

Easter tide

*Redeemer Presbyterian Church
21 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

Kyle Ragsdale & Anna Vanest

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP + NURSERY

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Call to Worship

from Philippians 2

Leader Jesus, our Messiah, was in his very nature God,
but did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;

All **Instead, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.**

Leader And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even a shameful public execution on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

All **That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice! 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

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

All

**I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory Hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives to bless me with His love; Glory Hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above; Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives, he lives, who once was dead, Glory Hallelujah!
He lives, whose reign is without end, Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory Hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives all glory to his name; Glory Hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Glory Hallelujah!**

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words: Samuel Medley, 1775; music: F. C. Wood, 1850

Song in the Gospel

"The Lord is my Joy"

All **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

Women **I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you.
(Repeat)**

Men **And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.
And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams.**

All **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

Nathan Partain, 2008

Prayer of Dependence

Kevin & Amy Hern

Children's Worship + Nursery

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Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture Reading

Luke 24:50-53

Reader

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, blessing God.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

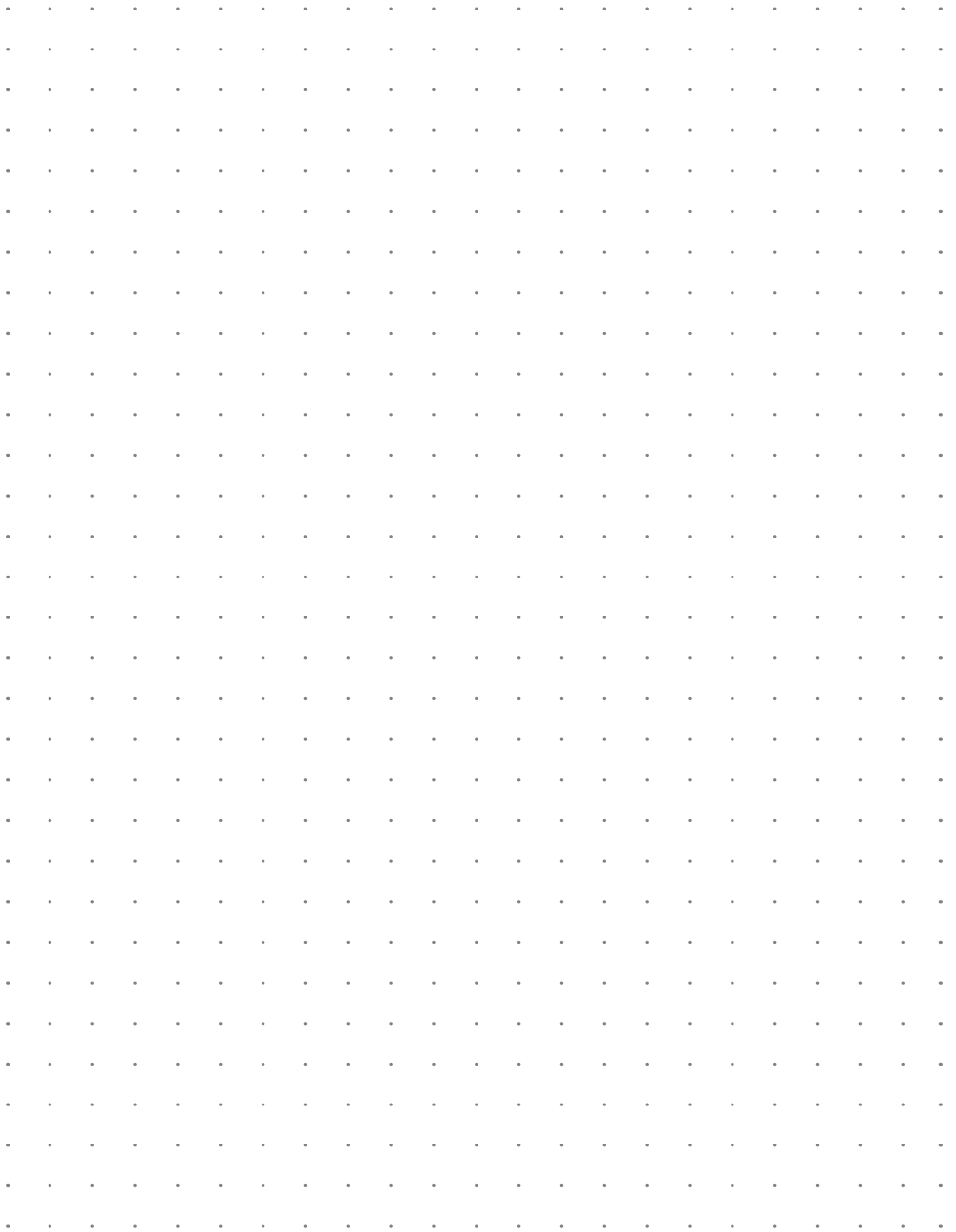
People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Notes



