



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

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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

April 28, 2024

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*In Preparation*



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

## PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*, BWV 625 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, for our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven;  
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of hallelujah. Hallelujah!

*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*, BWV 626 – J. S. Bach

Jesus Christ, our Savior, who conquered death,  
Has risen and taken sin captive. Lord, have mercy on us.

*Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn*, BWV 630 – J. S. Bach

Today God's only-gotten Son arose from death, and triumph won, Alleluya, Alleluya,  
In mighty pomp and rich array; his therefore be the praise alway. Alleluya, Alleluya.

## WORDS OF PREPARATION

1 John 4:1-21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you make the minds of your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what you have commanded and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# The Service of Entrance



## CHORAL INTROIT

*Now Glad of Heart* – Keaton Lee Scott (1950-)

Alleluia. Now glad of heart be everyone!  
The fight is fought, the day is won.  
The Christ is set upon his throne.  
Sing alleluia!

## ❖ HYMN OF ENTRANCE

John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

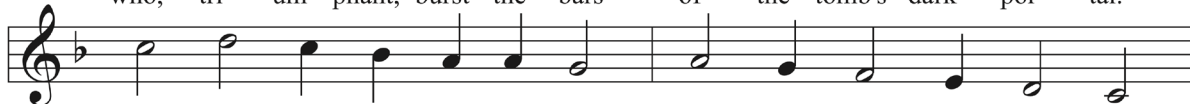
Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547



1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2. *This the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on*  
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4. *For to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing*  
5. Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
*and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;*  
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
*his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.*  
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar - oah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
*all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing*  
comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion  
*Nei - ther could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark por - tal*  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
*from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.*  
wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
*nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal.*  
God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Minister: Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;

**People:** **Serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Minister: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;

**People:** **We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

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

*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, “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: **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

2nd cent. GLORIA PATRI Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-  
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE

Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.

ERSCHIENEN IST

Nikolaus Herman, 1560



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the sun shone  
 2. He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
 3. O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, do thou thy -  
 4. O Lord of all, with us a - bide in this our  
 5. All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to thee, who,



out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re - stored,  
 glo - rious wounds a - bide; the to - kens true which made it plain  
 self our hearts pos - sess, that we may give thee all our days  
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield  
 dead, a - gain dost live; all praise to God the Fa - ther be



the glad a - pos - tles saw their Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 their Lord in - deed was ris'n a - gain. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 thine own re - deemed for - ev - er shield. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 and Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly. Hal - le - lu - jah!

## The Service of the Word



❖ THE PSALTER

Psalm 150

Minister: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his holiness;  
 All: **praise him in the firmament of his power.**  
 Praise him for his mighty acts;  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**  
 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;  
**praise him upon the lute and harp.**  
 Praise him with the timbrels and dances;  
**praise him upon the strings and pipe.**  
 Praise him with the resounding cymbals;  
**praise him with the loud cymbals.**  
 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
**O praise the Lord.**

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison, BWV 4, verse 1 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Christ lay in Death's dark prison,  
It was our sin that bound him.  
This day hath he arisen  
And sheds new life around him.  
Therefore let us joyful be,  
And praise our God with solemn glee.  
Hallelujah!

(Martin Luther)

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## ❖ OUR RESPONSE

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748                      O WALY WALY                      Traditional English melody

1. Christ hath a gar - den walled a - round, a par - a -  
2. Like trees of spice his ser - vants stand, there plant - ed  
3. A - wake, O wind of heav'n and bear their sweet - est  
4. That he may come and lin - ger yet a - mong the

dise of fruit - ful ground, cho - sen by love and fenced by  
by his might - y hand; by E - den's gra - cious streams that  
per - fume through the air: stir up, O south, the boughs that  
trees that he hath set; that he may ev - er more be

grace from out the world's wide wil - der - ness.  
flow to feed their beau - ty where they grow.  
bloom, till the be - lov - ed Mas - ter come:  
seen to walk a - mid the spring - ing green.

# RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## HOLY BAPTISM

Remington Alexander McBride, Victoria Rose Whitten (8:45)

Ben and Allison Massey (11:15)

### BAPTISM RESPONSE (8:45)

Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

FRANCONIA

Johann B. König, 1691-1758



1. Our chil-dren Je - sus calls to his most dear em - brace.  
2. "Let them ap - proach," he says, "nor scorn their hum - ble claim;  
3. With joy we bring them, Lord, de - vot - ing them to you,



He holds them in al - might - y arms, en - folds them in his grace.  
the heirs of heav'n are such as these; for such as these I came."  
and pray, "As you show love to us, so love our chil - dren too."

### BAPTISM RESPONSE (11:15)

Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693-1735

NEUMARK

Georg Neumark, 1640



1. Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and  
2. All that I am and love most dear - ly— re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
Lord, from me, let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
help me your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.



