

#### Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you have joined with us to worship God. Please stay after the service and get to know others in our community who are calling Redeemer Presbyterian Church "home." If you have any questions about our church, feel free to contact us using the information on the back of the bulletin.

When you arrive for worship, please observe silence as you prepare to enter into God's Divine Service. Silence your cell phone, listen to the prelude, read the Words of Preparation and the Scripture lessons in the back of the bulletin, and join others in prayer and meditation.

#### **Our Worship**

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect our belief that worship is God's service to us, his people. By design, there are three parts to our worship: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The **Service of Entrance** begins when the choir sings the Introit, followed by our Hymn of Invocation, Call to Worship, and Prayer of Adoration. We will then join in a Corporate Confession of Sin, hear God's Declaration of Absolution, and respond with the Gloria and Hymn of Gratitude or Psalm.

The **Service of the Word** will include readings from the Lectionary (a calendar-based system for reading through the Bible) along with corporate responses of song and prayer. The sermon is God's Word to us and we ask that you listen attentively, asking the Holy Spirit to apply his Word to you in a particular way.

The **Service of the Table** begins with a Corporate Confession of Faith, followed by the Passing of the Peace, and the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. Our service concludes with the Lord's Supper and Benediction. Our church partakes of the Lord's Supper every week. We welcome to the table all baptized Christians who are trusting in Christ alone for their salvation, have made public profession of their faith, and are part of a local church. We offer both wine and grape juice (located in the center rings) in the communion tray. If you have any questions, please speak with a pastor.

### **Your Children**

We love kids! And we try to make them feel welcome during our worship service. You can help your children profit from the service by working through the bulletin with them. If your child needs a break from the service, please feel free to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the service. You can also take young children to the Nursery. A private space is provided in the Nursery for nursing mothers.

### **Between Services**

Please join us in the courtyard for a time of fellowship with coffee and breakfast snacks. At 10:15 a.m., we offer School of Discipleship classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, with nursery through kindergarten downstairs, and first grade through adults meeting on the second floor.

Liturgical Color: Purple - symbolizes preparation and penitence

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## THE DIVINE SERVICE

February 18, 2024 *The First Sunday in Lent* 



Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Attende Domine – Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

**Michael Phillips** 

#### WORDS OF PREPARATION

Genesis 22:1-18

God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, you led your ancient wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of your church, that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

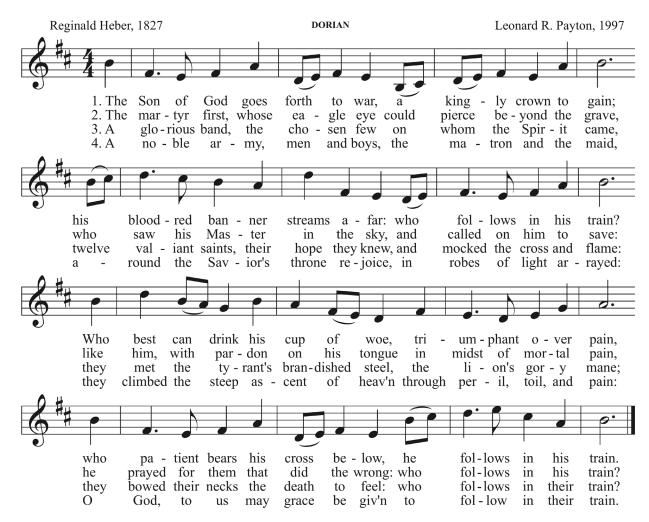
## The Service of Entrance

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**

To You I Call – Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

To you I call, O Lord my Rock. O Lord, to you I call.

#### **\*** HYMN OF ENTRANCE



- Minister: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
- People: The founder and perfecter of our faith,
- Minister: Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
- People: And is seated on the right hand of the throne of God.
- Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen.
- Minister: Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

#### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts – Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
But spare us, Lord, most holy,
O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior,
Thou most worthy judge eternal,
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
For any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

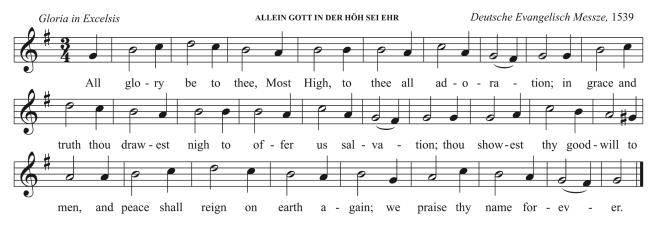
#### **DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION**

