

July 11, 2010

REDEEMER Highlights.....July 11, 2010

This Week

Nursery Coordinator Needed: Do you love children? Do you have a desire to minister to the young families in our congregation? For a description of this 1-year volunteer position, or an application, please email Jill Higey at jillhigey@gmail.com.

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| Today | 11:10 | Update on General Assembly: Following the worship service today for those who are interested, there will be a brief update on how the 38 th General Assembly meeting of the PCA went in Nashville. |
| Today | 1:30 – 4:00 | Youth World Cup Party! For all upcoming 6 th through 12 th graders at the Alaniz home, 9422 Maverick Pass, 78240. Please bring \$1 to offset the cost of food. |
| Tuesday | 6:30 – 8:00 | Jr. High Bible Study: The Jr. High Youth will meet for Bible study at the Fitch home, 7 Seaton Green, 78209. Gate code is 7448. |
| Thursday | 6:30 – 8:00 | Sr. High Bible Study: We will be having Bible study at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212. Hope to see you there! |

Upcoming Events

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| July 18 th | 4:00 – 'till dark | Redeemer in the Country: Join us at the Peavy Ranch for a fun-filled day in the country with food, swimming, games for the whole family and a hayride for the kids! Cost for a meal is \$5 per person, children ages 3 and under are free. Sign up on the flyer in the bulletin or contact the office, 930-4480. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to the church so be sure to sign up for your guests as well. |
| August 20 – 21 | | Intro to Redeemer: Interested in becoming a member of Redeemer or learning more about what we believe? We will hold a membership class beginning Friday evening, August 20 th , and Saturday morning, August 21 st . Call the office if you have any questions or would like to sign up, 930-4480. |

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 11, 2010

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 3 months 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 and Preparation

“The church of the crucified Christ cannot consist of an assembly of like persons who mutually affirm each other, but must be constituted of unlike persons... For the crucified Christ, the principle of fellowship is fellowship with those who are different, and solidarity with those who have become alien and have been made different. Its power is not friendship, the love for what is similar and beautiful (‘philia’), but creative love for what is different, alien and ugly (‘agape’).” Jürgen Moltmann

“Without a pastoral dimension the offense of the Gospel too easily is understood as the offensiveness of the church. The unchurched have no perception of a loving God who accepts persons while they are yet sinners. ...Evangelism must become Gospel show-and-tell, showing mercy and preaching grace.” Harvie M. Conn

“I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them.” Exodus 3:7-8

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

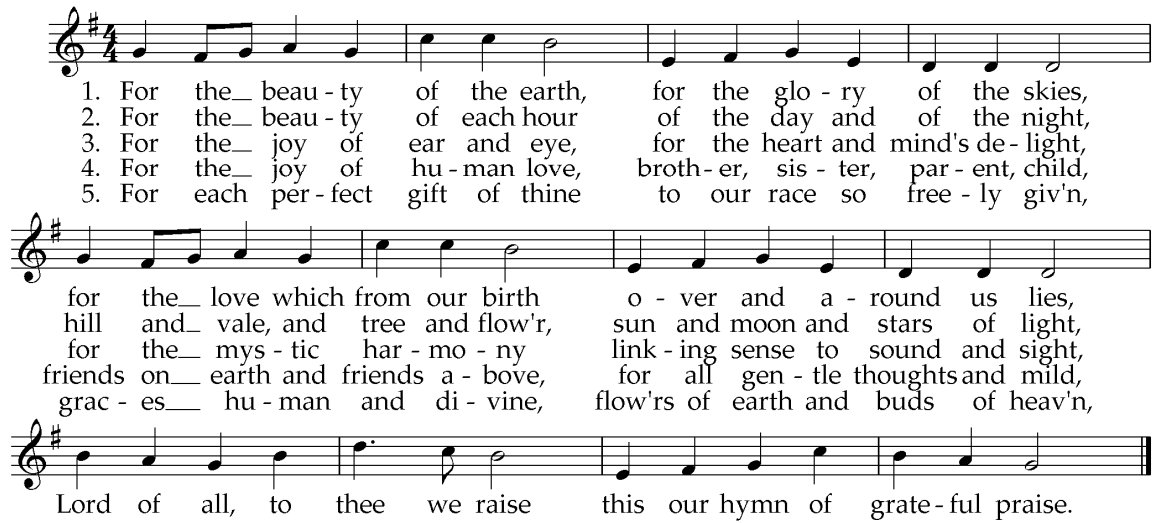
Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Minister: Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

***Hymn of Adoration**

For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the_ beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the_ beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the_ joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the_ joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the_ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and_ vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
for the_ mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on_ earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es_ hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words by Folliott S. Pierpoint; Music by Conrad Kocher

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[‡], Q/A #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

[‡]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**

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

The Law of God

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 2:1, 2

Minister: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

***Song of Renewal**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed,
Did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a fool as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

(Chorus) The strangeness of love, my life in Your death.
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed.
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song,
And by Your wounds I am healed.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

(Chorus) The strangeness of love, my life in Your death.
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed.
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song,
And by Your wounds I am healed. (repeat chorus)

And by Your wounds I am healed, I am healed.

