#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

# August 25, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Theme: God's Word

#### As We Gather

"You should diligently learn the Word of God and by no means imagine that you know it. Let him who is able to read take a psalm in the morning, or some other chapter of Scripture, and study it for a while. This is what I do. When I get up in the morning, I pray and recite the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer with the children, adding any one of the psalms. I do this only to keep myself well acquainted with these matters, and I do not want to let the mildew of the notion grow that I know them well enough. The devil is a greater rascal than you think he is. You do as yet not know what sort of fellow he is and what a desperate rogue you are. His definite design is to get you tired of the Word and in this way to draw you away from it. This is his aim." (Martin Luther)

### Prayer Before Worship

Lord, I pray that You, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You, that the eyes of my understanding will be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of Your calling, what are the glorious riches of Your inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of Your power toward me who believes, according to the working of Your mighty power, in Jesus name. Amen!

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

# Opening Hymn - 9:00

In the Garden

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

#### Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.

- 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. -Refrain
- 3. I'd stay in the garden with Him tho the night around me be falling; But He bids me go - thru the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. -Refrain

Song of Praise! - 10:30 Crown Him With Many Crowns – arr. Galbraith

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne: Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

#### Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave, Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Bridge: (Redeemer Praise Only)

Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crown Him the Lord over all! (Rebeat)

Verse 3

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Father known, One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.

To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;

Be Thou, O Lord through endless days adored and magnified.

Coda: (Redeemer Praise Only)
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him the Lord over all! (Repeat)

### Order of Service

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

C: Amen.

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**

Isaiah 61:1-3

(The Lord's Favor)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

# Second Reading

Acts 20:7-9a

(A Long Sermon)

On the first day of the week, we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### Anthem

(9:00) Special Music
Janae Gallo - Clarinet
(10:30) Worthy of it All – arr. Loehrs

Redeemer Praise

#### Gospel Announcement

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

# Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-19

(Jesus Preaching)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**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 262

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

- 1. A mighty Fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil Foe now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.
- 2. With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is, Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- 3. The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain with his good gifts and Spirit. And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife, Let these all be gone, they yet have nothing won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Sermon Text: Acts 20:7-9a

"A Long Sermon" Rev. Randall J. Schlak

#### Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

# Gathering of Offerings

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today. There are two simple ways to do this:

- 1. Scan the QR code on the front page of the announcements and fill out the online attendance form.
- 2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.

This is also an opportune time for personal prayer and meditation. For help, see the prayers beginning on page 102 of the red hymnal and the Psalms beginning on page 123.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Hallelujah, hallelujah, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah.

# Prayer of the Church

# Lord's Prayer

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!

# Closing Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Tune: hymn 15

(favorite hymn of Bill Couger, Sherry Higgins, Valerie McCammon, Myrna Orava)

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily, walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

  Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

  -Refrain
- 3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. -Refrain

# Silent Prayer

#### Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

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Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by the Laramie, Lepola, & Zehnder families in loving memory of our father Donald Laramie. Sanctuary lectern flowers were placed by A.J. & Therese Scheidt in honor of Rick and Kay Scheidt's wedding anniversary today, August 25th.

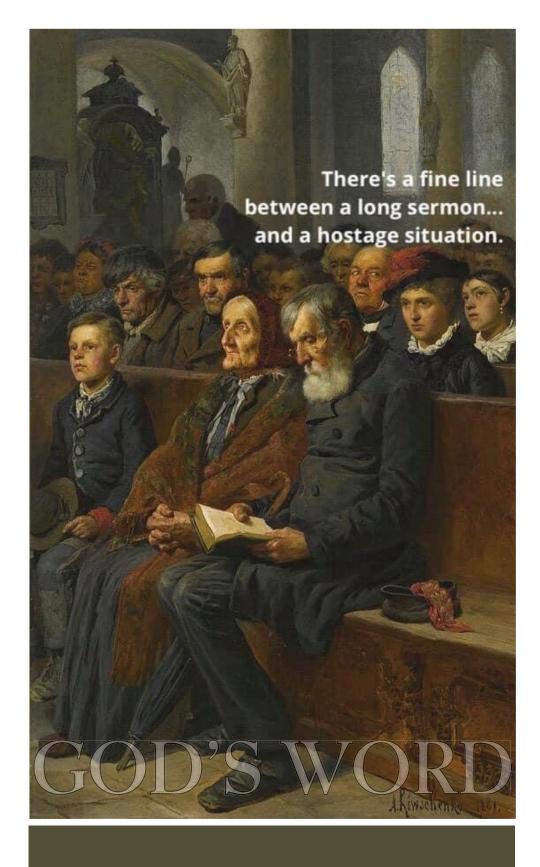
#### Altar Guild

Karen Pridmore, Kathy Eley, Ellie Gause, Rose Kiehle, Kim Martin, Megan Rettray, Rosemary Scheidt, Erin Springer, Bev Yocum

