



REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Entrance, 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: White – symbolizes the brightness of the day and the Resurrection of Christ

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

April 27, 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Dr. John Orfe, Guest Organist/Choirmaster

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Gigue Variations — arr. John Orfe (1976-)

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Revelation 1:12-18

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance

CHORAL INTROIT

The Strife Is O'er — Symphonia Sacrum Köln, 1695

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Melchior Vulpus, 1609



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
4. He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee,

now is the Vic - tor's tri - umph won;
but Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
he ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
the bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
from death's dread sting thy ser - vants free,

now be the song of praise be - gun.
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head!
Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.
that we may live and sing to thee.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Now is Christ risen from the dead,
People: **And become the firstfruits of them that slept.**
Minister: For since by man came death,
People: **By man came also the resurrection of the dead.**
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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liber Usualis DORIAN SERVICE KYRIE Thomas Tallis

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

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

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your 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

Gloria in Excelsis Nicolas Decius

Glo - ry be to God on high! And on earth peace, good will t'ward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - migh - t - y.

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE

John of Damascus, 8th cent.

ELLACOMBE

Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, 1784



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2. Let hearts be purged from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4. All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to God the Son,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 let all the world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
 all praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne



our Christ has brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry a - scribe to God a - lone!

The Service of the Word



THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Now Glad of Heart — Keaton Lee Scott (1950-)

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!
The fight is fought, the day is won.
The Christ is set upon his throne, alleluia, alleluia!

Who on the rood was crucified,
Who rose again, as at this tide,
In glory to his Father's side, alleluia, alleluia!

Who baffled death and harrowed hell,
And led the souls that loved him well,
All in the light of lights to dwell: alleluia, alleluia!

To him we lift our heart and voice,
And in his paradise rejoice
With harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing alleluia, alleluia!

Then rise all Christian folk with me
and carol forth the One in Three
that was, and is and is to be, alleluia, alleluia!

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!
The fight is fought, the day is won.
The Christ is set upon his throne! Sing alleluia, alleluia.

(Christliche Gesangbüchlein, 1568)

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 5:12-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



Choir: Praise the Lord. O praise the Lord of | heaven;
 Praise him | in the heights.
 Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;
 Praise him, | all his host.

All: **Praise him, | sun and moon;
 Praise him, all you | stars of light.
 Praise him, all you highest | heavens,
 And you waters that are above the | heavens.**

Let them praise the Name | of the Lord,
 For he spoke the word, and they were made;
 he commanded, and they were cre- | ated.
 He has made them stand fast for ever and | ever;
 He has given them a law which shall not be | broken.

**Praise the Lord | upon earth,
 You sea monsters | and all deeps;
 Fire and hail, | snow and fog,
 Wind and storm, fulfil- | ling his word;**

Mountains | and all hills,
 Fruitful trees and all | cedars;
 Beasts and all | cattle,
 Creeping things and birds | of the air;

**Kings of the earth and all | peoples,
 Princes and all rulers | of the world;
 Young men and | maidens,
 Old men and children to- | gether.**

Let them praise the Name | of the Lord,
 For his Name only is excellent, and his praise above hea- | ven and earth.
 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his faithful shall | praise him,
 The children of Israel, the people who are near him. | Praise the Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 As it was in the be- | ginning,
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 1:4-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

George R. Woodward, 1894

VRUECHTEN

Joachim Oudaen's *David's Psalmen*, 1685



1. This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son
 3. Death's flood has lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 slum - - - ber, till trump from east to west
 riv - - - er; lov - er of souls, from ill

has sprung to life this mor - - - row.
 shall wake the dead in num - - - ber.
 my pass - ing soul de - liv - - - er.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day pris - on,
 our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en,
 a - ris - - - - - en!

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Rick Bocock

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 GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

The Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:1-12

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Filled with the hope and joy of the resurrection, 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."

