

# 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. Our School of Discipleship classes are on hiatus now, but please join us for our summer session, which will begin on June 9.

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

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

May 12, 2024

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

# Ascension Sunday

# In Preparation



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

PRELUDE Michael Phillips

Toccata Settima – Michelangelo Rossi (1601-1656)

## WORDS OF PREPARATION

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

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom you promised from the Father; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# The Service of Entrance

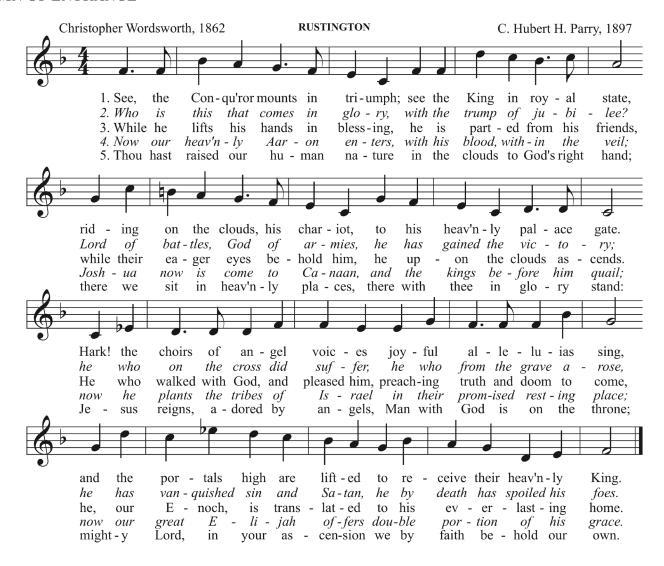


CHORAL INTROIT

Isaiah 6:3

*Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* – DONA NOBIS PACEM Holy, holy, Lord God almighty: your glory fills the earth, Lord God of hosts.

#### HYMN OF ENTRANCE



Minister: God is gone up with a shout,

People: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Minister: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

People: Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

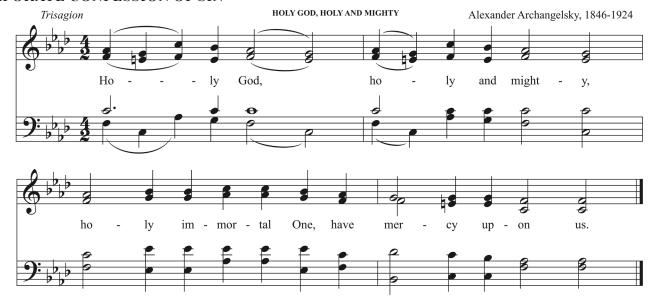
Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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,

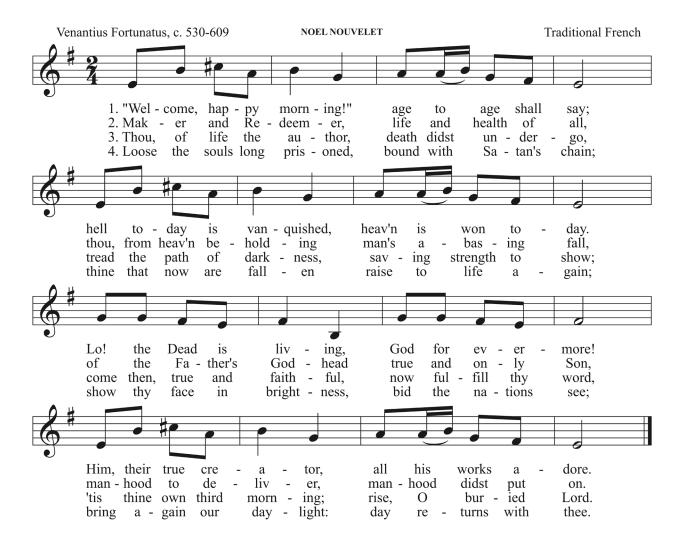
People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

# THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE





#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

Our Lord Is Risen Again Today - Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

Our Lord is risen again today, Alleluia! The powers of sin and death to slay, Alleluia!

