

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 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: Green – symbolizes our growth in Christ.

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

September 29, 2024

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Day

In Preparation



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

PRELUDE

Stephen Burnaman

Ciacona in C — Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-30

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that we may complete the works you have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

From All That Dwell Below the Skies — William Billings (1746-1800)

From all that dwell below the skies,
 Let the Creator's praise arise;
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung
 Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1561

OLD HUNDREDTH

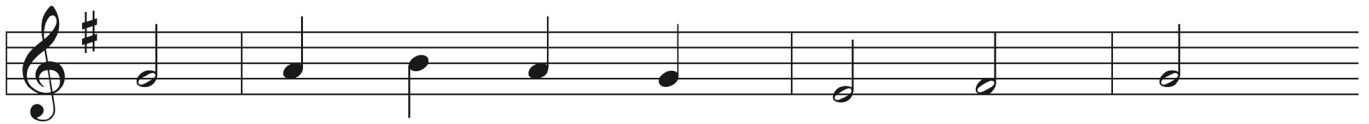
L. Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,
 2. *The Lord ye know is God in deed;*
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise,
 4. *For why? The Lord our God is good,*
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



sing to the Lord with cheer - ful voice;
with - out our aid he did us make;
 ap - proach with joy his courts un - to;
his mer - cy is for ev - er sure;
 the God whom heav'n and earth a - dore,



him serve with fear, his praise forth - tell,
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
 praise, laud, and bless his name al - ways,
his truth at all times firm - ly stood,
 from men and from the an - gel host



come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
and for his sheep he doth us take.
 for it is seem - ly so to do.
and shall from age to age en - dure.
 be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Minister: Bless the LORD O my soul,
People: And all that is within me bless his holy name!
 Minister: Bless the LORD O my soul,
People: And forget not all his benefits.
 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.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:10-12

FREYLINGHAUSEN

Johann A. Freylinghausen

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Cast me not a - way from thy pre - sence, and take not thy Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of thy sal -
 va - - - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

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Minister: Hear what the LORD our God says, “The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

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

Gloria, Nikolaus Decius, 1525

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH SEI EHR

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539



1. All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o -
2. We praise, we wor - ship thee, we trust, and give thee thanks for -
3. O Je - sus Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the heav'n - ly
4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious gift, thou Com - fort - er un -



ra - tion; in grace and truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for thy rule is just and wise, and
Fa - ther, O thou who hast our peace re - stored, the stray - ing
fail - ing, from Sa - tan's snares our souls up - lift, and let thy



us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to men, and
chang - es nev - er; thy hand al - might - y o'er us reigns, thou
sheep dost ga - ther; thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out
pow'r a - vail - ing, a - vert our woes and calm our dread. For



peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.
do - est what thy will or - dains; 'tis well for us thou rul - est.
of the depths we sin - ners cry: have mer - cy on us, Je - sus.
us the Sav - ior's blood was shed; we trust in thee to save us.

The Service of the Word



❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 104:27-35

Minister: These all wait upon you
People: **That you may give them food in due season.**
When you give it to them, they gather it,
and when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are troubled;
when you take away their breath, they die,
and are turned again to their dust.
When you let your breath go forth, they shall be made,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.
The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever;
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
if he even touches the hills, they shall smoke.
I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being,
And so shall my words please him;
my joy shall be in the Lord.
As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth,
and the ungodly shall come to an end.
Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:13-20

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Song of Solomon 2:3-4

I Sat Down Under His Shadow — Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house and his banner over me was love.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-42

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

J. G. Whittier, 1807-1892 REPTON C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4. With that deep hush sub - du - ing all our words and works that

ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 drown the ten - der whis - per of thy call, as

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - 'rence
 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by
 noise - less let thy bless - ing fall as fell thy man - na

praise. In deep - er rev - 'rence praise.
 thee. Rise up and fol - low thee.
 love! In - ter - pret - ed by love!
 down. As fell thy man - na down.

5. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace,
 The beauty of thy peace.

6. Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm;
 O still, small voice of calm!

INTERVIEW

Redeemer Deacons

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Deacon Micah Koch

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Samuel 14:1-46

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

Saul's Superstitious Religion

1 Samuel 14:1-46



Redeemer's Worship: Why We Do What We Do

“Give ear to my words, O Lord.”

