

August 19, 2007

For Your Information ...

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**

9:30-10:45 a.m. **Worship**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddlers: 19 months – 3 years

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

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

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Reflection & Preparation

“Nearly every theological principle that lies beneath this passage challenges the modern church....No sector of Christianity in the comfort-conscious West is exempt from the implicit rebuke of Paul’s attitude toward death. It will be a rare believer indeed who can read this passage, grapple with it seriously, and come away satisfied that he or she is following Paul’s example.” Frank Thielman

“To be insane is to reject the given universals, and in so far as these categories are the accepted intellectual currency of the age that produced Auschwitz, holy madness is the only true sanity.” Robert Inchausti

“Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future - all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.”
1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due
his name.

People: Bring an offering and come before him!

*Hymn of Adoration

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Words by Christian H. Bateman; Traditional Spanish Melody

*Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Gibbs

*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q. #21

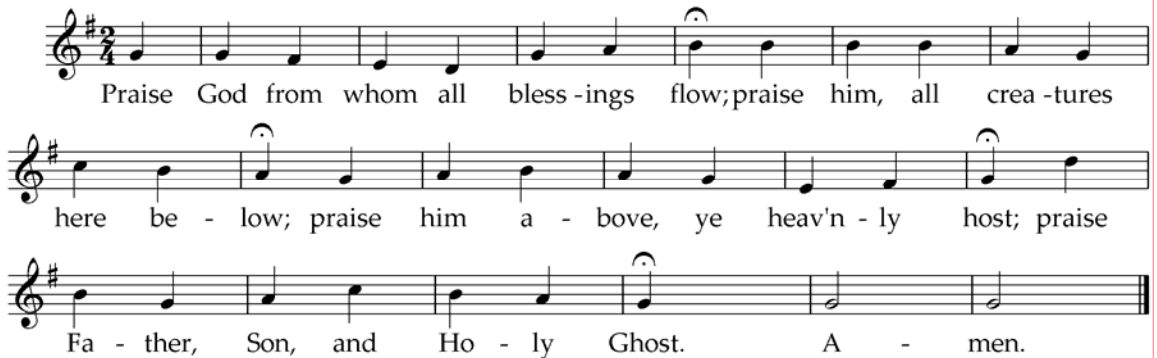
Minister: What is true faith?

All: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.

*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.

*Doxology

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Tune: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

Matthew 5:3-10

Minister: Let us examine ourselves in the light of the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ as given in the Beatitudes. *After the Beatitudes are read please thoughtfully reflect on its truth and silently confess your sins.*

People: **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Galatians 2:20

Minister: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*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.

Words and music by Stuart Townend

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Abigail Elizabeth Gray
Covenant Child of Jake and Sharla Gray

Bernard August Hildebrand, III
Julianna Grace Hildebrand
Covenant Children of Bernard and Georgianna Hildebrand

Carolyn Grace Randolph
Covenant Child of Mark and Mary Ann Randolph

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

Mr. Gibbs

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage
to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as
members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

“So What: Holy Madness”

Continuing the Series: Salvation Now, Not Yet & So What
Philippians 1:18b-26

Preparation for Communion

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. 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 is God, the Lord of Sa - ba - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sa - ba - oth!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sa - ba - oth! Be - hold, His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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. 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement. The lyrics are as follows:

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ my God:
sor - row and love flow min - gled down:
that were a pres - ent far too small;
my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most,
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - maz - ing so di - vine,
and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by Lowell Mason

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.

Words by Psalm 51; composer: unknown

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, the
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim, to
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease; 'tis
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free; his



glo-ries of my God and King, the_ tri-umphs of his grace.
spread through all the earth a-broad the_ hon-ors of thy name.
mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis_ life and health and peace.
blood can make the foul-est clean, his_ blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Lowell Mason

***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*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

RUF Campus Minister: Rev. Justin G. Clement

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Wes Bright, guitar

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone

James Romig, french horn; Zach Ellis, bass

Song Leaders: Wes Bright, Stacy Van Klaveren

(Music printed by permission: CCLI # 2357621)

REDEEMER Highlights.....August 19, 2007

This Week

- Today 5- 7:30 p.m. **Redeemer in the Park:** Redeemer will kick off the fall with a Sunday evening on the grounds of San Pedro Park. See bulletin flyer for info.
- 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 6:30-8 p.m. **End of Summer Youth Party -** at Patrick and Aubree's house (6042 John Chapman, 78240). Come and bring friends for one last summer get together with dinner and games. See you there!
- Friday and Saturday **Agape Counselor Training:** Friday, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, 9-4 p.m. (lunch provided). Any women interested can contact Linda Struble, 262-2339, or the Agape Pregnancy Help Center, 543-7200.

Upcoming Events

- August 26 11:15 a.m. **Redeemer Ministries Fair:** During the Christian Education hour the many ministry teams of Redeemer will give you opportunity to get involved. Plan on being there!!
- August 26 11:30 a.m. **Parents of Youth Meeting:** Please plan on attending if you have children in the youth group. The location will be announced next Sunday.
- August 26 9:30 a.m. **Church of the Cross,** the San Marcos PCA Church Plant , will begin Sunday Morning Worship at The Aquarena Center, 921 Aquarena Springs Dr. If you know anyone who lives in or around San Marcos, please invite them to come, and please keep this important work in your prayers. Visit www.cotcsm.org.
- August 26 6- 7:15 p.m. **Intro to Christian Theology:** This class will be held every Sunday at the Redeemer Office (3737 Broadway, Ste. 300). This class is open to anyone. It is required for those desiring to become a church officer. Call 930-4480.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy; Carri Jobe 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Community Life & Outreach..... Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local and World Missions..... John Fitch 824-5973
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Music Ministry..... Brent Watkins 785-0912
Pastoral Care (Membership, Doctrine, Illness, Counseling).....Tom Gibbs 930-4480
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement 930-4480
Singles Ministries.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Training in the Pews..... Ralph and Debbie Shay 488-2561
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
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Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

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Serving Today

Infants I (9:30): Evie McVicar

Infants II (9:30): Janet Pursell

Toddlers (9:30): Jerry and Genean Hesko

Training in the Pews: Jason and Jill Higey

Greeters: Will and Carter Greendyke, Marc and Trisha Hadler, Sven and Charle Hoerschgens

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Don Hendrix, Carter King, Ben Bingham

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Bekah Stolhandske, Milby Hartwell

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Dave Hanson

Cookies: Cami Olderog, Brandi Rickels

Serving Next Week

Infants I (9:30): Cara McVicar

Infants II (9:30): Emily Mays

Toddlers (9:30): Quincy and Anne Davidson, Brandi Rickels

Training in the Pews: Will and Carter Greendyke

Greeters: Ken and Barbara Harrison, Bob and Terry George, Carter and Elizabeth King

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, George McVicar, Jerry Hesko, Josh MacDiarmid, Ben Bingham

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary Alice MacDiarmid, Evie McVicar

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Ned Hodge

Cookies: Genean Hesko, Leah Ellis

Announcements

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

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$373,200
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$469,486
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$409,375
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 36,175)

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

“So What: Holy Madness”

^{18b} Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. **Philippians 1:18b-26**

1) Holy Realism

- Longing for the gain of heaven
- Leaving the gains of this world

2) Holy Realization

- Living for Christ
- Living for Christ's church