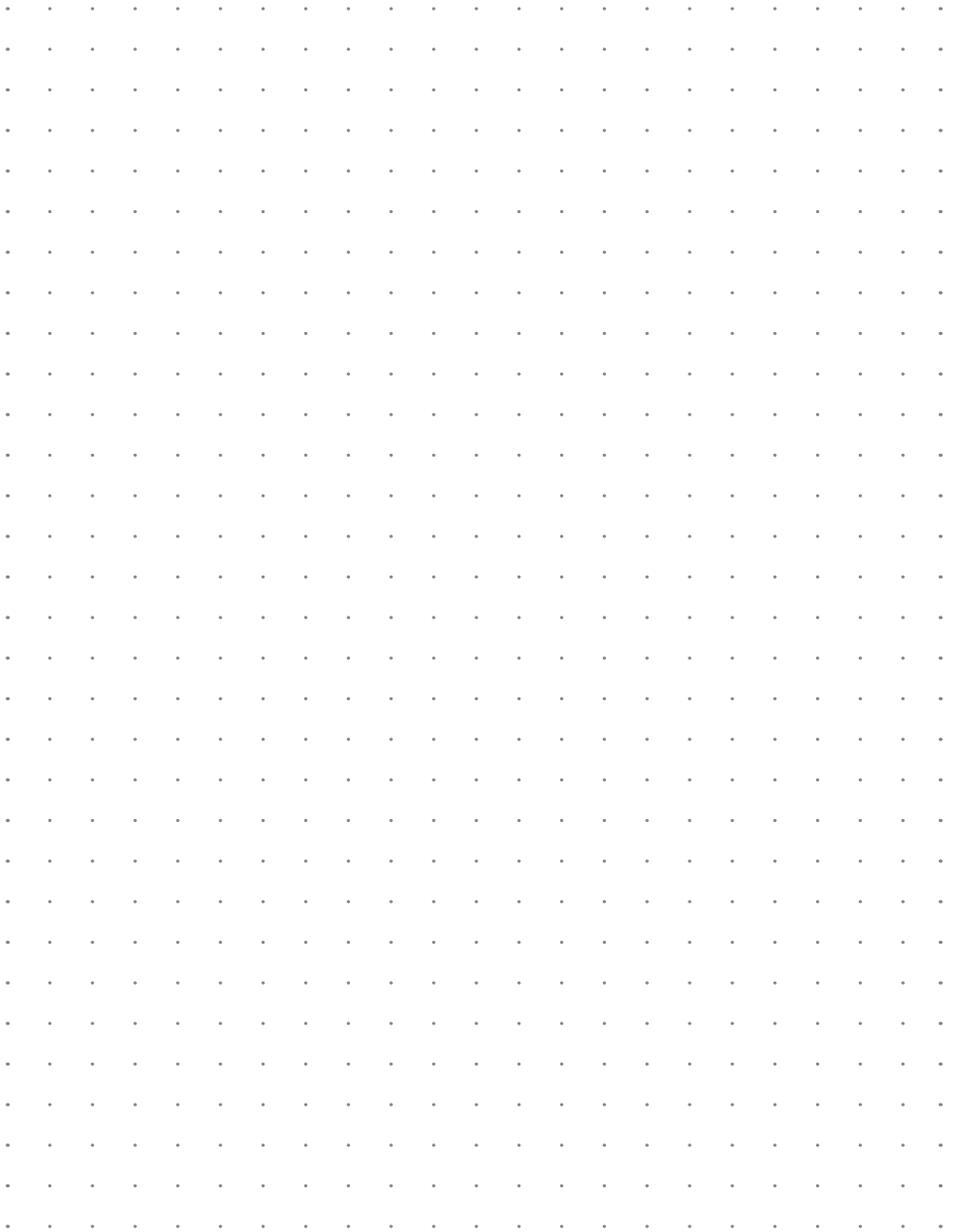
*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Anderson

# Notes



## Additional Text

*Leviticus 13:45-46*

*<sup>45</sup> Anyone with such a defiling disease must wear torn clothes, let their hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of their face and cry out, "Unclean! Unclean!" <sup>46</sup> As long as they have the disease they remain unclean. They must live alone; they must live outside the camp*

## Community Group Questions

1. *What would it feel like to be a leper in Jesus' day? What would hit you the hardest, do you think? How does leprosy give us an analogy into our spiritual condition apart from Jesus?*
2. *What do we see of God's heart and our salvation in how Jesus interacts with and heals the leper in Luke 5:12-16?*
3. *Dale Ralph Davis in his commentary describes the leper: "Here is not some unclean human specimen for our condescending pity but a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ and to show us where all true faith in Jesus must begin." How can the leper teach us in our faith?*

# 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.*

## 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.*

# Song of Celebration

*“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”*

*Song of Solomon 2:3-4*

*Like the finest apple tree in the orchard is my lover among other young men.*

*I sit in his delightful shade and taste his delicious fruit.*

*He escorts me to the banquet hall; it’s obvious how much he loves me.*

*All*

**The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree.  
I’m weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see, ’tis found in Christ the apple tree.  
I’ll sit and eat this fruit divine, it cheers my heart like spiritual wine;  
And now this fruit is sweet to me, that grows on Christ the apple tree,  
That grows on Christ the apple tree.**

**This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne’er can tell;  
The glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

**This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be, with Jesus Christ the apple tree.**

*From a poem by Elizabeth Poston, 1967; music Tom Peck 2023*

## 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** 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 (Art Mix clay studio.) The Bible Study Class on 2 Samuel will be in the Speck Gallery.

**Get to Know Your Elders** This week, we begin a series of interviews and panel discussions with Elders at Redeemer. What does their role look like? Why does it matter that we have elders? What are they hoping and praying for in this season? Or maybe you're not sure who our elders are, or even what an "elder" is. We hope you will join us in the Underground as we talk with Bill Taft and Chad Davis this morning.

April 8th  
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](mailto:emily@redeemindy.org).*



April 9th  
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 help our friends and neighbors feel welcome. *If you are ready to sign-up for a dish that you can bring, head to the welcome bar to learn more.*



## Upcoming Events and Updates

March 22  
6:30-8:30 pm

**Painting Party In the Underground** Join us in the Underground for a painting event for ages five to adult, where we will learn to paint art for our Easter worship in a class taught by Katie Porcho! We would love to see you here to share your work with the rest of the church. *We will have a snack bar, so please use the QR code to RSVP so we can provide enough food.*



### Missions Giving Initiative

If you wish to support the work of the Missions Team, you can give in one of the following ways.

- Write "Missions" on the memo of your check
- Give online at [redeemindy.org/give](http://redeemindy.org/give) and select "Missions" for the fund
- Scan the QR code here with your phone to give online

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the work of the Missions Team and the care for our partners.



**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](http://redeemindy.org).*



# Closing Hymn

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*All*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**With your word you heal the leper, by your voice the blind can see.  
Prisoners are led to freedom; captive souls are safely free.  
Comforting the brokenhearted, preaching good news to the poor;  
Father, reign—both in and through us—for your glory evermore.**

*music: Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony No. 9, 1824; words: Henry van Dyke in 1907; additional verse (from Isaiah 61) Tom Peck 2023*

## Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$349,794

January-February 2023 budget:

\$696,477

## Congregational Giving

March 5, 2023 .....	\$	48,998
March 12, 2023 .....	\$	39,606
<b>March Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>88,604</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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### 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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