

June 29, 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. **No Christian
Education
Today**

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 29, 2008

Seventh 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

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 1 Corinthians 10:11-14

“There once was in man a true happiness of which now remain to him only the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings, seeking from the things absent the help he does not obtain in things present. But these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God himself.” Blaise Pascal

“Legitimate occupations become sinister when they are *preoccupations*. The irony of this depiction is that rejection is not made in the pursuit of evil ends but in the pursuit of good ones.” F. D. Bruner

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jeff Judson

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the
peoples!

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

***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

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[†], Q. #3

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

[†]The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most important German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

*Song of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the bloom - ing garb of Spring:
and all the twink - ling star - ry host:
Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Words from Munster Gesangbuch; Music from Schlesische Volkslieder

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:6-11)

Public Confession:

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

People: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you love us, but we have not loved you. You have opened your heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. You have given us all things, and we have squandered your gifts. We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Cleanse us from our sin and receive us again into your household, that we might nevermore stray from your love but always remain within the sound of your voice.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

Hebrews 10:4, 12, 14

Minister: For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins... he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

*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 Townsend

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. James Sedgwick

Isaiah 55:1-7
Revelation 19:6-10

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*. 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

“God’s Wedding Invitation”

*Continuing the Series on the Gospel of Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come
Matthew 22:1-14*

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 Fette

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

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners!
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness!
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row!
 4. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him,

Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 Let me hide - my self in him;
 While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing,
 e - ven when my heart is break - ing,
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness,

he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 I am his, and he is mine.

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

You Are My King

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken;
I'm accepted, You were condemned;
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again. (Repeat)

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That You my king would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You.

You are my king. You are my king.
Jesus, You are my king. Jesus, You are my king. (Repeat Chorus)

Words and music by Billy James Foote

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Words by George Matheson; music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heav'n ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Robert Williams

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

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

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Andy Scott, guitar

Jessica Watkins, violin; Mary Alice MacDiarmid, violin;

Jeffrey Cigrang, violin; Briley Cigrang, violin; Carrie Eckel, cello;

Song Leaders: Andy Scott, Stacy Van Klaveren

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REDEEMER Highlights..... June 29, 2008

This Week

- Tuesday 6:45-9:00 p.m. **Youth Bible Study and Hang Out:** At the Hairston's home (325 El Portal, 78232). All new 6th graders through graduating seniors are welcome. Snacks provided. Friends are welcome! For more info, call Matt Beham, 508-7662.
- Wednesday 11a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Youth "Trinity Field Day"** Food, fun, and games! Bring a friend, and any sports equipment you want. Meet at the Trinity Soccer Field at Kings Ct. and Mulberry. Call Matt Beham for more info, 508-7662.
- Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. **RUF Summer Bible Study and Hang Out:** Talk to Justin Clement for more info, 267-7884.
- Friday **Redeemer Park Day:** No park day on July 4th. Will resume next Friday.

Upcoming Events

- July 15 4:00 p.m. **Redeemer in the Country:** Come for a relaxing afternoon of swimming and a barbeque supper at the Peavy Ranch in the Hill Country. Plan now who you will bring to join in the fun with Redeemer family and friends. See bulletin flyer to sign up.
- August 8-9 **Intro to Redeemer Membership Class:** On Friday evening, August 8, and Saturday morning, August 9, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Tabitha Whyte, Jill Higey
Infants 1 (9:30): Tobin & Gina Walker
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Krisanne Stolhandske, Kierstn Stolhandske, Julie Sutherland
Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greendyke
Greeters: Henry & Mary Kessler Sauer, Mark & Mary Ann Randolph, Wes & Elizabeth Bright
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Glen Glass, Roger Castano, Tobin Walker, Jonathan Briggs
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ginny Glass, Margaret Judson
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Ned Hodge
Cookies: Redeemer Bakers

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Sam & Elizabeth Berenguer
Infants 1 (9:30): Lisa Shay, Haley Beham
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Jeannie Martinez, Gabriela Martinez, Stephanie Woodward, Elizabeth Bright
Training in the Pews: Dan & Tabitha Whyte, Sevee Alaniz
Greeters: Kevin & Jane Wallace, Dan & Harriet Peavy, Carter & Elizabeth King
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Josh MacDiarmid, Royce Itschner, Greg Chaney, Ben Bingham
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Alice MacDiarmid, Linda Calhoun
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Ned Hodge, Josh Brack
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 Higey, Children’s Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Announcements

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

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$351,346
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$412,876
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$393,572
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 42,226)

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

“God’s Wedding Invitation”

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen." **Matthew 22:1-14**

Main Idea: God compares the Kingdom of heaven to a joyous wedding banquet, provided for richly by his grace in Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, we each must heed his invitation. Failure to come or failure to dress in the appropriate attire of a transformed life is a matter of life and death.

- 1) We must heed the invitation (3-4)
- 2) We must resist every barrier
 - a) Worthwhile distractions (5)
 - b) Prideful disdain (6)
- 3) We must realize the real consequences of refusal
 - a) Refusal to come (7)
 - b) Refusal to come in appropriate attire (8-13)