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May 3, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 3, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Theme: Trusting in God above all Odds:
The Entrance to the Promised Land

As We Gather

In the desert we rediscover the value of what is essential for living; thus in today's world there are innumerable signs, often expressed implicitly or negatively, of the thirst for God, for the ultimate meaning of life. And in the desert people of faith are needed who, by the example of their own lives, point out the way to the Promised Land and keep hope alive. - Pope Benedict XVI

Prayer Before Worship

“I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.” (Martin Luther's Morning Prayer)

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn

Thy Strong Word

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C:He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C:Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C:A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading Numbers 13:1-3, 17-25
(Exploring Canaan)

The Lord said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders." So at the Lord's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites. When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to

bring back some of the fruit of the land.” (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.) So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 3:12-19

(Warning Against Unbelief)

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.” Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

(Jesus Comforts His Disciples)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 388 Just As I Am, Without one Plea

1. Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Sermon

Text: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-25

“Grasshoppers or Giant-Killers?”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

The Blessing of the Gifts

Voluntary

Joshua Fit de Battle – Hayes

Steve SeGraves, vocalist

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

Closing Hymn 200 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

(Favorite hymn of Robert Anderson, Karl Bushuiakovish, Karen Carson, Diane Dorantes, Alice Fleming, Carol Frost, David Hardoin, Mary Jane Johnson, Mary Lou Mabee, Judy Mammel, Greg and Kathy Mammel,

MaryAnn Perryman, Gary Priskorn, Pat Raezler, Kristen Rolf, Leslie Toth,
Leslie Whitfield)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.
4. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist



Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are the Leonard family in thanksgiving for all our blessings, the Tyndall family thanking God for all our Blessings, and Greg and Kaki Merryman in thanksgiving. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are the Grove family, and the Dorantes family in thankfulness for our many blessings - our health, our children and our church family.

Praise and thanksgiving from: Tillie and Kevin Browett in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary, and Ginny Schalm in memory of my great-great-grandmother Mary Salmon LYON Ausenbaugh as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of her birth May 13, 1820.

Audio and Video Operators

David Hardoin and Walt Sweitzer

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Announcements for the week of May 3, 2020

Visit us at: www.redeemberirmingham.org for more detailed information

Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura McDonald at (248) 644-4010.

Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

Worship Schedule

Thursday – 5/7

11:25am – Livestream

Sunday

10:30am – Livestream

NEXT SUNDAY

May 10, 2020

The P31 Woman

Comforting Scripture

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. - James 1:2-3 (NIV2011)

Verse of the month

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies. - Proverbs 31:10 (NIV2011)

What's Going on at Redeemer during the Coronavirus?

Redeemer has a lot to offer during our "Stay Home, Stay Safe" time! Go to our website: www.redeemberirmingham.org and on the home page scroll down and click on the coronavirus picture - here you will find:

- A note from the Pastor and Elders
- A place to click and print/view our weekly bulletin & announcements
- Bible Study – click the image to see what Bible Studies we are offering on Zoom –
 - *contact the group leader to be included in the virtual Bible Study
- How I can help the Community/Redeemer Families – see what you can do to be involved
 - *ie: Operation Make Someone Smile, FOG, Donate to support Detroit Fire & EMS!!
- Staff Daily Devotion – click on and find a daily devotion from all our staff members by week – there are lots of them out there for everyone!
- Livestream – Since there is **no public worship service at this time**, you can watch our worship services on Livestream at livestream.com/RedeemerBirmingham – watch them anytime, you can even go back and watch one of your favorites from way back when!

Don't let staying home keep you away from church activities – stay involved!

Send Us Pictures for our Slideshows!

Sunday, May 10th - "Mother's Day Slideshow"

Send us pictures of your mother OR a picture of you with your mother and we will be able to put together a very special video to enjoy on Mother's Day! **Pictures should be emailed to Rose at rkiehle@redeemberirmingham.org NO LATER than Thursday, May 7th at midnight** to be included in Sunday's slideshow. **Please include with your photo:** your name, your mother's name and if they have gone to be with their Lord or if they are still alive

Sunday, May 17th - "HE IS THE ROCK Slideshow"

We encourage you to paint a rock – find one in your yard or while you're out on a walk! Paint your rock with a Bible verse and put it in a prominent place for others to find... maybe on a neighbor's porch, in a public park, or anywhere that someone will find it! Don't forget to take a picture of your rock and **send it to Rose at rkiehle@redeemberirmingham.org by Thursday 5/14**. The photos will be formed into a slideshow for the pre-service video on Sunday, May 17th! ****Read more about this HE IS THE ROCK PROJECT! in the Operation Smile article.***

Ways to Serve the Community

SUPPORT DETROIT FIRE AND EMS

Redeemer wants to help our community – and we are asking our congregation to help! There are a lot of good things happening right now with regards to people stepping up and helping feed our frontline workers in the local hospitals. **Debi Hollis has been gathering donations to feed the Detroit Fire and EMS guys and Redeemer wants to help. We will include the Detroit Police Department if enough funds come in!** We all know that Detroit has been hit HARD, and they have been so very grateful for the help so far. Let's remember the signs at Redeemer's exit doors: YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD. These folks are out there every day in the mission field – let's feed them and keep them going! **Send all donations to the church office payable to Lutheran Church of the Redeemer with "EMS food" in the memo line. Please put "attention EMS FOOD" on the front of the envelope.** Call Debi Hollis with any questions at 248-568-7764.