## WELCOME

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

## INTERLUDE

### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Bret Mercer

**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 EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:13-21

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### ❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### MORNING SERMON

Rev. Danny Morgan

*Holiness*

1 Peter 1:13-21

# *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

Heinrich Held, 1620-1659

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

*Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch, 1693*



1. Come, oh come, O quick-'ning Spir - it, God be - fore the  
2. On - ly that which you de - sire\_\_\_\_\_ be our ob - ject;  
3. Bless - ed Spir - it, still re - new - ing all who dwell up -  
4. Help us keep the faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,



dawn of time! Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,  
with your hand lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,  
on the earth, when the e - vil one as - sails us  
death, or shame draw us from you or de - prive us



bles - ed Com - for - ter sub - lime! Let your ra - diance  
let them be at your com - mand. All our sin - ful -  
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth; arm us with your  
of the hon - or of your name. When the foe would



fill our night, turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.  
ness e - raise with the in - crease of your grace.  
might - y sword in the le - gions of the Lord.  
lure us hence, be, O God, our sure de - fense.

❖ 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*

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❖ **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:

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

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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)

Martin Luther, 1524

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

*Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524*



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
2. No son of man could con - quer death, such mis - chief sin had wrought us,  
3. But Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, to our low state de - scend - ed,  
4. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en;  
for in - no - cence dwelt not on earth, and there - fore death had brought us  
the cause of death he has un - done, his pow'r for - ev - er end - ed,  
the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed;



there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right  
in - to thrall - dom from of old and ev - er grew more  
ru - ined all his right and claim and left him noth - ing  
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
strong and bold and kept us in his bond - age. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
but the name, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
up by death, its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

## 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)

Martin Luther, 1524

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

*Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524*



5. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;  
6. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in - vites us;  
7. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of heav - en;



he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— So strong his love— to save us.  
Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
the Word of grace hath purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it, death  
By his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and



pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
to the heart; the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no oth - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

## ❖ 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 150**

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his holiness;  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him for his mighty acts;  
praise him for his excellent greatness.  
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;  
praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him with the timbrels and dances;  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him with the resounding cymbals;  
praise him with the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
O praise the Lord.

### **Acts 8:26-40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **John 15:1-8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

### **Sermon Lesson—1 Peter 1:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.



# Redeemer Calendar

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sun, Apr 28** 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. **The Divine Service**, Rev. Danny Morgan preaching  
 10:15 a.m. **School of Discipleship**, classes for all ages in Calvin Hall, nursery care  
 6:00 p.m. **Evening at Redeemer**, Adult Study, Youth Group, Children's Choirs, nursery care  
**Mon, Apr 29** 7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study**, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White  
**Thu, May 2** 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  
**May 3-4** 7:30 p.m. **AoA Presents: Mozart Requiem**, visit artsonalexander.org for details and tickets

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Sun, May 5** 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. **The Divine Service**, Rev. Eric Landry preaching  
 6:00 p.m. **Hymn Sing**, led by our Children's Choirs, all are welcome (no nursery care provided)  
**Mon, May 6** 7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study**, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White  
**Tue, May 7** 6:00 p.m. **Session Meeting**, Calvin Hall  
**Thu, May 9** 9:30 a.m. **Redeemer Theological Academy**, Room 206, contact Marcus Serven  
 7:00 p.m. **Ascension Service**, Covenant Hall  
**Fri, May 10** 7:00 p.m. **Ladies Night**, home of Kelly Roberson, watch for an evite  
**Sat, May 11** 8:00 a.m. **Men's Breakfast**, Jim's Restaurant at the Y, contact Steven Loomis  
**Sun, May 12** — **Graduate Recognition Sunday**, email Carol Waller to be added to the list  
**Sun, May 19** 5:30 p.m. **Pentecost Feast**, stay tuned for details to come!  
**Jun 3-6** — **Redeemer Arts Camp**, registration closed; contact Carol Waller to volunteer  
**Sun, Jun 9** — **School of Discipleship**, summer session begins

### Officer Nominations End Soon

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/officer-nominations](https://redeemerpres.org/officer-nominations)

### Ascension Day Service

On the church calendar, Thursday, May 9, is the Feast of the Ascension. We will gather for worship at 7:00 that evening to celebrate Jesus Christ as ascended Lord—Prophet, Priest, and King. Please join us if you are able for the Divine Service, with the Redeemer Choir singing and the Eucharist celebrated.

### April Missions Spotlight

This month we are praying for Mission Possible, a nonprofit located in East Austin that is dedicated to ministering to our unhoused and impoverished neighbors. Please scan for details!



### We're Hiring!

We're hiring! Redeemer is seeking a full-time staff member to join our team as a Publications and Communication Coordinator. Responsible for nearly every piece of printed and virtual material that promotes Redeemer or facilitates worship at Redeemer, this new position is an important part of our ministry. More information can be found on our website: <https://redeemerpres.org/were-hiring/>

### Redeemer Arts Camp

We are looking forward to four days of fun and arts exploration in June! Registration for this summer's Arts Camp filled more quickly than ever, and we have a waiting list of children who would like to attend. If you or your friends have signed up and your plans change, please notify Carol Waller: [cwaller@redeemerpres.org](mailto:cwaller@redeemerpres.org).

### Financial Report

[Fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2023]

	Receipts	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
<b>Annual Budget</b>	\$ 1,844,184	\$ 1,821,786	\$ 22,398
<b>YTD Budget</b>	\$ 940,421	\$ 917,587	\$ 22,834
<b>YTD Actual</b>	\$ 1,188,837	\$ 967,417	\$ 221,420
<i>Favorable (unfavorable)</i>	248,416	(49,830)	198,586

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