Words by Issac Watts; Music by Greg Thompson

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wagner

Jeremiah 7:1-7
Matthew 25:35-40

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Martinez

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the rear door and into the cafeteria for 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

"Welcome the Stranger"

Continuing the Series: What Are Summers For?

Deuteronomy 10:17-20

“Welcome the Stranger”

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. **Deuteronomy 10:17-20**

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 partake of the elements. 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:

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

Upon usher's direction, starting front to back, please exit and form a line in front of your section. Return to your seat using the opposite aisle from which you exited. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

During the distribution of the elements, an elder or pastor of Redeemer is available to pray with you at the rear of the auditorium if you so desire.

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 Know That My Redeemer Lives



1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, and ev-er_ prays for me; a
2. I find him lift-ing up__my head; he brings sal-va-tion near; his
3. He wills that I should ho-ly be: who can__with stand his will? The
4. Je-sus, I__hang up-on__your Word: I stead-fast-ly__be-lieve you

to-ken_ of his love he gives, a pledge of lib-er-ty.
pres-ence_makes me free in-deed and he will soon__ap-pear.
coun-sel_ of his grace in me he sure-ly shall__ful-fil.
will re-turn and claim me, Lord, and to your-self__rec-ceive.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by George Frederick Handel

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.
(Repeat)

Words by Psalm 51; composer: unknown

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Chorus: Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I (chorus)

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest (chorus)

Be Thou my shield and hiding place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
And tell him Thou hast died! (chorus)

O wondrous love! To bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners, such as I,
Might plead Thy gracious name! (chorus)

Words by John Newton; music by Kevin Twit

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, all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the_ birds their car - ols raise, the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O__ let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and_ round me rings the mu sic of the_ spheres. This
morn-ing light, the_ lil - y white, de - clare their Mak- er's_ praise. This
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
is my Fa - ther's world: he__ shines in all that's fair; in the
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-ting grass I__ hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-erywhere.
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: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Senior 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; Rob Eller, trumpet; Bonnie Anderson, clarinet; Laura Gregory, flute
Song Leader: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley*

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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Brian Casey, Mike Davis, Brendan Farrell, Carter King, Jonathan Briggs
Greeters: Wes Bright, James & Annie Camacho, Micah & Julie Yoder, Elgin & Carole Wong, Kendall Proctor
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Cara McVicar, Tiffany Drewa, Terry George
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Jason Higey, Jordan McVicar
Nursery Greeter: Jill Higey
Itty Bitty Babies: Duncan & Grace Vise *Crawlers:* Larry & Sarah Watford
Younger Toddlers: Elgin & Carole Wong; *Older Toddlers:* Jessica & Nicole Castano
Youth Nursery Helpers: Kitt Faucett
Training in the Pews: Dean & Laura Hobbs, Joao & Paula Chaves, Caleb Martinez
Cookies: Debra Wagner, Priscilla Bameson

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Brian Casey, Charlie Hargis, David Dillon, Chris Mann, Jonathan Briggs
Greeters: Wes Bright, Barry & Rhonda Laxton, Annie Mays, Chris & Erin Specia, Ned Hodge
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sarah Ames, Terry George
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Jason Higey, Jordan McVicar
Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer
Itty Bitty Babies: Cristian & Meredith Moza; *Crawlers:* Edward & Cristina Franssen
Younger Toddlers: Elgin & Carole Wong; *Older Toddlers:* Curtis & Marian Castleberry
Youth Nursery Helpers: Anna Catherine Gibbs, Gunnar Stollhandske
Training in the Pews: Diane Deng, Brendan & Julie Farrell, John Hairston
Cookies: Rachel Pomeroy

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Ken Harrison
Henry Sauer
Jeremy Whitley

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$419,196
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$529,593
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$525,637
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$106,441)

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

For Your Information ...

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.

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 Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, our newsletter, the Kerygma (pronounced ke-rîg'me), and other materials.

Pastor's Forum: This is an opportunity to ask the pastor questions regarding the sermon, about Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA, as well as other questions concerning the Christian life. Will resume in the fall.

Community Groups: Community Groups are fellowships of twelve to twenty people meeting every other week in homes throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find a Community Group, please contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480, or visit our website, www.redeemersa.org, under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders and fill out the online registration form.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:10 a.m. **GA Update**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time in the cafeteria during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the East end of Edison High School. Room numbers are listed below.

1116—Nursing Mothers
1119—Itty Bitty Babies: 3-7 mos.
1119—Crawlers: 8-12 mos.
1113—Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 mos.
1120—Younger Toddler: 19-27 mos.
1122—Older Toddler: 28–36 mos.
Cafeteria—Training the Pews: 3-5 yrs.

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.