

June 1, 2008

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**
11:00 a.m. **Reception for
Victor Martinez**

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

Christian Education will resume in the Fall.

Please use this extra hour to serve the people of Redeemer, both new and familiar, and your neighbors by exercising Christian hospitality through sharing a meal together.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

June 1, 2008

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

Ezekiel 47:1-9

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John T. Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

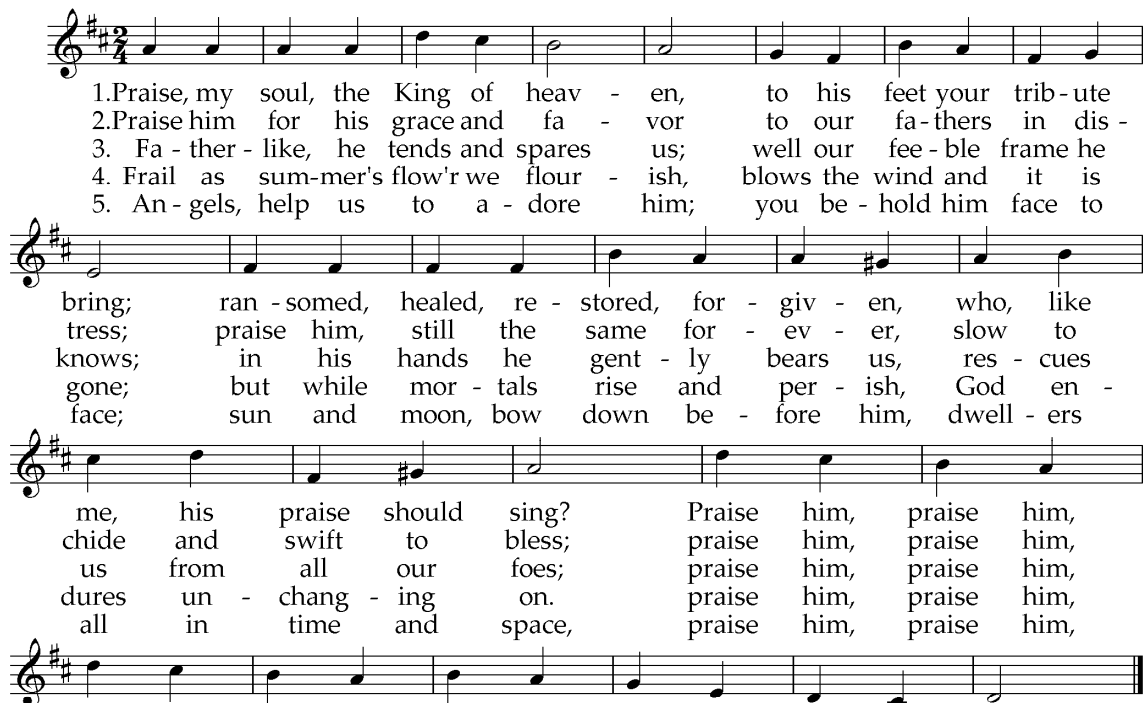
People: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

People: All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis -
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to
bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like
tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to
knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues
gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers
me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,
chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him,
us from all our foes; praise him, praise him,
dures un - chang - ing on. praise him, praise him,
all in time and space, praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise him, praise the high E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Words from Psalm 103; Music by John Goss

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325) and was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ.

² The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

***Song of Praise**

Gloria Patri

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.

Music by Charles Meineke

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

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.

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A # 3, 4, 5

Public Confession:

Minister: Let us confess our sins together

All: Most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and lazy in doing good. All our shortcomings and offenses are against you. You alone know how often we have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts and in forgetting your love. O Lord, have pity upon us. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive all our sins on account of your dear Son, our Savior. Send your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may live in your light and walk according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 8:1

Minister: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

*Song of Renewal

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

Chorus: Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart.

(Repeat chorus)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove.
Which never could from them remove.

