

March 22, 2009

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, The Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, the Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rîg'me, and other materials.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: www.redeemersa.org. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: www.pcanet.org.

Community Groups: Community Groups are small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

Book Table: The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the appropriate form with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:10 a.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddler I: 19 months – 27 months

Toddler II: 28 months – 36 months

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Pre K- K (age 4-5)

Primary I (ages 6-7)

Primary II (ages 8-9)

Junior (ages 10-11)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Lent

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

"The trouble with morality is it's not self-perpetuating. You need to have some way of coping with the human propensity to hypocrisy and deception and self-deception. You could say the creed is there to motivate, on then positive side, and to heal when there is violation. The word salvation in Greek really means healing. Without that, a code of moral conduct by itself—the Scout oath—won't sustain you. That's why St. Paul says all those things about the law without faith." Jaroslav Pelikan

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him." Mark 12:28-32

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

Minister: Let our mouths speak the praise of the Lord and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

1. Lord, with glow - ing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love be -
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretch-ed wan-d'r'er far a -
3. Praise thy Sav - ior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to
4. Lord, this bo - som's ar-dent feel - ing vain - ly would my lips ex -
stows, for the par - d'ning grace that saves me, and the
stray; found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee from the
give, held a blood - sealed par - don to thee, bade thee
press: low be - fore thy foot - stool kneel - ing, deign thy
peace that from it flows. Help, O God, my weak en -
paths of death a - way. Praise, with love's de - vout - est
look to him and live. Praise the grace whose threats a -
sup-pliant's pray'r to bless. Let thy love, my soul's chief
deav - or; this dull soul to rap - ture raise: thou must
feel - ing, him who saw thy guilt-born fear, and, the
larmed thee, roused thee from thy fa - tal ease; praise the
treasure, love's pure flame with - in me raise; and, since
light the flame, or nev - er can my love be warmed to praise.
light of hope re - veal - ing, bade the blood stained cross ap - pear.
grace whose prom - ise warmed thee, praise the grace that whis - pered peace.
words can nev - er mea - sure, let my life show forth thy praise.

Words by Francis Scott Key; Music by Lowell Mason

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

Reception of New Members

John, Lauren, Caleb* and Lily Margaret* Browning
Sarah DeVries

Andrew, Melissa, Graham* and Tait* Douglas
Chris, April and Ella* Duvall

Aaron Gill

Kent Harbaugh

Dean, Laura, Lily* and Hannah* Hobbs

Joe and Carolyn Liller

Walt and Annie Mays

Lindy Sauer*

Andy and Kim Scott

Micah and Julia Yoder

*Making a profession of faith

*Non-communing members

***Song of Praise**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

People: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death. Romans 3:20, 23; 6:23

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart fervently. Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. In the name of Jesus we make this prayer.

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship (1946)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Titus 3:3-5

Minister: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

***Song of Renewal**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Words and music by Stuart Townend

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Fishero

Psalm 50:1-15
1 Corinthians 8:3-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Eggar

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

"The First Creed"

*Continuing the Series: The Exodus—Moses and the People of God
Deuteronomy 6:1-6*

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’) is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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 right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

All:

The musical score is written for four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord... Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son, Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord... Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. If seated in the back section, upon usher's direction, please exit your row to the left and return to your row from the right. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The inner circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

1. I need thee, pre-cious Je - sus, for I am full of sin; my
2. I need thee, pre-cious Je - sus, for I am ver - y poor; a
3. I need thee, pre-cious Je - sus, and hope to see thee soon, en -

soul is dark and guilt - y, my heart is dead with - in. I
strang - er and a pil - grim, I have no earth - ly store, I
cir - cled with the rain - bow and seat - ed on thy throne. There,

need the cleans - ing foun - tain where I can al - ways flee, the
need the love of Je - sus to cheer me on my way, to
with thy blood - bought chil - dren, my joy shall ev - er be, to

blood of Christ most pre - cious, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.
guide my doubt ing foot - steps, to be my strength and stay.
sing my Je - sus' prais - es, to gaze, O Lord, on thee.

Words by Frederick Whitfield; Welsh hymn melody

I Asked the Lord

I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace,
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He I trust has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart,
And let the angry powers of Hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe,
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings, laid me low.

"Lord why is this," I trembling cried, "wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?"
"Tis in this way," The Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free,
And break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou mayest seek thy all in me,
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Words by John Newton; Music by Laura Taylor

Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;
This He gives you, this He gives you. 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th' incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.
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Words by Joseph Hart; Music by Matthew Smith

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

How Firm a Foundation

1. How_ firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is___
2. "Fear_ not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for___
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the___
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my___
laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll
riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for
grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the
more can he say than to you he has said, to___
strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand, up -
I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless, and___
flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign your___
you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress."
dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and before all ages now and forevermore!