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: "Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification." All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

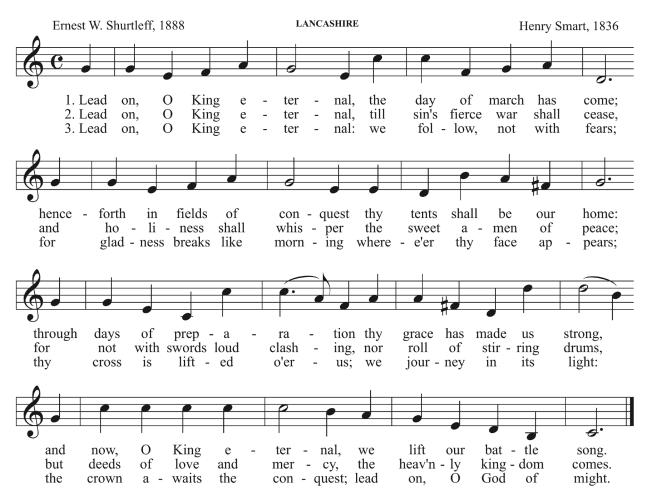
- Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
  - People: the Maker of heaven and earth.
  - Minister: O Lord, open our lips,
  - People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

#### THE GLORIA



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#### **\*** HYMN OF GRATITUDE



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## The Service of the Word

#### ✤ THE PSALTER

Psalm 25:1-10

Minister: Unto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you; O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me. All: For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender mercies, and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness. Gracious and righteous is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment, and those who are gentle shall he teach his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### THE EPISTLE LESSON

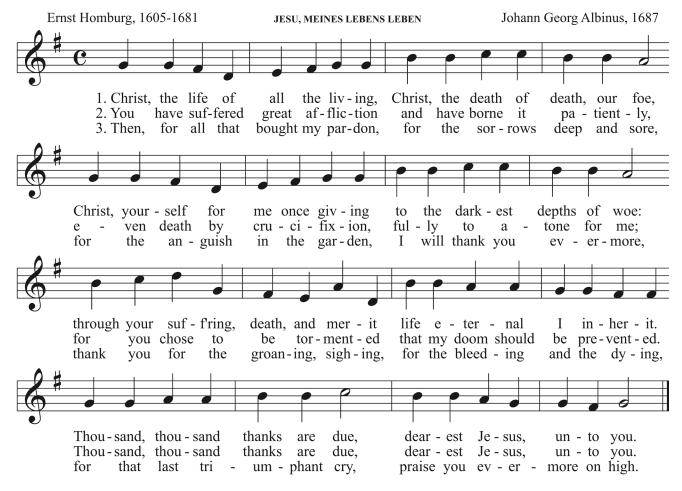
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

James 1:12-18

Mark 1:9-15

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

#### ✤ OUR RESPONSE



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#### **WELCOME**

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

#### INTERLUDE

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **\*** THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

#### ✤ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### **MORNING SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven

Mark 4:21-25

The Parable of the Lamp Mark 4:21-25

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Ruling Elder Ken Kieley

# The Service of the Table

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

- Unison: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
  - And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.
  - I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### ✤ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister:	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People:	And also with you!
Minister:	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

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#### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

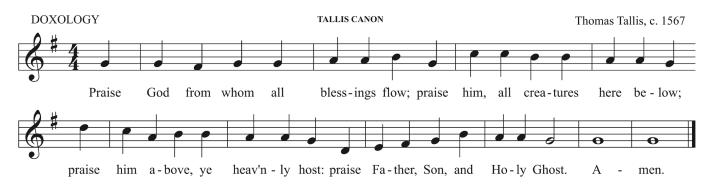
Minister:The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;People:the world, and they that dwell therein.

#### HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

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3.  On  - 1y  be	<i>anx-ious cares a - vail thee</i> still, and wait his lei - sure			
4. All are a -	like be - fore the High-est;	'tis eas - y to our		
5. Sing, pray, and	keep his ways un - swerv-ing,	so do thine own part		
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Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.



#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: We love you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. We present you with these gifts, which came first from your hand, as part of our sacrifice of praise. Use them, O God, for your glory and our good. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

People: Amen.

