

July 26, 2009

For Your Information ...

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:00 a.m. **No Christian Education**

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 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: 3 months – 9 months
Infants II: 10 months – 18 months
Toddler I: 19 months – 27 months
Toddler II: 28 months – 36 months
Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)
Toddler II (age 3)
Pre K- K (age 4-5)
Primary I (ages 6-7)
Primary II (ages 8-9)
Junior (ages 10-11)
Youth (7th-12th grades)
Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2009

Eighth 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 balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

“People struggling with life in a fallen world often want explanations when what they really need is imagination. They want strategies, techniques, and principles because they simply want things to be better. But God offers much more. People need to look at their families, neighbors, friends, cities, jobs, history, and churches, and see the kingdom. They need imagination--the ability to see what is real but unseen...they need to look at a city and see the glorious company of the redeemed being gathered, amidst a brutal spiritual battle, to live in union with God...All of this is possible because the King has placed his love and grace on them...we must not offer a system of redemption, a set of insights and principles. We offer a Redeemer.” Paul David Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hand*

“The work of spirituality is to recognize where we are—the particular circumstances of our lives—to recognize grace and say, ‘Do you suppose God wants to be with me in a way that does not involve changing my spouse or getting rid of my spouse or my kids, but in changing me, and doing something in my life that maybe I could never experience without this pain and this suffering.’” Eugene Peterson, *The Contemplative Pastor*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

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**

All Creatures of our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
3. Thou glow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers, take your
5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -

· sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· long, O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou
· part, O — sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
· ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise,

· burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
· ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a
· fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and
· who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your
· praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and priase the Spir - it, three in

· gleam, O — praise him, O — praise him, al - le -
· voice,
· light,
· care,
· one,

· lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words by Francis of Assisi; Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism[‡], #4, 5, 6

Minister: [Who] is God?

All: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Minister: Are there more Gods than one?

All: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Minister: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

All: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

[‡] The Westminster Shorter Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger 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.

***Song of Praise**

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great "I Am."

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great "I Am."

Words and music by Twila Paris

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:17, 20

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Almighty, eternal, most just and gracious God, help us to know that all things are shadows, but you are substance; all things are quicksand, but you are mountain; all things are shifting, but you are anchor; all things are ignorance, but you are wisdom. You are thrice holy, yet my life abounds with apologies not made, repentance not completed, forgiveness not offered, brothers not respected, reputations not defended, peace not pursued, neighbors not loved, Sabbaths not kept, appetites not restrained, parents not honored, spouses not cherished, children not trained, prisoners not visited, strangers not clothed, hungry not fed, providences ignored, envy unchecked, prayers unspoken, fears not conquered, truth not defended, sheep not fed, feet unmoved, tongues unbridled, eyes unguarded, time wasted, talents wasted, treasure wasted. Lord Jesus, deliver me from these chains, from wretchedness of the old ways that still hang on, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, so that with earnest heart searching I may come to you, cast myself on you, trust in you, cry to you and be delivered by you.**

Prayer of confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 1:5, 9

Minister: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Song of Renewal**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Greg Thompson

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Register

Exodus 17:1-7
1 Corinthians 10:1-5

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

The Rev. Justin G. Clement
RUF Campus Minister, Trinity University

“Living Life in the Desert”

Psalm 81

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

All:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son,
 Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

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

Holy Communion

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

Prayers for Those Not Communing

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

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

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

Songs of Communion

Psalm 91

1. Who with God Most High finds shel - ter
 2. God's own truth, your shield and bu - ckler;
 3. You have made the Lord your re - fuge,
 4. You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons,

in th'Al - might - y's shad - ow hides.
 you will fear no ill by night,
 God Most High your dwe - lling place;
 tread on all your dead - ly foes.

To the Lord I'll say, "My Ref - uge!"
 nor the shafts in day - light ing,
 no - thing e - vil shall be - fall you;
 "For his love to Me I'll save him,

In my God my trust a - bides.
 nor di - sease that shuns the light,
 in your him, tent for no scourge you'll face;
 keep him, for My name he knows;

From the fowl - er's snare He'll save you,
 nor the plague that wastes at noon - day.
 He will an - gels charge to keep you,
 when he calls Me I will an - swer,

From the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
 At your side ten thou - sand fall;
 guard you well in all your ways.
 save and ho - nor him will I.

Co - ver you with out - spread pi - nions,
 You will on - ly see this judge - ment
 In their hands they will up - hold you
 I will show him my sal - va - tion,

Make His wings your con - fi - dence.
 which re - wards the wi - cked all.
 lest your foot a stone should graze.
 with long life will sa - ti - sfy."

