

April 30, 2006

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 Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rig-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**
9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**
11:00-12:00 p.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

Toddlers: 19 months – 3 years

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Preschool (ages 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)

Please see map at the **Welcome Station** for directions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday after Easter

Reflection & Preparation

"There are no crown bearers in heaven that were not cross bearers on earth."

Charles Spurgeon

"The only thing wrong with Christianity is the lack of suffering." Winston Churchill

"When Jesus bids a man, He calls him to come and die." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"I've never heard anyone say the really deep lessons of life have come in times of ease and comfort. But, I have heard many saints say every significant advance I've ever made in grasping in the depth of God's love and growing deep with Him, have come through suffering." John Piper

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Ryan Froelich

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

*Hymn of Adoration

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three numbered lines of lyrics. The second staff has three lines of lyrics. The third staff has three lines of lyrics. The fourth staff has three lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith; music from a traditional Welsh hymn melody

***Prayer of Invocation** (*conclude with the Lord's Prayer*)

Mr. Gibbs

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 and ever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Larger Catechism[†] Q/A #155

Minister: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

All: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

[†] The Westminster Larger Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Shorter Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA. Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Tune: Tallis' Canon

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A # 3, 4, 5

Minister: How do you come to know your misery?

People: **The Law of God tells me.**

Minister: What does God's law require of us?

People: **Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Minister: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

People: **No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.**

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: **O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Bible, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.**

Adapted from Luke 11:37-52

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Song of Renewal

“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners”



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Words by J. Wilbur Chapman; music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Sanderson

Ecclesiastes 7:1-6

Luke 9:23-27

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Gibbs

***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*.

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

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

"The Unexpected Gift"

Philippians 1: 27-30

Preparation for Communion

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 to 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. 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, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high.

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

Starting with the two outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the center section should proceed. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the outside aisles and return to your seat. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a line of music. The first line of music is followed by four numbered verses. The second line of music is followed by a single line of lyrics. The third line of music is followed by a single line of lyrics. The fourth line of music is followed by a single line of lyrics. The music ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

Words by Ray Palmer; Music by Lowell Mason

“His Name is Wonderful”

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, My Lord;

He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, My Lord.

He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
(Repeat)

Words and music by Audrey Mier

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the Promised Land. (2X)*

No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my father's face and in his bosom rest?

*I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the Promised Land. (3X)*

Words by Samuel Stennent; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

"This Is My Father's World"

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Words by Maltbie D. Babcock; music by Franklin L. Sheppard

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.

People: Hallelujah! Our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: (with great volume) The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor of College and Youth: Rev. Justin G. Clement

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano

Michael Shay, trombone; Patrick Shay, trumpet; Nate Murphy, bass guitar

James Romig, french horn; Jim Dante, flute; Jessica Watkins, violin

Song Leaders: Joel Cook, Jennifer Romig

(Music printed by permission: CCLI # 2357621)

REDEEMER Highlights.....April 30, 2006

This Week

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| Today | 5 p.m. | rcf Study Break Cookout at the Gazebo by the IM field on Trinity's campus. Everyone is welcome. Contact Justin Clement (508-7068). |
| Tuesday | 9:30- 11:30 a.m. | Redeemer Park Day: Informal play and fellowship at Orsinger Park, I-10 and Huebner Road. Contact: Janelle Barsotti, 543-1593. |
| Saturday | 9 a.m. | VBS Planning Meeting: If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School this year, please make plans to attend this meeting at the Redeemer Office (3737 Broadway, Ste. 300). Contact the office to let us know you're coming. (930-4480). |

Upcoming Events

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| June 12- 16 | Vacation Bible School: "The King is Coming!" Mark your calendars and tell your friends. More details to come. Please contact the office (930-4480) if you would like to help out. |
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Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Jim Faucett 602-0213
Children's Ministries..... Krisanne Stolhandske 930-4480
Community Life & Outreach.....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local and World Missions..... John Fitch 824-5973
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 512-567-4045
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Training in the Pews.....Janelle Barsotti 543-1593
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Mary Williams 930-5915; Shauna Froelich 520-1058
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Youth/College..... Justin Clement 930-4480
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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Serving Today

Infants (9:30): Jason and Marla Smith
Toddlers (9:30): Evie McVicar, Cara McVicar
Training in the Pews: Ralph and Debbie Shay, Jake and Sharla Gray
Greeters: Dan and Harriet Peavy, Mark and Mary Ann Randolph,
Jason and Kacey Register
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Matt Pantsari, Kendall Proctor,
Mark Randolph, Blake Boyd
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Erin Scheideman, Milby Hartwell
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Diane Deng
Cookies: Jennifer Smith, Chrissy Fitch

Serving Next Week

Infants (9:30): Jim and Allison Stokes
Toddlers (9:30): Thor and Alissa Thornhill
Training in the Pews: Charley and Katherine Hollimon,
Mark and Mary Ann Randolph
Greeters: Erin Scheideman, Larry and Brandi Rickels, Greg and Amy Sanderson,
Aubree Shay
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Quinton Dodson, Jason Register, Steve Ribble,
Henry Sauer, Brian Jobe
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Williams, Jennifer Romig
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: The Thompson family
Cookies: Ann Bingham, Mary Williams

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$202,038
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$206,228
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$200,906
Actual Ahead (Behind)	\$ 1,132

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

Community Groups

John Ames – 828-6891
John Fitch – 824-5973
Ryan Froelich – 520-1058
Tom Gibbs – 930-4974
Jake Gray – 320-7922
Charley Hollimon – 829-5760
and Jason Register – 829-0747
Jeff Judson – 822-5901
Clay Miller – 830-438-5218
Mark Randolph – 822-6057
Jason Smith – 372-9337
Toby Stolhandske – 830-904-4442
Bowman Williams – 930-5915

Sermon Notes

“The Unexpected Gift”

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1: 27-30