COUNSELING

Redeemer counseling staff is still available through phone Skype or zoom. **They have discounted their rates and the initial session is FREE.** Our Redeemer staff counselors Drs. Sandra Pourcho, Travis Knight, and Anna Lewis are available to help you through this difficult time and beyond. To receive counseling please call 248-568-6040. God be with you!

Special Music Needed for Summer Services!

Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would be willing to use your talent to provide special music for the 9:00am service on a Sunday in the summer, please contact Steve SeGraves (stevensegraves@gmail.com / 734-748-0849). **Beginning on Sunday, June 7th, and all the way through Labor Day weekend**, individuals will be needed to help provide this important ministry at Redeemer.

Celebration, Summer Praise Choir!

If you sing or play, and enjoy contemporary Christian music and praise songs, join us in helping to lead the music in worship at the 10:30am summer services, **beginning the Sunday after Memorial weekend, and running up to Labor Day**. For more information, contact Steve SeGraves (stevensegraves@gmail.com (734) 748-0849)

WAYS TO SERVE REDEEMER

Give Online



For your convenience, use a QR code reader on your smart phone to give. You can also go to the website – www.redeemberirmingham.org and under the menu option click on Giving – Ways to Give – and scroll down to Give Online and click on **Redeemer's donation** page. Click on the Login/Create Profile button. Once your profile is set-up, you may make a one-time donation, or set-up a recurring donation and not worry about mailing in your offering envelope!

FAITH WORKS 2020!

This year Redeemer is supporting Samaritas, a social services organization, by helping the foster children celebrate their birthday. **We will still be helping Samaritas with their Birthday Bags but it will be delayed until a later date**. If you have donated items already thank you so much! If you have items collected at your house please hold on to them. If you are willing to help, there

are still tags available. You can contact me at nolds@redeemberirmingham.org with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar!

Two additional services will be livestreamed in May:

✝ **May 7 for National Day of Prayer at 11:15am**

✝ **May 20 for Lunch and worship at 1pm**

WOMEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This week only, we will meet **Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.** on Zoom for session #2 of **Philip Yancey's, *Vanishing Grace: What Ever Happened to the Good News?*** As a journalist Philip Yancey has been asking this question all his life. In this video based small group study, participants will explore what kind of new is good to a culture that thinks it has rejected the Christian version. In addition to hearing illuminating stories of how faith can disarm even the most cynical critics, you will discover effective ways to share grace with others in a jaded society. **Email me at misskitty@redeemberirmingham.org for instructions on how to join us on Zoom.** See you there!

Women's Book Group will meet remotely on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00pm to review [The Only Woman in the Room](#) by Marie Benedict. Happy Reading!

Men's Ministry Virtual Bible Study: Your men's ministry is leaping into the 21st century with a virtual bible study on **Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am.** In past weeks we have had 32 men join us! It's a perfect time to join in as **we are starting a new study on 1st Corinthians** which will be led by Gary Priskorn. So grab a cup of Joe, sit down in your favorite easy chair and join us for what should prove to be a very interesting study. Contact Gary at gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org / 248.561.2641 for the instructions on how to join them on Zoom.

REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP

It's never too early to start thinking about KAMP!!!!!!!

Kamp 2020 dates are August 1st - August 7th!

Registration is now open to all! There is "Early Bird Pricing" available for registering before May 15th! To register and find more information please visit the Kamp section of the church website. **We have reached capacity the past few summers...so register early!** All questions can be directed to the Kamp Director, Tim Springer Jr. at redeemerkamp@gmail.com / 248-930-2215.

Portals of Prayer: There is a stack of the new Portals of Prayer on a small table outside the door of the Town Square (west entrance) for anyone who wishes to pick one up. You can also go on www.cph.org and read the portals of prayer devotion each day during the covid-19 shutdown.

Favorite Hymns: We want to sing your favorite hymn! Almost every Sunday our worship service will contain a favorite hymn chosen by members of our church family. We would love to know what your favorite hymns are! You can let us know your favorite hymn by going on the website under the "welcome"/ "I'm a member" tab and scroll down to fill out the form. Your name will be listed in the bulletin along with your selection. Later in the year, if you'd like to add any hymns, you are welcome to fill out another card and we will add it to your list of favorite hymns. Thank you for your participation.

