

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

THE DIVINE SERVICE

April 7, 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

In Preparation

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

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

Prière à Notre-Dame – Lèon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

1 John 1:1—2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 – DEO GRATIAS

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



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.

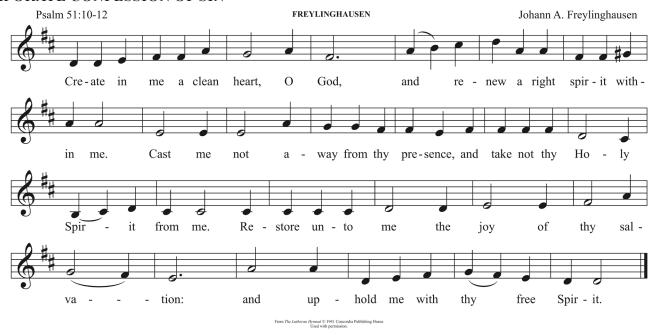
Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. Amen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN



Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Whoever has

my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me

does not keep my words."

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,

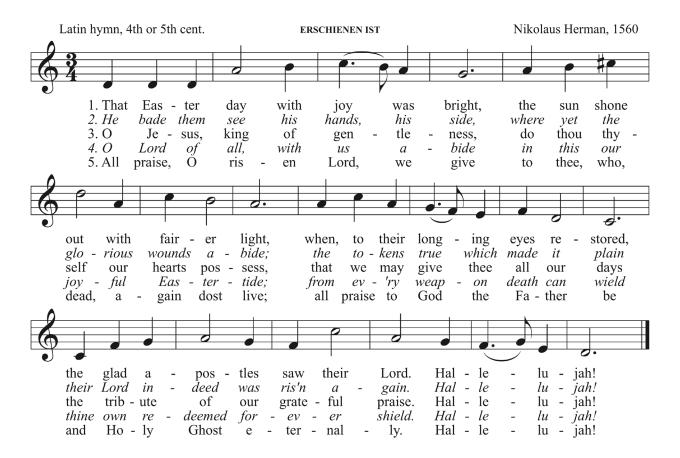
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

THE GLORIA





CHORAL HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide — Charles Wood (1866-1926)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, has spring to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

(George R. Woodward)

The Service of the Word

Acts 4:32-35

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER Psalm 148



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;

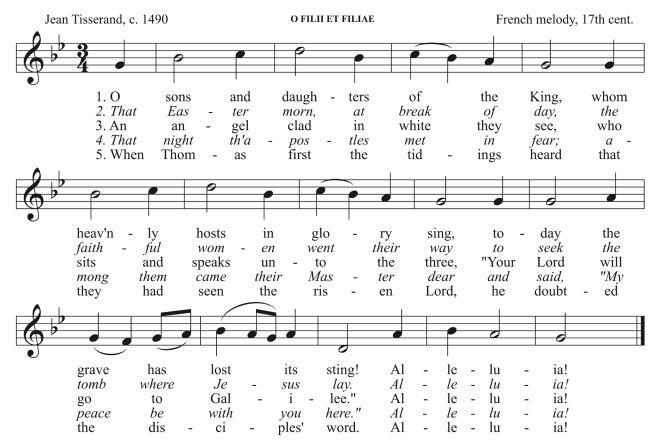
As it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Congregation stands as able

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

OUR RESPONSE



- 6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon my hands, my feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
- 8. How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win.

 Alleluia!
- 7. No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
- On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia!

WELCOME

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

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Landy Ligon

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

Mark 4:21-25

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON Rev. Dr. Marcus Serven

The Parable of the Lamp
Mark 4:21-25

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.