Reading about the earliest experiences of New Covenant worship in the book of Acts, we are struck by how much the church prayed. They devoted themselves to prayer, Acts 2:42 says, and many of those prayers are recorded for us: from the prayer for wisdom to replace Judas among the disciples, to the prayer of praise and for protection after the arrest of Peter and John, to the prayer of Stephen before his martyrdom, and the list goes on!

As part of our worship, we pray seven times each Sunday. Some prayers are extemporaneous, others are carefully written beforehand, and others are drawn from tradition as part of the church's historic worship. Prayer is one of the

means of grace that God uses to convey his presence and blessing among us as we gather to worship him.

The congregation lends their “amen” to all of these prayers and also prays in unison the Lord's Prayer as a way to agree together that our Father in heaven is active in our midst, cares for our needs, forgives our sins, and guides our steps. Through this prayer we envision and enact the coming kingdom of God in our midst. No wonder the Reformed theologian John Calvin called prayer, “the chief exercise of faith”! For in it, we appeal to the God who is there, who hears, and who acts for his people's good and for his own glory.

◆ **Prayer of Supplication and Thanksgiving**

Each week an elder leads the congregation before the throne of God, lifting up the burdens and needs of the church and our community.

◆ **The Lord's Prayer**

With these words Jesus taught his disciples to pray and we use them not only as a model for our own prayers but also as a prayer we can say together believing God for the promises therein.

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 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."

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

Horatio N. Bonar, 1808-1889

KINGSFOLD

Traditional English



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on my breast":
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live":
look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright":



I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry and worn and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

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

DOXOLOGY DUKE STREET John C. Hatton, d. 1793



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Blessed be your name, O Most High God, forever and ever. You have delivered us from the power of darkness. You have brought us into your kingdom. All that we are and all that we have belongs to you. Prosper these gifts and bless the service we render to others through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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!

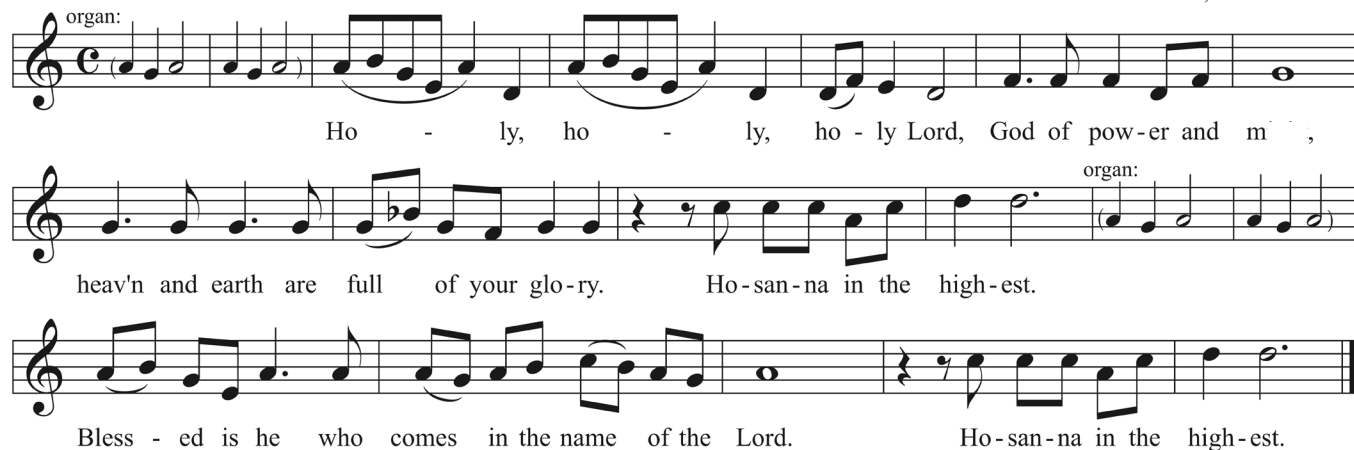
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 mi - ght,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 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)