His resurrection day proclaim, Alleluia!

Give thanks to God, and bless his name, Alleluia!

He suffered death upon the cross, Alleluia! For us he bore all pain and loss, Alleluia!

The Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia! Let grateful hymns to God be raised, Alleluia!

# The Service of the Word

#### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 1:6-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER Psalm 1



Choir:

Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the un- | godly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the | scornful;

All:

But his delight is in the law | of the Lord, and on his law will he meditate | day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the | waterside, that will bring forth his fruit in due | season.

His leaf also shall not | wither; and look, whatever he does, it shall | prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not | so with them; but they are like the chaff, which the wind scatters away from the face | of the earth.

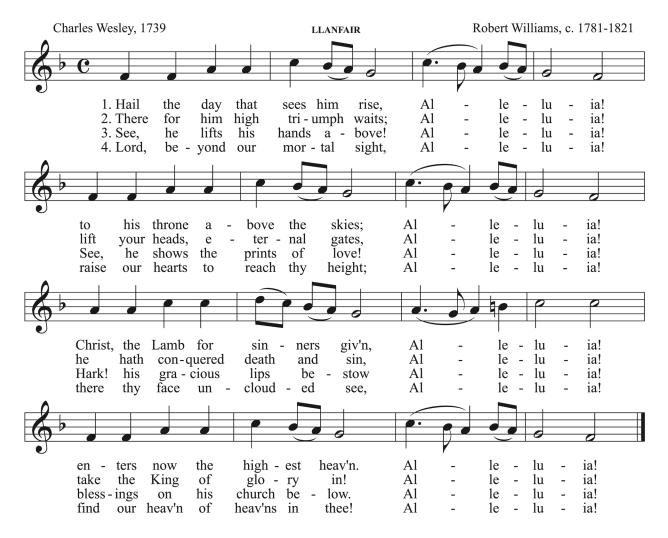
Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the | judgment, neither the sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall | perish.

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.

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

# OUR RESPONSE



### WELCOME

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

# **INTERLUDE**

#### PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Andrew Waller

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 2:4-12

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON Rev. Eric Landry

Fortress, Fight, and Future
1 Peter 2:4-12

# 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.

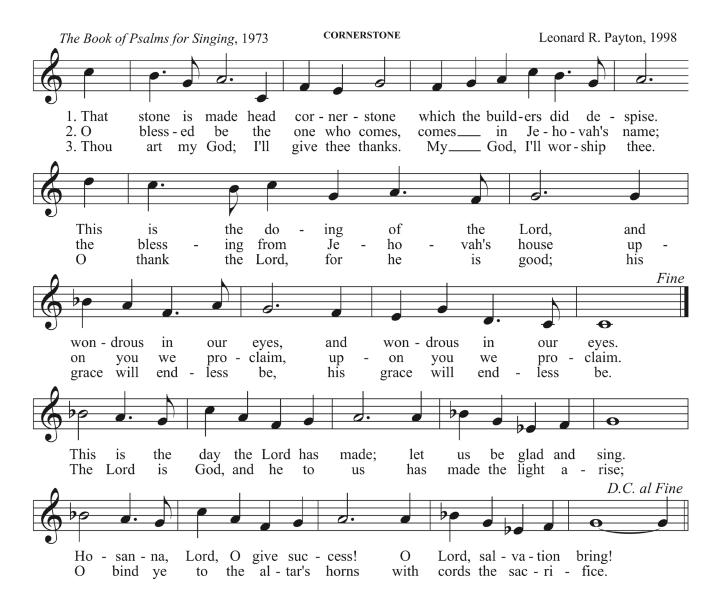
Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

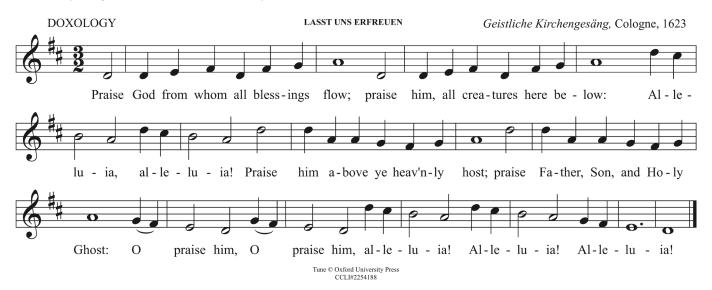
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: the world, and they that dwell therein.

# HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD



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!

**People:** It is good and right to do so! Minister: It is very good and right that v

inister: 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 after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples and in their sight was taken up to heaven that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

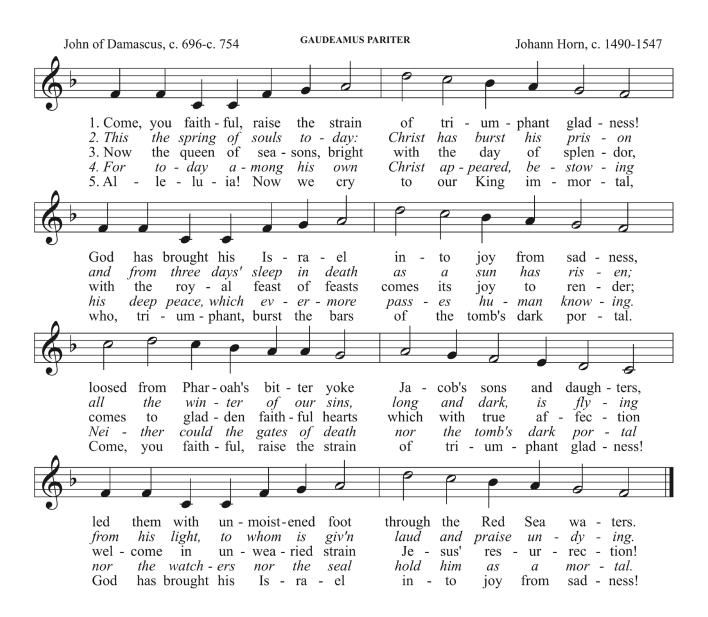
**SANCTUS** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD William Mathias, 1934-1992 organ: ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Но ly, ho ly, organ: heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name Ho-san-na in the high-est. of the Lord. Tune © Oxford University Press CCLI#2254188

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

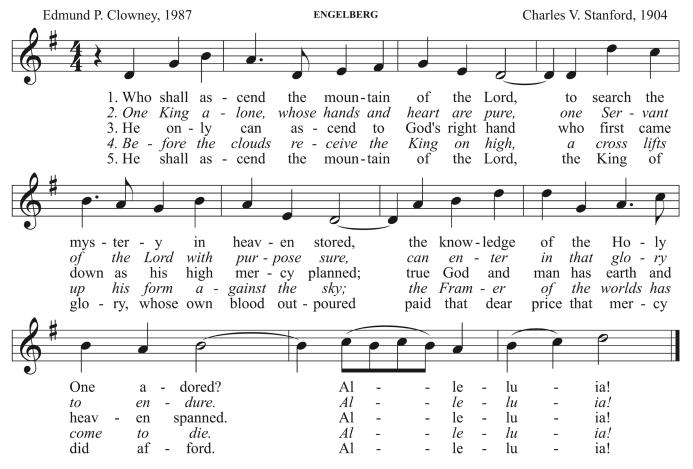
# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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