#### ✤ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister: The Lord be with you!
- People: And also with you!
- Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:



\* One of the many biblical names for God; in this case the Lord God of hosts or angelic armies. Pronounced "Sah-bah-oat"

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#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)



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#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)

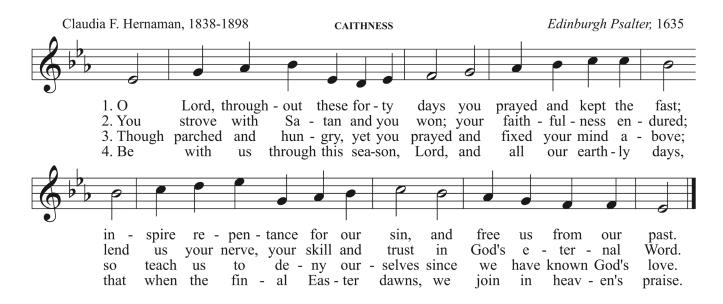


For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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#### **\* BENEDICTION**

#### \* DEPARTING HYMN



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## LESSONS

#### Psalm 25:1-10

Unto you, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in you; O let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies triumph over me. For all those who hope in you shall not be ashamed, but those who deal untruly shall be put to confusion. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me forth in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you has been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, your tender mercies, and your loving-kindnesses, which have been from of old. O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth, but according to your mercy think on me, O Lord, in your goodness. Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Those who are meek shall he guide in judgment. and those who are gentle shall he teach his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

#### Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

#### Sermon Lesson-Mark 4:21-25

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? <sup>22</sup>For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup>If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. <sup>25</sup>For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

## Redeemer Calendar

		FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Sun, Feb 18	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven preaching
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall
		Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Feb 19	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Feb 22		Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, child care provided, contact Alaina Torrey
Feb 23-25		Ranchopalooza, retreat for high school youth, contact Nate Esbenshade
Sat, Feb 24	8:00 a.m.	Ladies Pray for One Another Breakfast, La Madeleine in Sunset Hills
		SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sun, Feb 25	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Feb 26	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Feb 29	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 208, contact Marcus Serven
Sun, Mar 3		<b>Congregational Meeting,</b> after each service, election of new officers (details below)
Tue, Mar 5	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Library
Fri, Mar 8	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Night, home of Zoie Duncan
Fri, Mar 8	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Holbrook Organ Series, Thomas Kientz, organist
Sat, Mar 9	1:00 p.m.	Redeemer Game Day, Calvin Hall classrooms, contact Kyle Bruner
Sun, Mar 10	—	Daylight Saving Time begins, set clocks ahead one hour
Mar 10 & 17		No School of Discipleship or Evening at Redeemer, spring break
Mar 24-31	—	Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday
Apr 5-6	—	Setting Parents Free: Conference with Dr. John Cox, watch for registration info

#### **Congregational Meeting: March 3**

The session has announced that four men have gone through the process of nomination, training, and examination, and have been approved to stand for election as officers of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. There are two candidates for deacon: Kelly Baker and Aaron Rhinehart; and two candidates for ruling elder: Rick Mealer and Andrew Waller. On Sunday, March 3, we will hold a brief congregational meeting after each service, when members will vote on these men to serve as officers. Pick up a booklet on the narthex counter or visit our website to learn more. <u>https://redeemerpres.org/officer-elections-march-3/</u>

#### **Redeemer Game Day**

Join us on Saturday, March 9, between 1 and 5 p.m. for an afternoon of board games. Bring your favorite games from your collection or snag one from the game library, then grab a table and some friends! We will have plenty of choices for all ages and experience levels and lots of table space in Calvin Hall. Come whenever you can and please bring a snack to share. For details, contact Kyle Bruner: Kyle.Bruner@me.com.

#### For Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events and watch for registration links to come soon!

#### April 5-6 Parenting Conference: Setting Parents Free Speaker: Dr. John Cox

Friday evening and Saturday morning

### June 3-6

**Redeemer Arts Camp** Monday through Thursday for four years old through completed fourth grade

#### Missions Spotlight: Austin Faith & Work

Last weekend, Redeemer hosted a well-attended conference led by the Austin Center for Faith & Work. During the month of February, we will be praying for their continuing ministry in our community. Scan for details!



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