

Easter tide

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church
14 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 40:1-10

Leader

I waited patiently for the LORD;
He turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;

All

**He set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.**

Leader

Many will see and yield to the LORD,
and put their trust in him.

All

**O LORD, my God, many are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;**

Leader

Were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

All

**I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.**

Leader

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

All

**I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.**

Opening Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

All

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
’Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.
He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.
O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great Redeemer’s praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!**

words: Charles Wesley, 1739; music: Carl. G. Glazer, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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

"Just As I Am"

All

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about, confused, conflicted, full of doubts,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yes, all in Thee I need to find, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am I come,
Receiving all you've done
And covered by your blood,
I'm held within your love.**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine and Thine alone, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb I come.**

**Just as I am I come,
Receiving all you've done
And covered by your blood,
I'm held within your love.**

**You've won for me full forgiveness, just as I am, O Lamb I come.
Set free from fear, I can confess, just as I am, O Lamb I come.
I leave my rags of righteousness, just as I am, O Lamb I come.
For now I wear your holiness, just as I am, O Lamb I come.
Just as I am, O Lamb, I come.
Just as I am, O Lamb, I come.**

**Just as I am I come,
Receiving all you've done
And covered by your blood,
I'm held within your love.**

words: Charlotte Elliott, 1835/alt.lyrics: Nathan Partain, 2011; music: Nathan Partain, 2011

Song in the Gospel

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

All

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore’er we adore him.**

words Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Lobe den Herren, 1665

Song in the Gospel

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

**I need Thee ev’ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; ev’ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee ev’ry hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; ev’ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee ev’ry hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises, in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; ev’ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee, O, I need Thee; ev’ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; music: Robert Lowry, 1872

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]



Graduation Sunday

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-49

Reader

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

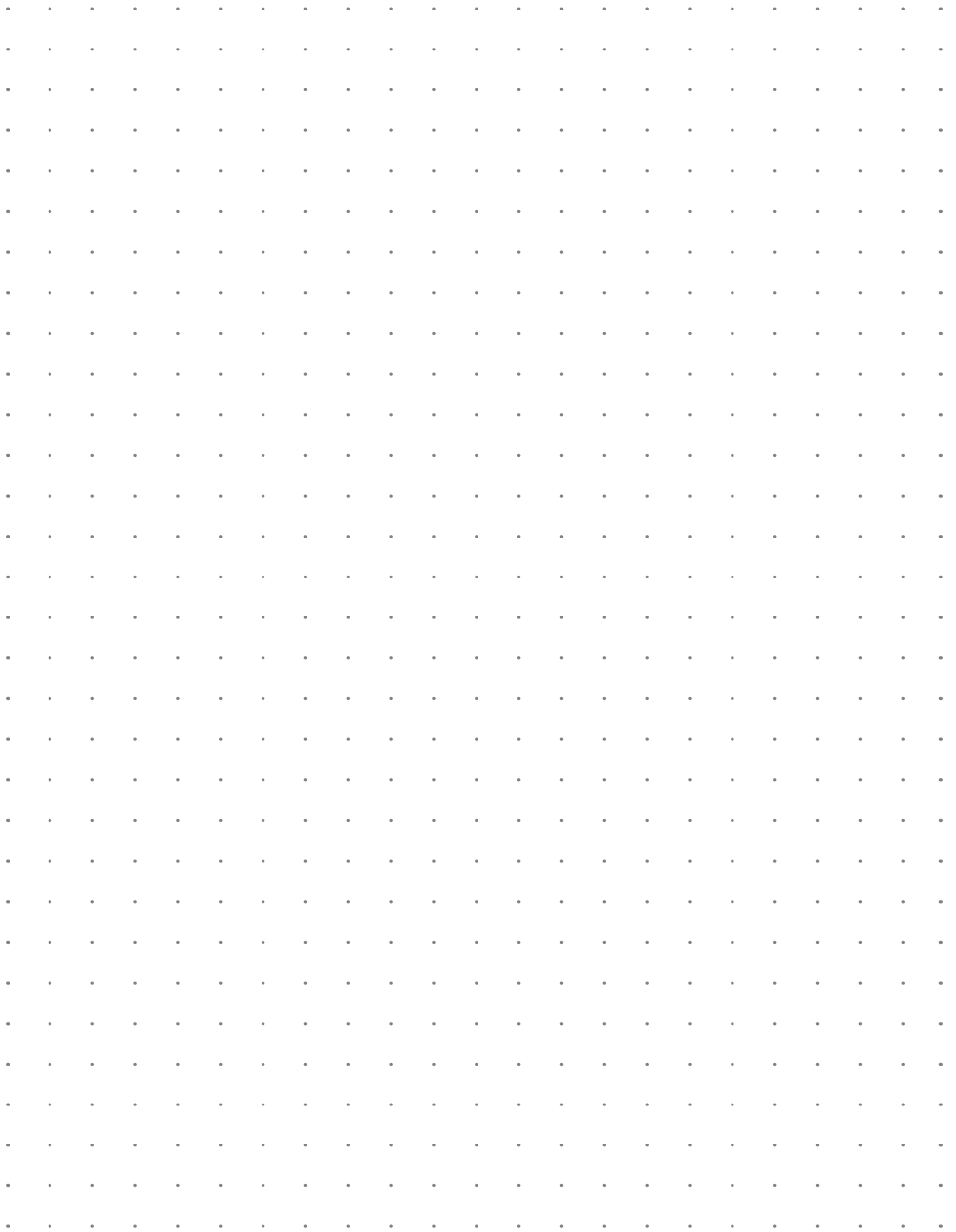
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ben Hein