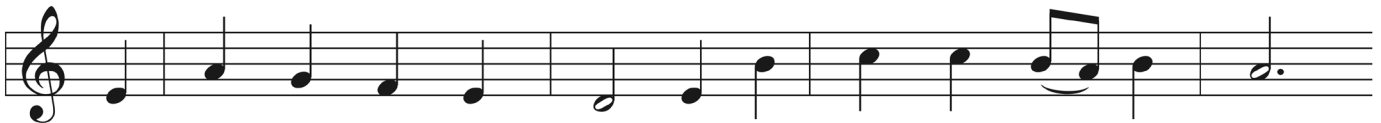
Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

PASSION CHORALE

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me, nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

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)

Edmund P. Clowney, 1987

ENGELBERG

Charles V. Stanford, 1904



1. Who shall as - cend the moun - tain of the Lord, to search the
 2. *One King a - lone, whose hands and heart are pure, one Ser - vant*
 3. He on - ly can as - cend to God's right hand who first came
 4. *Be - fore the clouds re - ceive the King on high, a cross lifts*



mys - ter - y in heav - en stored, the know - ledge of the Ho - ly
of the Lord with pur - pose sure, can en - ter in that glo - ry
 down as his high mer - cy planned; true God and man has earth and
up his form a - gainst the sky; the Fram - er of the worlds has



One a - dored? Al - - le - lu - ia!
to en - dure. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 heav - en spanned. Al - - le - lu - ia!
come to die. Al - - le - lu - ia!

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❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

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5. He shall as - cend the moun - tain of the Lord, the King of
glo - ry, whose own blood out-poured paid that dear price that mer - cy
did af - ford. Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

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LESSONS

Psalm 104:27-35

- ²⁷These all wait upon you,
that you may give them food in due season.
- ²⁸When you give it to them, they gather it,
and when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹When you hide your face, they are troubled;
when you take away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.
- ³⁰When you let your breath go forth, they shall be made,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever;
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.
- ³²He looks at the earth and it trembles;
if he even touches the hills, they shall smoke.
- ³³I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being,
- ³⁴And so shall my words please him;
my joy shall be in the Lord.
- ³⁵As for sinners, they shall perish from the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end.
Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord.

James 5:13-20

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-42

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea."

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 14:1-46

¹One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side.” But he did not tell his father. ²Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men, ³including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone. ⁴Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. ⁵The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

⁶Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few.” ⁷And his armor-bearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul.” ⁸Then Jonathan said, “Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. ⁹If they say to us, ‘Wait until we come to you,’ then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. ¹⁰But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up, for the Lord has given them into our hand. And this shall be the sign to us.” ¹¹So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, “Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves.” ¹²And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, “Come up to us, and we will show you a thing.” And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Come up after me, for the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel.” ¹³Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him. ¹⁴And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow’s length in an acre of land. ¹⁵And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.

¹⁶And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude was dispersing here and there. ¹⁷Then Saul said to the people who were with him, “Count and see who has gone from us.” And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there. ¹⁸So Saul said to Ahijah, “Bring the ark of God here.” For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel. ¹⁹Now while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.” ²⁰Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and went into the battle. And behold, every Philistine’s sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion. ²¹Now the Hebrews who had been with the Philistines before that time and who had gone up with them into the camp, even they also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. ²²Likewise, when all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines were fleeing, they too followed hard after them in the battle. ²³So the Lord saved Israel that day. And the battle passed beyond Beth-aven.

²⁴The men of Israel had been hard pressed that day, so Saul had laid an oath on the people, saying, “Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies.” So none of the people had tasted food. ²⁵Now when all the people came to the forest, behold, there was honey on the ground. ²⁶And when the people entered the forest, behold, the honey was dropping, but no one put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. ²⁷But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath, so he put out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes became bright. ²⁸Then one of the people said, “Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, ‘Cursed be the man who eats food this day.’” And the people were faint. ²⁹Then Jonathan said, “My father has troubled the land. See how my eyes have become bright because I tasted a little of this honey. ³⁰How much better if the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies that they found. For now the defeat among the Philistines has not been great.”

³¹They struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint. ³²The people pounced on the spoil and took sheep and oxen and calves and slaughtered them on the ground. And the people ate them with the blood. ³³Then they told Saul, “Behold, the people are sinning against the Lord by eating with the blood.” And he said, “You have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone to me here.” ³⁴And Saul said, “Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, ‘Let every man bring his ox or his sheep and slaughter them here and eat, and do not sin against the Lord by eating with the blood.’” So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night and they slaughtered them there. ³⁵And Saul built an altar to the Lord; it was the first altar that he built to the Lord.