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;
Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Stacy VanKlaveren*

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REDEEMER Highlights..... March 22, 2009

This Week

During March		Elder Nominations: The Redeemer Session will receive nominations to the office of Elder throughout the month of March. Members may pick up a copy of the nomination forms and instructions and place nominations in the nominations box in the foyer.
Today	11:10 a.m.	Missions Update: Come learn more about Redeemer's local and world missions, and how you can get involved!
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	The Doctrine of the Church: At the church office, 3737 Broadway, Suite 300. 930-4480.
Monday	9:00-10:00 p.m.	RUF Bible Study: At Trinity University's Side Chapel. Call Justin, 267-7884.
Wednesday	9:45-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: Studying Ephesians. At Alamo Heights UMC. Room 107S. Free childcare. Call 930-4480.
Friday	9:30- 11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Park Day: In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.
Saturday	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out: To help fund their summer mission trips, the youth will host a night of childcare for parents of children ages 6 mos-12 yrs. old. At the Randolph's home, 417 Canterbury Hill, 78209. Pizza and drinks provided. Registration has been extended to Friday, March 27 th . Sign up in bulletin flyer, or email heather@redeemersa.org .

Upcoming Events

March 29		Congregational Meeting: Held immediately after the morning worship service to vote on the deacon candidates: Jeremy Whitley, Henry Sauer and Wes Bright.
April 1	7:00 p.m.	Young Professionals 1st Wednesday: At the Harrison's 110 La Jara, 78209 for a night of worship, fellowship, and study. Call 930-4480.
April 1	7:00 p.m.	Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara: At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl., 78209. Get to know the Gibbsses and more fully Redeemer's vision.
April 2	7:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Night: At the Flying Saucer in Huebner Oaks, 11255 Huebner, 78230. Call Henry Sauer, 310-6542.
April 9	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service: Please join us for Redeemer's Maundy Thursday Service at McAllister Auditorium. Childcare provided.
April 10	6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service: Please join us for Redeemer's Good Friday Service at McAllister Auditorium. Childcare provided.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
Community Life & Membership Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local Missions.....James Sedgwick, 954-2698
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292; Henry Sauer 310-6542
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor Martinez 930-4480
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 785-0912
Pastoral Care.....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement 930-4480
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay 488-2561
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
YouthMatthew Beham, 930-4480
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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210-930-4480 ~ fax: 210-930-4481 ~ www.redeemersa.org

Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Jason & Lizette Crosson

Infants 1 (9:30): Paul & Rachel Gravel, Laura Kaupp

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Jeff & Sarah Brouillard, Sarah Fields, Bebe Camp

Training in the Pews: Greg & Rachel Chaney, Jason & Kacey Register, Zac Hendrix

Greeters: Jake & Sharla Gray, Larry & Brandi Rickels, The Fitch Family

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Chris Oldero, Don Hendrix, Mark Russell, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Kelly Bozard, Linda Zeigler

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Dan Peavy, Nathan Anderson

Cookies: Elizabeth Bright, Margaret Judson

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Jill Higey

Infants 1 (9:30): Josh & Mary Alice MacDiarmid, Laura Kaupp

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): The Castano Family, Reeves & Halli Hollimon

Training in the Pews: Andre & Jessica Kok, Jason & Jennifer Smith, Sevee Alaniz

Greeters: Matt & Haley Beham, Aaron & Amanda Harding, Sam & Beth Hairston

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Mark Randolph, Justin Talarico, Josh Alley, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Marla Smith, Sara Ames

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Chris & Erin Specia

Cookies: Elizabeth Clement

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$170,730
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$195,844
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$173,205
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 2,475)

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714

& Victor Martinez--509-7716

Josh Alley--731-0880

& Jonathan Card--467-5792

Wes Bright--826-3100

& Jordan Inman--265-1812

Brandon Eggar--542-4012

John Fitch--824-5973

& Mark Randolph--822-6057

Bob George--822-2016

Tom Gibbs--930-4974

& James Sedgwick--954-2696

Jerry Hesko--659-3004

& Clay Miller--830-438-5218

Jason Higey--354-7444

& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616

Charley Hollimon--829-5760

& Jason Register--829-0747

Jeff Judson--822-5901

& Larry Rickels--826-2628

Chris Oldero--491-4101

& Jason Smith--257-0677

Henry Sauer--832-9892

& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520

Ralph Shay--488-2561

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“The First Creed”

¹ "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the rules that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **Deuteronomy 6:1-6**

Main Idea: All creeds used by the Church through the ages have ultimately unpacked this first creed used here in Deuteronomy, which affirms both God's oneness and his sovereign claim on Israel. With the advent of Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Church embraced the concept of the Trinity, yet still preserved God's unity and sovereign claim, recognizing both its mysteriousness and complexity. In this way, the original purpose of The Creed among God's people remains—to inform the One People, so that we might be transformed by the One God to live in One Place and to practice One Law of love.

1) One God

2) One Place

- Banquet table
- Mission outpost

3) One Law