The Spirit and Mission

Notes



Additional Text

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Ephesians 4:18

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Willie James Jennings, Acts

"The church should be the place that suspends the worry of how multiple peoples may [live] together, not by avoiding such complexity but through showing a collective body moving, living, and struggling to form a space of life and love. Indeed the joining of multiple peoples is born of the desire of the Spirit and enabled only as we yield to the Spirit and turn in relentless embrace of one another. Such [an] existence is not an unattainable goal. It is the reality that surrounds the Christian. Our goal must be to embrace it."

Community Group Questions

1. *Think Fast: Break up into pairs. Surprise! Your partner is now a Martian from space. Take turns explaining the person and work of the Holy Spirit as best you can to someone who knows nothing about Him. (Note: Bonus points to the group member with the best Martian voice.)*
2. *How do you see the Spirit at work in you during this present season? Take time to share these examples as a group.*
3. *Where do you tend to look for confidence (i.e., your abilities, your finances, the opinions of others, etc.)? How does the Spirit ground us in a better, enduring, more beautiful kind of confidence?*
4. *Are there any places you want to, or have been, striving to bear witness to Christ that feel hopeless? If you're willing, take time to share these things and pray for one another.*
5. *What does the witness of the global church mean to you, today? How does it give us humility? Confidence? Does it challenge or encourage you? What does the witness of the global church tell you about Jesus?*

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

“Take All My Life”

Though dark my path or sad my lot,
Let me “be still,” and murmur not,
But breathe the prayer divinely taught.
My God and Father, day by day,
Far from my home in life’s rough way,
Oh! teach me from my heart to say:

Take all my life, Lord, not mine but your will be done; I trust your love.
With saints and angels I cry, “My Savior! Come!”

What though in lonely grief I sigh,
For friends, beloved, no longer nigh,
Submissive still will I reply,
If thou should call me to resign,
What most I prize, it ne’er was mine;
I only yield thee what was thine.

Take all my life, Lord, not mine but your will be done; I trust your love.
With saints and angels I cry, “My Savior! Come!”

If but my fainting heart be blest,
With thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God! to thee I leave the rest!
Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with thine, and take away,
All now that makes it hard to pray.

Take all my life, Lord, not mine but your will be done; I trust your love.
With saints and angels I cry, “My Savior! Come!”

words Charlotte Elliott, 1834; music Nathan Partain, 2004

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

First Service:

Blaise & Kalyin Vincz

Second Service:

Kaden & Claire Eaton

Community Life

**REGISTRATION
ENDS TODAY!**

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 21
12:30-2 pm*

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



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 a panel focused on what it can look like to engage within Redeemer's mercy and justice work.

Closing Hymn

“Come, Holy Ghost”

All

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts, take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav’nly aid,
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou has made.**

**O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heav’nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

**O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

**Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
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**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

*words Veni, Creator Spiritus attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, additional chorus by Ray Mills, 2005;
music Bruce Benedict and Ray Mills, 2005*

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:
\$765,288



January–May 2023 budget:
\$1,160,795

Congregational Giving

May 7, 2023	\$	51,857
May Total	\$	51,857

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

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I'D LIKE TO... *

- Become a Member
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