

# Easter tide

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
23 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 Acts 2:22-36*

*Leader* People of God, Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to us  
by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did through him.  
He was handed over by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge;  
and was put to death by nailing him to the cross.

*All* **But God raised him from the dead,  
freeing him from the agony of death,  
because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.**

*Leader* No, he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead,  
nor did his body see decay.  
God has raised this Jesus to life and by faith we are all witnesses of it.

*All* **Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father  
the promised Holy Spirit and has poured him out on all who believe.**

*Leader* The LORD Almighty said to Jesus,  
"Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet."

*All* **Therefore let everyone be assured of this:  
"God has made this Jesus, whom the world crucified,  
both Lord and Messiah."**

# Opening Hymn

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

*All*

**I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And his wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross, he suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer!  
With his blood, he purchased me!  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free!**

**I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save,  
In his boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer!  
With his blood, he purchased me!  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free!**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory he giveth,  
Over sin and death and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer!  
With his blood, he purchased me!  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free!**

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Paid the debt and made me free!**

*words Phillip Bliss, 1976; music Luke Morton, 2005*

# 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

*“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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Victorious Lord and coming King!**

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Victorious Lord and coming King!**

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

# Song in the Gospel

*"Behold, What Jesus Rose to Do!"*

*All*

**The empty filled, the wounded healed,  
The broken back together.  
The poor are blessed, the weary rest,  
We will dance forever.**

**The blinded see, the chained are free,  
The doubtful now believer.  
The outcast known, the orphan home,  
You are our Redeemer.**

**Behold, behold, what Christ our Lord can do!  
Behold, behold, he's making all things new.**

**The lost return, the voiceless heard,  
The mourner now rejoicing.  
The mountains shake, the world awake,  
Creation all composing.**

**The sad untrue, the earth renewed,  
The song has found its singer.  
The darkness light, the dead alive,  
You are our Redeemer.**

**Behold, behold, what Christ our Lord can do!  
Behold, behold, he's making all things new.  
Behold, behold, what Christ our Lord can do!  
Behold, behold, he's making all things new.**

**We've been struck down, we're not destroyed.  
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.  
We've been struck down, we're not destroyed.  
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy.  
Our eyes are open, Our eyes are open.**

**Behold, behold, what Christ our Lord can do!  
Behold, behold, he's making all things new.  
Behold, behold, what Christ our Lord can do!  
Behold, behold, he's making all things new.  
He's making all things new.  
He's making all things new.**

*Natalie Taylor Leonhardt, 2020; alt lyrics: Nathan Partain, 2023*



# Prayer of Dependence

*Blake & Renata Jackson*

## 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](https://redeemindy.org/give)]*



# Scripture Reading

*Luke 24:13-35*

*Reader*

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

*Reader*  
*People*

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

## **Sermon**

Charles Anderson

## **Notes**

A large grid of small dots for taking notes, consisting of 20 rows and 30 columns.

## Community Group Questions

1. *The two disciples of Jesus tell him their broken hope about what they had thought he was going to do (read Luke 24:19-24). Where do you know that feeling of broken hope?*
2. *Where have you seen life not at all match what you had dreamed and wanted? What does Jesus diagnose as their underlying problem? (Luke 24:25-26) How can we see that in what they share in 24:19-24?*
3. *Jesus' solution is to re-narrate the Bible for them to help them see how it all points to him (read 24:26-27). How is that true? How is it that "all the Scriptures" concern the Messiah?*
4. *How could this close connection between Jesus and Scripture re-shape how we relate to Scripture? How we relate to Jesus? What should that do to shape how you participate in Sunday worship? In community group?*

# 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 Blake & Renata Jackson 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

*"His Word will Never Die"*

*All*

From the first of creation, the Lord God of heaven stood out in broadest daylight.  
So that all of his creatures should know of his nature and worship their Author of Life.  
Though all his wisdom cries out at each corner all the day and all through the night.  
The whole of mankind has not wanted to find any god who would challenge their pride.  
See our God is not silent at all, he has spoken in so many ways  
That his children would answer their Father's call, to believe and be saved.  
Though the sun go dark, And the land lost to sea, Though the stars fall out of the sky,  
His word never will die, His word never will die!  
His word never will die, His word never will die!

See, at just the right moment, the Lord God infinite was born into the world he had made.  
Came incarnate and holy, revealing the myst'ry hidden before every age.  
But those who weren't looking to yield to the True King, rejected and killed him in hate.  
Not knowing the plan, that the Word became man all to die and to rise and to save.  
See our God is not silent at all, he has spoken in so many ways  
Here is Christ, in the bread and the wine, broken, poured, for your grace.  
Let the dead be raised, Let them cry out with praise. All God said is in Jesus Christ,  
His word never will die, His word never will die!  
His word never will die, His word never will die!

Though falsehood confuse every mind, with deceptions like angels of light,  
Though the faithful are nowhere in sight, those who wait, are hard to find.  
Though all evil should stand, and pervade every land, though his children pressed on all sides,  
His word never will die, His word never will die!  
His word never will die, His word never will die!

*Nathan Partain, 2011*

## 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. 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 Ryan Brumbaugh and Foster Pilcher.

OPEN UNTIL  
MAY 14

**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

**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?" Oh yeah, we'll be serving Yats. *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 sign your child(ren) up 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 to register.*



*More information can be found at our website: [redeemindy.org](http://redeemindy.org).*

# Closing Hymn

*"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*

# Benediction



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2023 year-to-date giving:  
\$563,250

January-April 2023 budget:  
\$928,636

## Congregational Giving

April 2, 2023 .....	\$	40,343
April 9, 2023 .....	\$	85,927
April 16, 2023 .....	\$	20,372
<b>April Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>147,418</b>

# Notes



## 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     Regular Attendee  
 Out-of-Town Guest     Redeemer Member

### FIRST & LAST NAME

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- Men     Women

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Men     Women

### CONTACT

Email 

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Phone 

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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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