> <u>Audio and Video Operators</u> 9:00 - Dave Hamada 10:30 - Greg Merryman and David Hardoin

#### <u>Ushers</u>

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann, Brian Vautaw, Rudy Becker, Robert Artelt 10:30 - High School Youth Group



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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. (248) 644-4010 / office@redeemerbirmingham.org

Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

Announcements for the week of August 25, 2024

Out of respect, please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary or Chapel. (i.e. coffee, water bottles, etc.) Also, please turn cell phones off or to silent. Thank you for your cooperation. ~Redeemer Board of Elders and Pastors



**NEWS:** 

COMMUNION If you would like communion to be brought to you, please let an usher know before the service begins and they will be sure that you are accommodated.

The West Narthex door will be locked on Sundays to enhance building security. To enter the church on Sundays please use:

the main Narthex doors, the West Town Square doors, or the doors by the Chapel.

#### WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

No matter your past or present...Your current family or marital status...Your past or current religious affiliation... Your personal history, age, background, or ethnicity...You are invited, accepted, and most welcomed here. May all who walk through our door know that God loves them. 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 Vowell at (248) 644-4010 x121.

# Redeemer's Annual Homecoming Picnic

September 8, 2024

after the 10:30 worship

Frank's Catering and Ray's Ice Cream PLUS.... so much more food and fun!

see lamp for more details!!

**BRING A FRIEND!** 



HOMECOMING PICNIC 2024!

huge THANK YOU

to Rocky Ricelli and his crew at A & R Sealcoating for giving a fresh new look to our parking lot.



ThisTruckCooks.com

NO worship next Monday, September 2nd due to the holiday!

We need everyone to pitch in a little bit in order to make this event a success!

Confirmation students, this is a GREAT way to earn service hours! Sign up as a family to earn family service hours remember, you need at least 3 family service hours!

We need LOTS of help - especially with CLEAN UP!!!!!!!!!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org). SIGNUP ON CHURCH WEBSITE

#### **WORSHIP/ COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday**

8:00am - Chapel Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00/\*10:30am - Sanctuary Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday \*10:30am livestreamed service

Go to www.redeemerbirmingham.com and click on VIMEO/LIVESTREAM.

#### **Monday**

7:00pm - Chapel Communion after

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

#### REDEEMER NURSERY

Infants and children are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 & 10:30am Sunday worship services for children 3 and under. You are welcome to bring your child to the nursery at any time during the service.

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Scan the QR code & fill out the online attendance form.



to each of the Redeemer ministries for their delicious meals during the Monday Fellowship this summer. You Rocked it!

# Wednesday Lunch & Worship - September 18

All are invited to join us as we resume "Wednesday Lunch" & Worship" on September 18th, our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering at 12 noon in the Great Room where we're served a delicious meal, again graciously prepared by Michele Margosian. After the meal we move to the chapel at 1:00 p.m. for a brief worship service with

Holy Communion. Please call the church office (248-644-4010) by September 16th if you're joining us for lunch. Also, if you are in need of transportation, let the office know and we'll do our best to assist. Questions? Contact Gary Priskorn at the



GRIEF & LOSS - Recovery Group
RESUMES WASTER 1 pm in the Town Square. Come join us to learn skills and acquire loving comfort and support while adjusting to your life change and the new journey God has set before you. Bring a friend, all are welcome! Any questions feel free to call Dr. Sandy Pourcho at 248-568-6040, Redeemer's Resident Counselor.

# COUNSELING



ATTENTION REDEEMER MEN - Did you know we have a Pastoral Counselor for you here at Redeemer - Rev. Ronald Farah - that you can talk to man to man? Don't hesitate to call Rev. Farah at 248-642-3137 to make an appointment.

**Donation Information** - If you would like to donate, you can scan this QR Code using your phone's camera, or you can

use one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. If you choose to give online, we have cards in the pew for you to place in the offering basket indicating you have donated online. **THANK YOU** FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



#### **CONFIRMATION 2024/2025**

We are in the process of compiling a list of all our incoming Confirmation students for the fall. If your child is entering the 6th grade and you would like to enroll him/her in Confirmation, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org). If you have a child that is older or younger than 6th grade, Laura can help you set them up too.