Words from Psalm 91; Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Always Thou Lovedst Me

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew,
He moved my soul, to seek Him, seeking me.
It was not I that found O Savior true;
No, I was found of Thee.

Chorus: I find, I walk, I love,
But oh, the whole of love
Is but my answer Lord, to Thee!
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
Always, Thou lovedst me.
Always, Thou lovedst me.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea.
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
As Thou, dear Lord, on me (*Chorus 2X*)

Words anonymous; tune by Jonathan Card

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

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
For my soul longs, and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

*Better is one day in Your courts.
Better is one day in Your house.
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere, (2x)
Than thousands elsewhere.*

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty;
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. (2x)

*Better is one day in Your courts.
Better is one day in Your house.
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere, (2x)
Than thousands elsewhere.*

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God.
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You. (*Chorus*)

Words and Music by Matt Redman

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. You may go in peace.

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;
Wes Bright, bass; James Sedgwick, percussion;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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REDEEMER Highlights..... July 26, 2009

This Week

- Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Middle School Youth Bible Study:** At the Beham's home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212. Studying the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Thursday 6:30-8:30p.m. **High School Youth Bible Study:** At Heather Shimek's home, 100 Lorenz #1201, 78209. Studying the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. **Women's Fellowship:** At Clay Casa, 502 Embassy Oaks, Suite 107, 78258. Come enjoy a night of fellowship and painting. Cost will be the price of the item you select plus \$5 to paint. Clay Casa will fire the items for free. Please RSVP to Mary Alice MacDiarmid at 326-2145.
- Friday 9:30- 11:30 a.m. **Redeemer Park Day:** In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.
- Friday 6:30 pm **Youth Movie & Discussion Night:** Call Matt Beham for more details, 508-7662.

Upcoming Events

- August 5 7:00 p.m. **Young Professionals 1st Wednesday:** At the Harrisons' home, 110 La Jara Blvd, 78209. Bring friends! Call 930-4480.
- August 11 7:00 p.m. **Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara:** At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl., 78209. Get to know the Gibbs' family and more fully Redeemer's vision.
- August 21-22 **Intro to Redeemer Class:** On Friday night, Aug. 21st, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and Sat. morning, Aug. 22nd, from 8:30-noon, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up.
- August 30 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Redeemer in the Park:** Redeemer will kick off the fall with a Sunday evening fellowship on the grounds of San Pedro Park.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek, 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey, 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
Community Life & MembershipBrandon Eggar, 930-4480
Financial (church)..... Bob George, 822- 2016
Local Missions.....James Sedgwick, 954-2698
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson, 822-1292; Henry Sauer, 310-6542
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray, 884-4729
Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor Martinez, 930-4480
Music Ministry.....Brent Watkins, 785-0912
Pastoral Care.....Tom Gibbs, 930-4480
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement, 930-4480
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay, 488-2561
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register, 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Ann Bingham, 930-4503; Tara Gibbs, 930-4974
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison, 828-8864
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
YouthMatthew Beham, 930-4480
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Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeter: Lizette Crosson

Infants 1 (9:30): David & Amy Flores

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Walt & Annie Mays, Jeannie & Gabby Martinez

Training in the Pews: Diane Deng, Josh & Carrie Alley

Greeters: Ken & Barbara Harrison, Ken-David & Melinda Masur, Andy & Kelly Muck

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Manny Alaniz, Greg Chaney, Quincy

Davidson, Marc Hadler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Heather Shimek, Sara Ames

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Larry Rickels, Nathan Anderson, Josh Brack

Cookies: Tara Gibbs, Jill Higey

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer

Infants 1 (9:30): Rachel Gravel, Jill Waters

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Wes & Elizabeth Bright, Stephanie Woodward, Bebe Camp

Training in the Pews: Greg & Rachel Chaney, Bonnie Anderson

Greeters: Dean & Laura Hobbs, Tobin & Gina Walker, Justin Talarico, Stephanie Swords

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Mike Davis, Chris Duvall, Rob Eller, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Heather Shimek, Jeannie Martinez

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Erick Faul, Anna Sharp, Bebe Camp

Cookies: Elizabeth Bright

Redeemer Staff

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

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$458,453
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$506,668
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$473,144
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 14,691)

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

“Living Life in the Desert”

¹Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! ²Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. ³Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. ⁴For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. ⁵He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known: ⁶“I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. ⁷In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah.* ⁸Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! ⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. ¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. ¹¹“But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. ¹²So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. ¹³Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! ¹⁴I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. ¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever. ¹⁶But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.” **Psalm 81**