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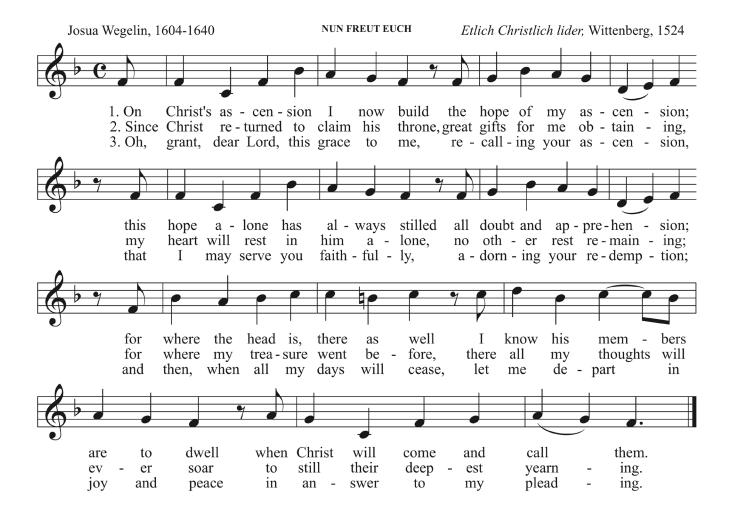
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:25)



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# **\*** BENEDICTION

# **DEPARTING HYMN**



# **LESSONS**

## Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law will he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside, that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

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For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

# Acts 1:6-14

When they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

# John 17:11b-19

"I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

# Sermon Lesson—1 Peter 2:4-12

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#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun, May 12 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.		The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
Mon, May 13	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Thu, May 16	9:30 a.m.	Redeemer Theological Academy, Room 206, contact Marcus Serven
	10:00 a.m.	Journey of Motherhood, Library, child care provided
Fri, May 17	6:30 p.m.	Men's Smoke 'N Choke, home of Bill Leake in Manor
Sat, May 18		Youth Group Summer Celebration, day trip to Wimberley, contact Nate Esbenshade
		DAY OF PENTECOST
<b>Sun, May 19</b> 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.		The Divine Service, Rev. Eric Landry preaching
	5:30 p.m.	Pentecost Feast, scan the code below to RSVP and sign up to bring food or help serve
Mon, May 20	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study, (via Zoom) study of Hebrews, contact Tami White
Sat, May 25	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel in Round Rock, contact Mark Nelsen
	8:00 a.m.	Women's Pray for One Another Breakfast, la Madeleine in Sunset Valley
Jun 3-6		Redeemer Arts Camp, registration closed
Sun, Jun 9		School of Discipleship, summer session begins
Jun 10-14		PCA General Assembly, Richmond, Va.
Jun 28-Jul 6		Summer Mission Trip to Peru, contact Brian or Julia Russell

#### Pentecost Feast Next Week!

Our annual Pentecost Feast is coming up next Sunday, May 19. Please mark your calendar and sign up using the code below. You'll need to let us know how many in your family are coming, then you can volunteer to help with set up, clean up, and/or bring a menu item selected from the list prepared by Kitchen Manager Teresa Hendrix.



# May Missions Spotlight Side by Side Kids

Our Missions Spotlight for the month of May is Side by Side Kids (SBSK), a ministry that provides after school programs to public school students in East Austin, including homework help, a healthy meal, mentoring, and a character-building curriculum. Learn more about SBSK here:



# **Congratulations, Graduates!**

We congratulate the following students on their accomplishments and ask the Lord's blessing on their future endeavors.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**Liesl Geiger**, Liberal Arts & Science Academy, plans to study interdisciplinary liberal arts at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md.

Sarah Jane Matteck, Valor South Austin, will attend Baylor University

**Charlotte Russell,** Russell Academy, plans to attend Dallas Baptist University and study business with a focus on marketing.

## **COLLEGE**

**Scott Admire,** Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Nursing; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, *summa cum laude*; has accepted a position in St. David's HealthCare ICU nurse residency program at Round Rock Medical Center, with plans to attend nurse anesthetist school in the future.

**MeiMei Graber**, Bachelor of Arts in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia University in the City of New York

**Ellie Rimann**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Texas State University; will be working at Seton Medical Center as a NICU nurse beginning in late July this year.

**Ruth Sullivan,** University of North Texas, Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management

#### POST GRADUATE

**Rosalie Doerksen-Bunner**, University of Texas, PhD in Chemistry (Organic Chemistry); moving to Boston in the fall and will be a Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard University.

**Caleb Morrison**, J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law; will take the bar in July and after that, begin a one-year clerkship with Justice Jimmy Blacklock of the Texas Supreme Court.

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