**ACOLYTING & CROSSBEARING** - The Redeemer Acolyte Program is a service requirement for students in the Confirmation program in grades 6-8, and open to all who wish to volunteer. We welcome new director Crissy Bienkowski who will replace our amazing, long-time director Pam Lucas. Welcome Crissy, and Thank you Pam for your hard work and service. The new schedule is up if you'd like to sign up. You can sign up under the **WAYS to SERVE** box via the church website. If you have any questions, contact Laura Vowell at laura@redeemerirmingham.org.

# PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP!

Be A Reader!

Be A Greeter!

Host A Coffee Hour!

Be An Acolyte Or Cross Bearer!

Sponsor Altar Flowers!

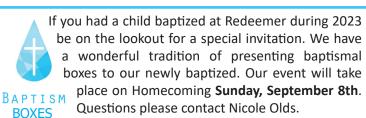
Sign up for a Mystery Prelude What is a Mystery Prelude?

#### \*Three Ways To Sign Up and participate!

Sign-Up on Town Square bulletin board 1

Scan the QR code to find out!

- 2 On the front page of the church website Click The "Ways To Serve" Box
- Call the church office



Summer Sunday School will continue through September 1st. We will kick off the fall on September 8th!! If you have a child who is now 3 or are new to Redeemer please reach out to Nicole Olds so you can be added to our email list. The more kids

the better!! nolds@redeemerbirmingham.org

#### HELP!! HELP!! HELP!!

Nicole is looking for new teachers to fill a few spots. We have been blessed by the dedication of a few people



who are either retiring or moving on to college. The schedule is set up so you teach for 5-weeks and then have a 10-week break. You would teach 2-3 rotations during the school year. I have all the supplies for you. You don't need a lot of prep time and the curriculum gives you options of activities to do. Please help give our kids a reason to be excited to come to church! Contact Nicole Olds to sign up!! nolds@redeemerbirmingham.org

Moms Day Out is looking for staff! If you enjoy spending time with littles ones we have the job for you! The hours are 9am to noon and we need someone on Wednesdays and Fridays. We work with kids 20- 36 months old. Please reach out to Nicole Olds if you are interested.



#### PRAYER & PRAISE LIST

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

- For the family and friends of Dan Reck, Sr. who was called to his heavenly home
- For the family and friends of Joe Hamada whose memorial will be this coming Thursday, August 29 in our Chapel

#### For those with health concerns:

- Wayne Denniston, dad of Sharon Tylenda
- Stacey, Michele Ostrander's sister-in-law
- Carol & Tim Frost
- Mary Lou Mabee
- Albert Shaneen, relative of the Alguist's
- John K
- Serena
- The Derby Family
- Michael, friend of the Calvaneso's
- David Struck
- Linda and Sue Sack
- John Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Beth Hamada
- Ron Ging
- Frank Rosenzweig
- Elaine Schultz, mother of Pam Tyndall
- Pat Nehls
- Ron Ging
- A man going through legal and medical problems.
- Rick & Carol Warnicke,

#### For those in Hospice Care:

- Etta Unruh
- Helga Compagnia

#### **Special Petitions:**

- For Jonathan and Jean Scherer, Talitha Farah's brother and sister-in law, and the people of Stehekin Washington as they face a 33,000 acre wildfire.
- For all those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters.
- President Biden and all world leaders, to be receptive to Godly counsel.
- For all those suffering from health concerns and for their caregivers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Anyone in need of long-term prayers (more than 3 weeks) will be included in our daily prayer chain email distribution and rotated on our Sunday prayer list once a month.

# CHICKS WITH STICKS will meet on Thursday,

September 5th and 19th at 1:00 in the library. We are making all kinds of things for the homeless and those who live just making ends meet.....hats, mittens, and other cozy things....and yes, we will continue to knit for the next winter when people will need the warmth of a sift and a message of hope. Come anytime ar d sit in. If you don't knit you can help sort or bring a project to work on and enjoy the fellowship. We also crochet and love to share our enthusiasm! Meetings are typically the first and third Thursday of the month. Please check the schedule or call the church office.

RYG SUNDAY NIGHT **BIBLE STUDY** KICKS off with a POOL PARTY! SEPTEMBER 8TH more details to follow!!

#### STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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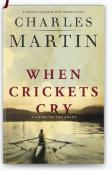
Tuesday Night Women's Book Group

Book Group will gather on August 27 to discuss Charles Martin's When Crickets Cry. If you like good Christian literature then this book is for you. Charles Martin has the ability to use the written word to describe a person's inner feelings and fears. The main character has suffered a traumatic experience and has retreated and rejected his former life and friends. His emotional climb back to his former self is beautifully described. We begin to understand his dilemma and his

inner demons and in doing so may recognize our own. Town Square....be there!

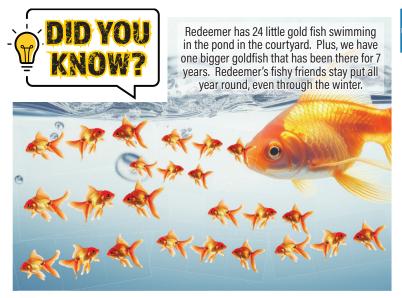
Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 in the Town Square is when we discuss Kathleen Grissom's book *The Kitchen House*. When a white servant girl violates the order of plantation society, she unleashes a tragedy that exposes the worst and best in the people she has come to call her family. Orphaned while onboard ship from Ireland, seven-year-old Lavinia arrives on the steps of a tobacco plantation where she is to live and work with the slaves of the kitchen house. Under the care of Belle, the master's Lavinia becomes deeply bonded to her adopted family, though she is set apart from them by her white skin. Eventually, Lavinia is accepted into the world of the big house where she finds herself perilously straddling

two very different worlds. When she is forced to make a choice, loyalties are brought into question, dangerous truths are laid bare, and lives are put at risk.



KITCHEN

OUSE



**Tuesday Morning Bible study** starts up again **Tuesday, September 17, at 9:30** in the Great Room it is also available via zoom, just contact Pastor Jimmy for the zoom information. This year we will be studying **Heros of the Bible**. People like David, Sampson, Debra just to name a few. We will read their sections of Scripture then discuss them. What made them a hero? What were their flaws? Come and join us.

# Teaser and Trivia for Congregational Care and Adult Education

In 1969, Bill Meinert attended a 2 week orientation session in Madison, WI. This orientation session enabled him to bring the Bethel Series Bible Study to Redeemer. A group of teachers participated in a 2 year training opportunity.

After that, a large number of our members took part in this intensive study. In an article in The Eccentric, Bill Meinert was named as the "Rev. Meinert"!

Learn more about Redeemer's Congregational Care and Adult Education in August 2025!

#### CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

CEF serves as trusted and innovative stewards of financial resources by providing investment and lending products to help Lutheran ministries and church members build God's Kingdom.

Redeemer is looking for a Church Extension Fund Representative who can understand and talk about the ministry of Church Extension Fund to other Redeemer members.

Qualifications:

- Active Member
- A person willing to learn about the mission of CEF
- A person who likes to serve their church
- A current or future investor at CEF.

# BIBLE-STUDIES

#### **SUNDAYS**

**Adult Bible Study** - Rev. Ronald Farah - *The Study of Romans All year after 9am service (Scheidt Room)* 

**New Member Class** - Laura Vowell 9-10am (Great Room) Sept 29-Nov. 3

**Children's Sunday School -** Nicole Olds 10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

**Redeemer Youth Group (High School)** - Gia & Eric *7pm (Youth Room)* 

#### **TUESDAYS**

**Adult Bible Study -** Pastor Jimmy - *Hero's of the Bible 9:30am (Great Room)* **begins Sept 17** 

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer 6:30pm (Great Room) \*4th Tuesday starts at 6pm The Chosen-Season 4 - begins Sept 10

#### WEDNESDAYS \*

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn - Acts (\*Zoom available) 6:45-7:30am - all year (Great Room)

**Positive Parenting -** Victoria Ilitch & Kristin Thompson *9:15-10:45am (Great Room)* **begins Sept 11** 

**Confirmation Classes** - Laura Vowell *6-8pm (various rooms)* 

**Core Group (RYG - High School) -** Gia Scheidt *6-8pm (Youth Room)* 

For more information on a particular study, contact the names indicated or call the church office at 248-644-4010.

















Feed the Homeless!

Redeemer partners with Family of God (FOG), a Lutheran Church in southwest Detroit, that provides meals to those in need 6 days a week! YOU can help provide these meals in MANY different ways:

meal plan
 shop
 prepare a hot meal
 deliver/serve a meal
 prepare frozen meals
 make bagged lunches

contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org).

# **NEW MEMBER CLASSES - Begin September 29**

Become a Member! If you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer, please contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemerbirmingham.org). She will guide you through the easy process!