³⁶ Then Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night and plunder them until the morning light; let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatever seems good to you." But the priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."
³⁷ And Saul inquired of God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you give them into the hand of Israel?" But he did not answer him that day. ³⁸ And Saul said, "Come here, all you leaders of the people, and know and see how this sin has arisen today. ³⁹ For as the Lord lives who saves Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But there was not a man among all the people who answered him. ⁴⁰ Then he said to all Israel, "You shall be on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good to you." ⁴¹ Therefore Saul said, "O Lord God of Israel, why have you not answered your servant this day? If this guilt is in me or in Jonathan my son, O Lord, God of Israel, give Urim. But if this guilt is in your people Israel, give Thummim." And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped. ⁴² Then Saul said, "Cast the lot between me and my son Jonathan." And Jonathan was taken.

⁴³ Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, "I tasted a little honey with the tip of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am; I will die." ⁴⁴ And Saul said, "God do so to me and more also; you shall surely die, Jonathan." ⁴⁵ Then the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day." So the people ransomed Jonathan, so that he did not die. ⁴⁶ Then Saul went up from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

Redeemer Calendar

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun, Sep 29	8:45 & 11:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Eric Landry preaching Sanctuary model display open , Room 100 School of Discipleship classes , For all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care Evening at Redeemer , Youth Group, Children’s Choirs, Adult Study, and nursery
Wed, Oct 2	6:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Prayer Meeting , Room 206
Oct 2-Nov 3	—	40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil , Contact Bret Mercer, see 40daysforlife.com
Thu, Oct 3	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy , Room 206, contact Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven
Oct 4-6	—	Middle School Retreat , Contact Nate Esbenshade
Sat, Oct 5	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Workout , Redeemer parking lot

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun, Oct 6	8:45 & 11:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	The Divine Service , Rev. Jon Herr preaching Sanctuary model display open , Room 100 School of Discipleship classes , For all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care Evening at Redeemer , Youth Group, Children’s Choirs, Adult Study, and nursery
Wed, Oct 9	6:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Prayer Meeting , Room 206
Thu, Oct 10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy , Room 206, contact Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven Journey of Motherhood , Library, child care provided
Sat, Oct 12	8:00 a.m.	South Men’s Breakfast , Jim’s at the Y, Contact Steven Loomis
Sun, Oct 27	1:00 p.m.	Emergency Medical Training , Room 206, RSVP with Heidi Abraham
Nov 1-3	—	30th Anniversary Conference & Fall Festival

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Redeemer is turning 30! To help celebrate our 30th anniversary as a church, the Session has invited the Rev. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey to speak at our Anniversary Conference on the subject of the “Past, Present, and Future of Reformed Churches.”

The conference will begin with one session on Friday evening, November 1, and conclude with two sessions the morning of Saturday, November 2. We hope you continue the celebration with our Fall Festival that Saturday afternoon and evening. Dr. Godfrey will preach both morning services on Sunday, November 3. More information coming soon!

Deacon Work Day

The Redeemer Deacons will be holding a “workday” this November! Do you have home projects that you just haven’t been able to get to? Tree trimming, furniture moving, attic cleaning, etc.? The Deacons want to help you knock these out! We will be hosting two workdays this fall on November 9th & 16th. To request help, send an email to Tisha Welch at twelch@redeemerpres.org with details of your project.

We are asking that all project requests be submitted by October 27!

September Missions Spotlight Texas StuMo

This month we are featuring and praying for Texas StuMo (Student Mobilization) and the work they are doing on the UT Campus. Please visit the web post or scan this code to learn more.



Monthly Financial Report (Fiscal year beginning Oct 1, 2023)

	Receipts	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
Annual Budget	\$ 1,844,184	\$ 1,824,786	\$ 19,398
YTD Budget	\$ 1,707,819	\$ 1,672,010	\$ 35,810
YTD Actual	\$ 1,940,905	\$ 1,841,442	\$ 99,464
<i>Favorable (unfavorable)</i>	233,086	(169,432)	63,654

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