**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*. 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

"Marching Orders"

*Continuing the Series on the Gospel of Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come
Matthew 25:14-30*

The Installation of a Minister

Minister to be Installed ~ The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Members of the Installation Commission of the South Texas Presbytery

Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs (TE) - Convener

Rev. Brandon S. Eggar (TE)

Rev. Justin G. Clement (TE)

Dr. Clay Miller (RE)

Dr. John Fitch (RE)

Mr. John Ames (RE)

Mr. Bowman Williams (RE)

Mr. Jeff Judson (RE)

A Word of Explanation

Questions to the Minister

Mr. Gibbs

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their Assistant Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an Assistant Pastor, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions to the Commission

1. Do you, the Session of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, continue to profess your readiness to receive Victor Martinez?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is an Assistant Pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Prayer for the Installed Minister

Mr. Jeff Judson

Hand of Fellowship

The Pronouncement

Mr. Gibbs

I now pronounce and declare that Victor Martinez has been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as an Assistant Pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Charge to the Minister & Session

Mr. Eggar

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. 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:

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

Starting with the two front 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 front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. 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 aisles and return to your seat. There is gluten-free bread available on request from those serving at the right side. 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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with in the paths of
will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me: and in god's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Words from Psalm 23; Music by Jessie Seymour Irvine

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Words by Charitie Bancroft; music by Vikki Cook

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand

(Women)

(Men)

The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land.

The shadow in a weary land.

A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way.

A home, a rest, upon the way.

From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see

(Women)

(Men)

The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.

The very dying one for me.

And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess.

And from my heart, I confess.

The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.

(Women)

(Men)

I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face.

I ask no other than his face.

Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss.

Content to know no gain nor loss.

My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

Words from an American Folk Hymn; Music from The Southern Harmony

***Benediction**

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

All: To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. (loudly)

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano;
Wes Bright, bass; Carrie Eckel, cello
Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Stacy Van Klaveren*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....June 1, 2008

This Week

- Today 11:00 a.m. **Reception honoring Rev. Victor R. Martinez:** Join us immediately following worship for cake, coffee, and conversation to celebrate the installation of our new Assistant Pastor.
- Tuesday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** Informal play and fellowship at Brackenridge Park, behind the Witte Museum. Call Elizabeth Clement at 530-0522.
- Thursday 7- 8:30 p.m. **Women's Evening Bible Study** on Galatians. Meets at Kitty Inman's home (819 Big Sky Bend, 78216).

Upcoming Events

- June 15 4-6 p.m. **Redeemer Ice Cream Social:** Bring your friends and join us for fellowship. Please bring enough ice cream for you and your guests. (Homemade ice cream welcome!)
Call 930-4480 for more info.
- June 23-25 9am-Noon **Guadalupe Center VBS Outreach-FIESTA!** It's time to celebrate God's goodness to us with our friends at the Guadalupe Center. Children age 4-10 are invited to join us, and volunteer opportunities are available for older children and teens. If you would like to sign up or volunteer, contact Tara Gibbs at TGibbs4@satx.rr.com, (210) 930-4974.
- June 28 10 a.m.- ? **Men's Outing** to Diversion Lake and the Medina Spillway canyon. Lunch provided, \$5. Invite a friend! For more info contact Jeff Judson jeff@jeffjudson.com or Henry Sauer hsauer@rackspace.com.

Making Contact

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Sam & Elizabeth Berenguer
Infants 1 (9:30): Carter & Elizabeth King, Lisa Shay
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Jason & Kacey Register, James & Laura Sedgwick
Training in the Pews: Craig & Elizabeth Goedecke
Greeters: Steve & Carolyn Browne, Kevin & Jane Wallace, Royce & Lauren Itschner
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Rob Bondurant, Mark Russell, Jonathan Briggs
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Heather Shimek, Marla Smith
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Greg Sanderson, Jordan & Kitty Inman
Cookies: Redeemer Bakers

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Bernard & Georgiana Hildebrand
Infants 1 (9:30): Greg & Amy Sanderson
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): The Sauer Family, Kin Scott, Amy Miller, Elise Miller
Training in the Pews: Charlie & Jennifer Hargis
Greeters: Peter & Judy Dominick, Carter & Elizabeth King, Hannah Stukey, Ned Hodge
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Jake Gray, Michael Bozard, Andy Scott, Jonathan Briggs
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Jackie Lerner, Cara McVicar
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Greg Sanderson, Andrew Lerner
Cookies: Redeemer Bakers

Redeemer Staff

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

Announcements

There will be no Christian Education (CE) today. CE will resume in the Fall.

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$294,436
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$335,606
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$335,841
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 41,405)

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

Community Groups

Community Groups will resume in the Fall. For more information contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480.

Sermon Notes

“Marching Orders”

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' **Matthew 25:14-30**