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

Timothy Dwight, 1800

ST. THOMAS

Aaron Williams, 1763



1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2. I love thy Church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my pray'rs as - cend;
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,



the Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

5. Jesus, thou friend divine,
Our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
Shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN *Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Almighty, eternal, merciful God, you have abundantly provided for all our needs. In return we joyfully give to you these tithes and offerings, along with our very lives, for service in the kingdom of your risen and returning Son, in whose name 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; but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD William Mathias, 1934-1992

organ:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
organ:
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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)

Latin, 7th cent.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Henry Purcell, 1659-1695



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. *All that* ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, *dear - ly* loved of
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4. *Here* vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask of
5. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day: with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain, what they gain from thee for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy peo - ple as they pray; and thy full - est
with thy bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might, and



help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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)

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752

FINLANDIA

Jean Sibelius, 1899



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. Your hope, your
 and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, then shall you
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 bet - ter know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 sor - row and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 pay from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631

IN DIR IST FREUDE

Giovanni Gastoldi, c. 1556-c. 1622

1. In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2. Since he is ours, _____ we fear no pow'rs, _____ not of

sun - shine of my heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -

heav - en, thou the true Re-deem - er art. Our souls thou
 tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where - fore the

wak - est, our bonds thou break - est; who trusts thee sure - ly has built se -
 sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and voic - es; all heav'n re -

cure - ly; he stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to thee are
 glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall

cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

LESSONS

Psalm 148

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

Acts 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these

words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

Sermon Text — Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Redeemer Calendar

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, Apr 27 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
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10:15 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Tue, Apr 29 6:00 p.m.
Thu, May 1 9:30 a.m.
Fri, May 2 7:30 p.m.

The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Elder Conversations and Prayer, During services, Library and Room 207
Final School of Discipleship of Spring, Classes for all ages in Calvin Hall
Newcomers Lunch, Hosted by Pastor Danny, Room 206
Intro to Redeemer Class
Final Evening at Redeemer of Spring, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, with nursery care available
Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament, Contact Marcus Serven
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AoA: Holbrook Organ Series - Christopher Keenan, artsonalexander.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 4 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
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6:00 p.m.
Tue, May 6 6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
Thu, May 8 9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Sat, May 10 8:00 a.m.

The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Missions Fair, Courtyard
No School of Discipleship
Children's Choirs Hymn Sing, Covenant Hall, all are welcome
Session Meeting
Redeemer Theological Academy: New Testament, Contact Marcus Serven
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Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided
South Men's Breakfast, Contact Steven Loomis

May Missions Month

As we turn the corner into a new month, we will also turn our focus outside the four walls of Redeemer to engage in service and mission throughout the city of Austin. We'll use May to introduce Missions Month - a month dedicated to living out God's calling of the Church to be the epicenter of His mission to the cosmos.

Missions Month will kick off on Sunday, May 4, in between services in the courtyard, with a Missions Fair. We've invited local ministries like Mission Possible, Safe Families, the Austin Center for Faith and Work, and others to share about their work. Stop by each table to learn about different ministries and how to begin to serve with them.

We encourage you to take some time and read the blog about Missions Month on the Redeemer website by scanning the link below.



Children's Choirs Hymn Sing

The Children's Choirs invite you to their annual hymn sing on Sunday, May 4. This year they will be singing a collection of favorite hymns chosen by the members of the choirs, paired with scripture lessons. The hymn sing starts at 6:00 p.m. with cookies to follow.

Monthly Financial Report - April 2025

(Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024)

	Receipts		Expenses		Surplus / Deficit
Annual Budget	\$	2,029,000	\$	2,015,555	\$ 13,445
YTD Budget	\$	1,077,205	\$	1,018,778	\$ 58,428
YTD Actual	\$	1,013,744	\$	1,094,749	\$ (81,005)
<i>Favorable (unfavorable)</i>		(63,462)		(75,971)	\$ (139,433)

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