MAY LAMP UPDATE

An electronic version of the May Lamp will be posted to the website and emailed to everyone on our Lamp email distribution list. We will not be doing our typical bulk mailing of the Lamp this month so if you would like to be added to the email distribution list please email us at office@redeemberirmingham.org. If you would like a physical copy of the May Lamp, printed copies will be available outside the door of the Town Square (West Entrance) the first week of May.

If you lose a loved one during this time, the elders, in discussion with the pastors, would encourage a memorial service to be planned for a later date. Pastors are available to do a committal during this time, but please be aware that some cemeteries are only allowing 2 witnesses.

Operation Make Someone Smile can ROCK someone's world!

HE IS THE ROCK PROJECT! In addition to the notes we're all sending to Redeemer families, let's make others smile with a slight ROCKIN' twist! **We encourage you to paint a rock** – find one in your yard or while you're out on a walk! **Paint your rock with a Bible verse and put it in a prominent place for others to find... maybe on a neighbor's porch, in a public park, or anywhere that someone will find it!** We're hoping these rocks will bring smiles to others and spread the love, joy, peace, and hope of God! If you're not an artist, you can improvise and spread the love of Jesus in another way for someone to find – be creative! **Don't forget to take a picture of your rock and send it to Rose (rkiehle@redeemberirmingham.org) by Thursday 5/14. The photos will be formed into a slideshow for the pre-service video on Sunday, May 17th!**

This is in addition to "Operation Make Someone Smile." We have had over 50 volunteers send notes to over 275 Redeemer households! We've gotten AWESOME feedback about how rewarding this has been for those receiving mail AND also for the volunteers! If you would like to participate, please contact Laura McDonald (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) and she will send you a list of 3-5 Redeemer households. You can then mail each household a card, note, letter, drawing, etc. This is an awesome, GERM-FREE way to spread joy! Kids enjoy doing this too – what a GREAT way to help your kids learn to serve others, even while in quarantine!

Family Of God

Family of God is Serving Detroit throughout the Pandemic! Family of God continues to provide dinners to those in need **6 days a week** during the virus outbreak! If you'd like to see a spotlight of FOG's service to Detroit during these trying times, please watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUpIxDQr2DE&feature=emb_title. As a congregation, Redeemer has also continued to provide meals for FOG. **Redeemer has delivered 4 meals to FOG since the "Stay at Home" order began**, and we've done it in different ways! The families of Redeemer's

Positive Parenting group, along with other wonderful volunteers, made casseroles, baked goods, sandwiches, and salads in their own homes. Laura went around town and picked up all of the goodies (no contact, porch pick-up!) and then dropped them off in Detroit. Laura enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of the kids through the windows as she picked up food from their porches! Families worked together to make parts of the meal – while mom made a casserole, the kids helped make a batch of baked goods! Children even made “notes of encouragement” that FOG will pass out to those receiving meals! All food delivered is immediately packed into “to go” containers and handed out with blankets, fabric masks, coffee - whatever is needed. RYG has brought down and served three hot meals. About 80-100 trays are served every night! If you’d like to help out with Family of God in the future (donating money, helping with the meal, etc.) please contact the church office.

Prayers for our Front-Line Workers

Every week we would like to lift up to the Lord in prayer a loved one of our Redeemer family who is working on the front lines during this pandemic. Please email the office at office@redeemberirmingham.org with **their name, position, and where they work** so we can add them to a list of individuals to pray for.

Prayer and Praise List

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- ✦ For the family and friends of Fred Rohrbach who was called to his heavenly home.
- ✦ For the family and friends of Ed Ahlquist Sr, Ed Ahlquist Jr’s father, who was called to his heavenly home.

For those facing health concerns:

- ✦ Charlene, David, and Damon, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Ruth Parish
- ✦ Cindy Olender
- ✦ Kerry Neidzwiecki
- ✦ Leslie Whitfield

- ✘ Betty Owens
- ✘ Kristen Greener and Tom Lalonde, friends of Dan and Denise McNaughton
- ✘ Tom Eley
- ✘ Peni Colville, Pam Dundas' sister
- ✘ John McKewan
- ✘ Jan Hogan
- ✘ Pat Nehls
- ✘ Sharon Frey
- ✘ Dennis Ainhorn, friend of Jane Bacon
- ✘ Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- ✘ Kurt Jung
- ✘ Bruce Landino and Joe Cotant, friends of Terry & Jean Roberts

For those in hospice care:

- ✦ Margot Gray

Special Petitions:

- ✦ For Tom Gray, Redeemer member who is homebound: pray for strength and encouragement.
- ✦ For all those suffering from the coronavirus and all healthcare workers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick. This week, we hold up before the Lord Lanie Barron Burns, Nurse in the ICU at UofM Hospital.
- ✦ President Trump and all world leaders, that God surround them with wise counsel.
- ✦ All those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters
- ✦ For all caregivers of those facing health concerns.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

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