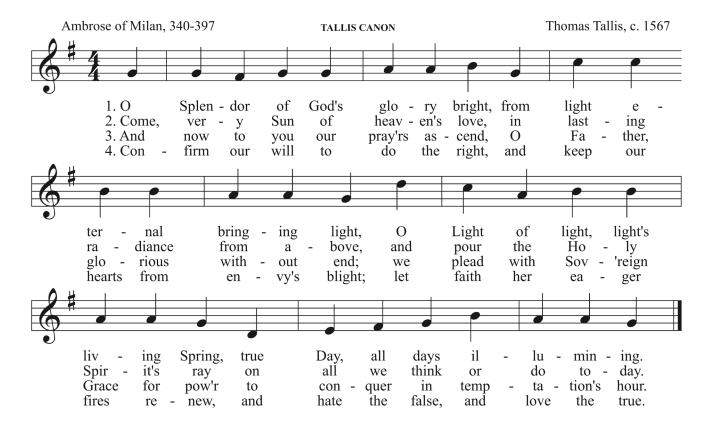
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

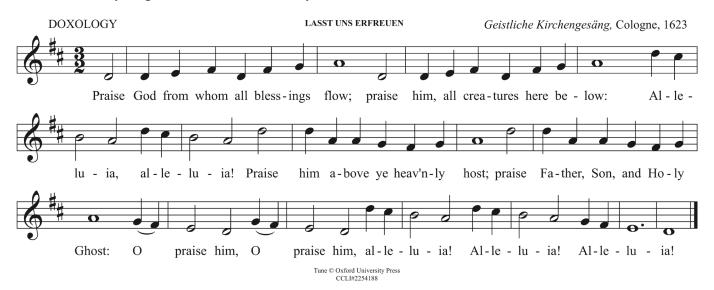
People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



- 5. O joyful be the passing day
 With thoughts as pure as morning's ray,
 With faith like noontide shining bright,
 Our souls unshadowed by the night.
- 6. Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies, Let him, our perfect Morn, arise, The Word in God the Father one, The Father imaged in the Son.

❖ 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!

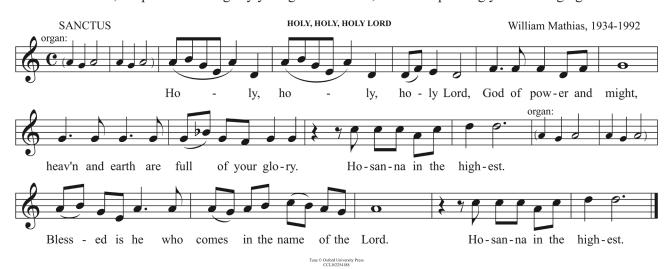
Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

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; 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:

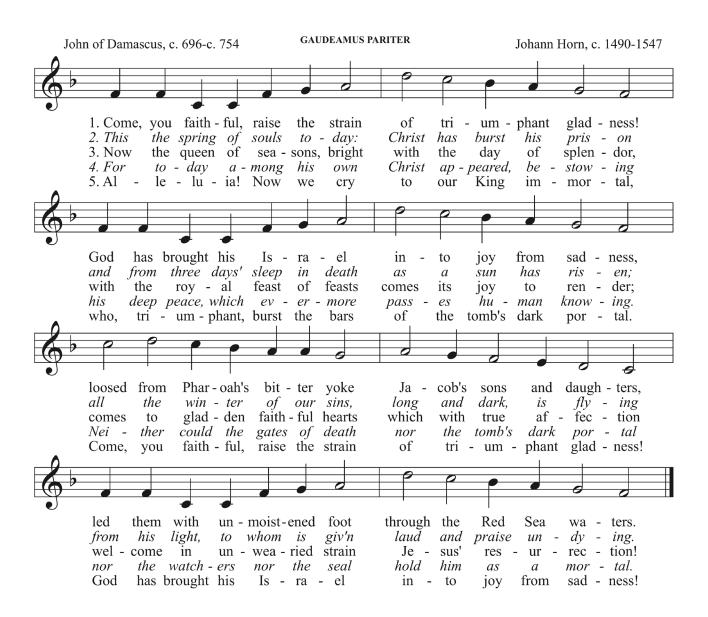


INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

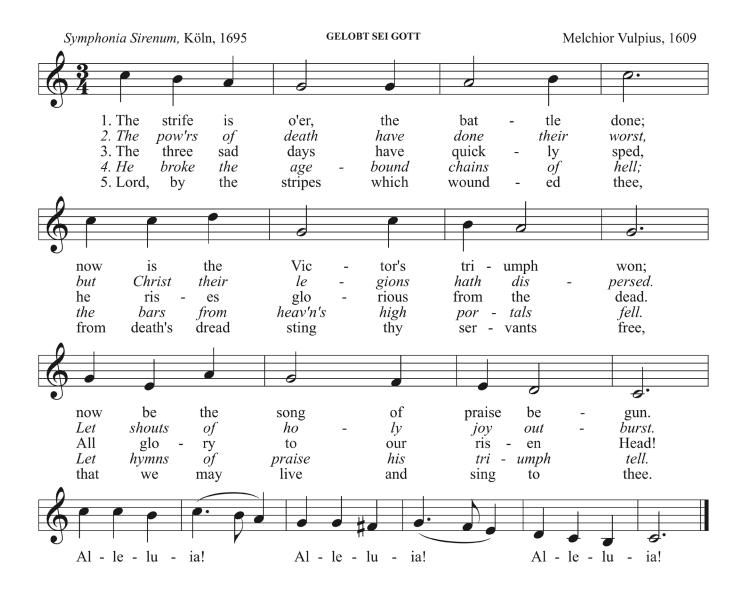
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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)



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)



*** BENEDICTION**

*** DEPARTING HYMN**



LESSONS

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord. O praise the Lord of heaven;

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;

praise him, all his host.

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 created.

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, fulfilling 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 together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,

for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven 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.

Isaiah 25:6-9

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon Lesson—Mark 4:21-25

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



		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sun, Apr 7	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Marcus Serven preaching
	10:15 a.m.	School of Discipleship, combined class for adults in Covenant Hall with Dr. John Cox,
		children's classes in Calvin Hall, nursery care
	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Redeemer, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, Adult Study, nursery care
Mon, Apr 8	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Apr 11	•	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 206, contact Marcus Serven
Fri, Apr 12		AoA Presents: Tallis Scholars in concert, artsonalexander.org for tickets
Sat, Apr 13	•	Men's Breakfast, Jim's Restaurant at the Y, contact Steven Loomis
		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sun, Apr 14	8:45 & 11:15 a.m.	The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
, <u>-</u>		School of Discipleship, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care
		Intro to Redeemer class, contact Danny Morgan for info; registration code below
	•	Evening at Redeemer, Adult Study on Evangelism (more below),
	1	Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care
Mon, Apr 15	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, Apr 18	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 206, contact Marcus Serven
· -	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided, contact Alaina Torrey
Sat, Apr 20	9:30 a.m.	American Sign Language (ASL) Seminar with the Herr family, Room 206
· -	10:30 a.m.	Workday at City School, see details below, RSVP to Kate Ray
Sun, Apr 21	8:45 & 10:15 a.m.	Ordination and Installation of New Officers, in both services
Fri, Apr 26	7:30 p.m.	AoA Presents: Holbrook Organ Series, David Hurd, recitalist

— **End of spring session,** School of Discipleship and Evening at Redeemer

7:30 p.m. **AoA Presents: Mozart Requiem,** visit artsonalexander.org for details and tickets

Officer Nominations Now Open

Sun, Apr 28

May 3-4

The Session asks you to prayerfully consider nominating qualified men to serve Redeemer as new elders and deacons. Officer nominations will be accepted from April 1-30, 2024. Nomination forms are available in the narthex and on our website: Redeemerpres.org/officernominations

Intro to Redeemer: April 14

If you want to learn more about Redeemer, our mission, beliefs, and values, please plan to attend this class (which is required for church membership). Register using the code below and let us know if you will need child care. Then we'll gather for an informational session on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided.



Evangelism Class in April

Beginning Sunday evening April 14 and continuing the next two weeks, Pastor Danny Morgan and Redeemer member Matt Gallegos from Student Mobilization (StuMo) will be leading a three-week class on Evangelism during our Sunday evening adult study. If you are interested in learning more about sharing your faith, come and learn with us at 6:00 on Sunday evenings in April.

ASL Seminar: April 20

Join Jon and Christy Herr Saturday, April 20, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a seminar on American Sign Language. We will review our fall seminar, discuss basic greetings, the alphabet, and fingerspelling. Light refreshments will be provided.

Workday at City School

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20, from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our Redeemer Missions Committee is sponsoring a workday for outdoor beautification projects on the City School campus! Please contact Kate Ray for details and to RSVP for the lunch they plan to provide: library@cityschooltexas.org.

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