

April 1, 2010

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. Takes place in the auditorium during Christian Education, which begins at 11:15 a.m on Sundays.

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**
11:15 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 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

1122—Toddler I (age 2)
1120—Toddler II (age 3)
1200—Pre K- K (age 4-5)
1202—Primary I (ages 6-7)
1213—Primary II (ages 8-9)
1215—Junior (ages 10-11)
1219—Jr. High Youth (6th-8th)
1217—Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)
1221—Adult CE
Auditorium—Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Maundy Thursday

Reflection & Preparation

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week. On this day Jesus celebrated the Passover Feast with his disciples, sharing a meal with them which we now call the Last Supper. At that time it was usual for a servant to wash the feet of guests upon arrival. On this occasion there was no servant present and none of the disciples volunteered to do the menial task. Instead, Jesus got up and washed his disciples' feet, giving them an object lesson in humility and service. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for 'command' (*mandatum*). It refers to the command given by Jesus at the Last Supper, which requires disciples to love one another. Jesus' great illustration of love is the offering of his body on behalf of his wayward people. Therefore, as we partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of him, we celebrate and receive his grace by faith and pledge ourselves to exhibit his love to one another in the community of Christ.

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and a hurting world. When we were absent in our sin, you became present in your grace. As we prepare to celebrate the gift of the Supper, might you deepen our love for you, strengthen our bonds with one another and increase our longing for the fulfillment of your Kingdom on this earth. In the name of Jesus, Amen. **Prayer of preparation**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Minister: We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Prayer of Invocation

Mr. Gibbs

***Hymn of Adoration**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be -
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make
hold, the King of glo - ry waits; the
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, his
Christ the Rul - er is con - fessed! O
it a tem - ple, set a - part from
King of kings is draw - ing near, the
king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his
hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to
earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a -
Sav - ior of the world is here.
scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
whom this King in tri - umph comes!
dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

Words by Georg Weissel; Music from Psalmodia Evangelica

Scripture Warning

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:6, 8, 10

Litany of Confession

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. 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.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven;

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: We confess to you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, revenge, and to ambition, selfishness and pride. We have too much loved worldly goods and comforts. These things give rise to the discord, distance and bitterness;

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: We confess to you that we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but our hearts have been closed to grace. We have lifted our hands in praise, but our feet have remained turned away. Our ears have been opened, but our hearts have not listened.

People: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:8-9

Minister: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,
Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me to atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which, at the mercy seat of God,
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

Words by John Wesley; Music by William Gardiner

***Scripture Reading**

Dr. and Mrs. Chris McMains

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Hebrews 9:11-15

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The Prayers

Mr. Gibbs

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Jesus has given us a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

"He Loved Them To the End"

John 13:1-17

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.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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.

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.

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! what a guide and keep - er!
 5. 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,
 While the tem - pest still is high,
 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,
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,
 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.
 he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

1. Hal-le-lu-jah, praise Je-ho-vah, O my soul, Je-ho-vah praise; I will
2. Hap-py is the man that chooses, Is-rael's God to be his aid; he is
3. Food he dai-ly gives the hun-gry, sets the mourn-ing pris-'ner free, rais-es
4. Hal-le-lu-jah, praise Je-ho-vah, O my soul, Je-ho-vah praise; I will
sing the glo-rious prais-es of my God through all my days. Put no
blessed whose hope of bless-ing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and
those bowed down with an-guish, makes the sight-less eye to see. Well Je-
sing the glo-rious prais-es of my God through all my days. O-ver
con-fi-dence in princ-es, nor for help on man de-pend; he shall
earth the Lord cre-at-ed, seas and all that they con-tain; he de-
ho-vah loves the righ-teous, and the strang-er he be friends, helps the
all God reigns for-ev-er, through all a-ges he is King; un-to
die, to dust re-turn-ing, and his pur-pos-es shall end.
liv-ers from op-pres-sion, righ-teous-ness he will main-tain.
fa-ther-less and wid-ow, judg-ment on the wick-ed sends.
him, your God, O Zi-on, joy-ful hal-le-lu-jahs sing.

Words from Psalm 146; Music arranged by Lowell Mason

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-tling 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: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and before all ages now and forevermore!

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;
Jessica Watkins, violin;
Song Leader: Stacy Van Klaveren*

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“He Loved Them To the End”

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. **John 13:1-17**