

Easter tide

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church
16 April 2023*



Cover Art

Melanie MacKillop

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

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

based on Psalm 46

Leader Though the world is full of chaos,
 God provides a mighty peace to us, his people.

All **God is our refuge and strength,
 an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
 though its waters roar and foam
 and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader The chaos of the world is like the sea,
 but the grace of God is like a stream of life-giving water.

All **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
 God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
 he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader The LORD says to nations all over the world:

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

All **God is with us! He is our fortress.**

Opening Hymn

“Rejoice the Lord is King!”

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744 / 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

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

All

**How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He would give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure;
How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross My guilt upon His shoulders,
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers;
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished,
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything No gifts, no powr’s, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection;
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom.**

**How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure,
That He would give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.**

Stuart Townend, 1995

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”

All

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**O let the dead now hear Thy voice;
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed
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words: Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; music: Nathan Partain, 2010

Prayer of Dependence

AJ & Jennie Rader

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



KID'S CLUB Volunteers

Last June, we held Kid's Club—our camplike version of VBS for preschool and elementary children—for the first time. Kid's Club proved to be a great time for everyone involved through games, crafts, and learning about Jesus, and this year is guaranteed to be just as awesome... if not better.

This morning we will hear from Jesse & Stephanie Yeomans, two of last year's volunteers, and we will learn how volunteering at Kid's Club was a great way for them to get plugged in to the church.

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 wondering 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

Sam Haist

Good News For Bad Listeners

Notes



Additional Text

Mark 8:31-33

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Mark 9:30-32

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Mark 10:32-34

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Community Group Questions

1. *Take a minute to read Luke 24:1-12. How would you describe some of the reactions Luke records here? Are there any that you resonate with? If you put yourselves in their shoes, how might you respond to the news of Jesus' empty tomb?*
2. *In verse 5, two angels ask the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" It's almost as if the angels think the disciples should've expected Jesus' resurrection. Why did the angels think this? And why was it so hard for the disciples to believe?*
3. *These verses highlight both the faithfulness of Jesus and the forgetfulness of his followers. Jesus makes good on all of his promises, but he also has patience towards those who aren't sure how to take him. How does the resurrection shape the way you understand Jesus? If all of these things are true, do you find him more trustworthy, powerful, or confusing as a result?*

First Communion

Josephine Webster

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

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders AJ and Jen Rader located in the back.

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

“Yesu Azali Awa”

All

**Yesu azali awa
Yesu azali awa
Yesu azali awa, na biso
Jesus Christ is here
Jesus Christ is here
Jesus Christ is here, with us**

Chorus:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, na Yesu
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, na Yesu**

**Biso tokomona ye
Biso tokomona ye
Biso tokomona ye, na lola.
We will see him on his throne
We will see him on his throne
We will see him on his throne, as our King**

[Chorus]

**Biso tokosepela
Biso tokosepela
Biso tokosepela, na lola
We'll sing praises to his name
We'll sing praises to his name
We'll sing praises to his name, evermore**

[Chorus]

**Biso tokokutana
Biso tokokutana
Biso tokokutana, na lola
We will dance and share the joy
We will dance and share the joy
We will dance and share the joy, of the Lord**

[Chorus x2]

Congolese Hymn - author unknown

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 Matt Overley and Mo Henein.

12:30 pm

Artist Talk Hear from artist Beatriz Vasquez on her exhibit "Recuerdos de Papel" (*Memories of Paper*), facilitated by artist and curator Kyle Ragsdale. This exhibit features contemporary Paper Picardo-inspired artwork focusing on memories of the artist's life and culture.

3-5 pm

Youth Group Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. *Email Mary Paxton Lind (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) with any questions.*

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 3
Din.: 5:15 pm
Ser.: 6 pm

Prayer Service We are excited to meet for a time of fellowship and worship. Bring your family and friends, and invite your community group to come together. We will serve dinner at 5:15 pm in the underground. The service will start at 6 pm and we will have nursery workers available to care for children aged 0-5. *Use the QR code to for childcare.*



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.*



New Hope Office Manager Position The counseling center is looking for a part-time (20 hours per week) Office Manager. We need someone to help New Hope who is organized, professional, and good at communicating and time management. This position is mostly remote and requires at least one day in the office for meetings. *If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Jeff Nottingham. You can use the QR code to learn more about the position.*



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

Closing Hymn

“We Will Feast”

All

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.**

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Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$542,102

January-April 2023 budget:

\$928,636

Congregational Giving

April 2, 2023	\$	40,343
April 9, 2023	\$	85,927
April Total	\$	126,270

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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