Additional Text

Dietrich Bonhoefer, *Letters and Papers from Prison*

Today is Ascension Day, and that means that it is a day of great joy for all who can believe that Christ rules the world and our lives.

Luke 9:31

They spoke about his departure (exodus), which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

Luke 9:51

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Acts 2:34–35

³⁴ *For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,*

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵ *until I make your enemies*

a footstool for your feet.”

1 Peter 3:21b–22

^{21b} *It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.*

Luke 1:42

In a loud voice Elizabeth exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!”

John Owen

This makes me judge that the season of Christ’s entrance into heaven, as the holy sanctuary of God, was the greatest instance of created glory that ever was or ever shall be, unto the consummation of all things.

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 Kevin & Amy Hern 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

“Some Day the Silver Cord will Break”

All

**Some day the silver cord will break, and I no more as now shall sing;
But oh, the joy when I shall wake, within the palace of the King!**

**And I shall see Jesus face to face,
And I’ll tell the story—How all I had, was all His grace.**

**Some day my earthly house will fall. I cannot tell how soon ’twill be;
But this I know—my All in All, has now a place in Heav’n for me.**

**And I shall see Jesus face to face,
And I’ll tell the story—How all I had, was all His grace.**

**Some day, when fades the golden sun, beneath the rosy tinted west,
My blessèd Lord will say, “Well done!”, and I shall enter into rest.**

**And I shall see Jesus face to face,
And I’ll tell the story—How all I had, was all His grace.**

words: Fanny Crosby, 1891; music: Nathan Partain, 2014

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.**

Amanda Edgell Send-off

We celebrate the legacy of Amanda Edgell’s time as the Director of Community Groups and her work in pastoral care.

Community Life

Today
12:30 pm

Amanda Edgell'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 2nd service. The Edgell family will continue to be a part of our church, and we hope to send them well as they pursue their next steps in God's calling.

3:5 pm

Youth Group End-of-the-Year Party Come join us for our last Youth Group of the semester! We will wrap up our book and have some fun surprises in store to celebrate a great year together. Email Mary Paxton or Nicholas with any questions.

June 4
10 am

Deacon Team Thank You Brunch The Deacon Team is having a brunch for the volunteers that serve on the Visitation Team, Neighbor care team, Meal Train Team, and Homebound care team. For those of you that are on those teams, enjoy brunch in the Speck gallery.

September '23
- **May '24**
9:30 am - 12 pm

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



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS 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.

Our Mercy Class will end next week, May 28th, in the Underground. Join us this morning for a panel discussion on engagement outside of Redeemer, particularly in the context of vocation.

Closing Hymn

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

All

**Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory, he doth rise.**

**Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit, we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father, sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

**Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson; music: attr. to William Moore, 1825; Arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:
\$788,934

January-May 2023 budget:
\$1,160,795

Congregational Giving

May 7, 2023	\$	51,857
May 14, 2023	\$	23,646
May Total	\$	75,503

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.

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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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