

ORDER OF WORSHIP June 2, 2024 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m. Second Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Broken

As We Gather

Paul reminds us today that we are jars of clay, that are imperfect. Despite our imperfections God uses us to His glory. As God uses broken and imperfect people, we can also be encouraged that God can use us to accomplish important things and that, when we use the tools He provides, the power is not our own, but His. We are simply earthen vessels / jars of clay; the treasure is God's gift inside.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, you have exalted your name above the heavens. Your name means grace and peace and wonder to all who speak it in faith and love. You have chosen to use weak and broken vessels to be your eyes and hands and feet in this world. It seems, Lord, that you often pass your glory through the ordinary, the fragile, the imperfect. In this, Lord, we are honored – but humbled. Mysterious God, what a great salvation. We sinned, you forgave. We turned away, you gave chase. We rebelled, you paid for it. We forgot, you remembered. We are often faithless, you are ever faithful. We complain, you are patient! Lord, do not allow us to make excuses for ourselves, hiding as we do in the limits of our humanness. Although we are perfectly aware of how inadequate we are to the task, help us to see ourselves as you do, as reconcilers, as peacemakers, as redeemed kingdom builders. If we are dull, make us shine. Lord, take these imperfect

jars of clay and make them to be holy cups of pure grace, forged in your desires for us. Make it so. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you wish to join us at the Lord's Table, please read this Communion information. If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord's Supper, we welcome you to our altar.

- I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.
- ☑ I believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.
- I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.

Mystery Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

(Sponsored by Bryan Mortenson for Erin, now and forever.)

Opening Hymn 464 - 9:00

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Song of Praise! - 10:30 How Great Thou Art – Baloche Redeemer Praise with the Congregation

 Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made.
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder.
 Thy Pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

2. And when I think that God His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

(Repeat Chorus Twice)

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Order of Service for Holy Communion

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

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

(The Sabbath Commandment)

Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Epistle Reading

(Jars of Clay)

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:23-28

(Jesus and the Sabbath)

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also

gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn 451

Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus

1. Stand up! - Stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross! Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss. From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead Till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

- 2. Stand up! Stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call obey; Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day! Ye that are men, now serve Him against unnumbered foes; Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.
- 3. Stand up! Stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

"Jars of Clay" 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 Tune: hymn 15

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

Communion Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

P: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;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Pastor)

The Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

- O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

For prayers before and after receiving the Sacrament, see pages 118-119 in the red hymnal.

Communion wine is dark in color, grape juice is light. It is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or desire the common cup, at the appropriate time, please raise your pointer finger.

Communion Anthem

(9:00) More Than Wonderful - Lanny Wolfe Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano; Justin Wicker, tenor; Rick Helderop, piano

(10:30) Thank You Jesus for the Blood – Gayle Redeemer Praise

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn 651

Be Still My Soul

(favorite hymn of Pam Dundas, Jan Pflieger, Sue Soltess, Betsy Ukrop, David Pflieger, Rosemary Ging, David Hardoin)

- 1.Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
 Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
- 2.Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
 To guide the future as He hath the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still my soul; the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
- 3.Be still, my soul, tho' dearest friends depart
 And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
 Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe thy sorrows and thy fears.
 Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
 From His own fulness all He takes away.

Silent Prayer

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Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Therese & Mark Schulz in celebration and gratitude for 40 happy years of marriage.

Altar Guild

Kaki Mammel, Corinne Chesna, Sandy Springer, Jane Zehnder, Kris Ortale, Jamie Burstein, Ann Marie Violante, Susan Laramie

Readers

9:00 - Kristen Rolf 10:30 - Andrea Calvaneso

Audio and Video Operators
9:00 - Jim Wingo
10:30 - Jim Endress and David Hardoin

<u>Ushers</u>

9:00 - Keith Lewis, captain; Dave Peterson, Rick Russ, Arnie Glesmann, Brian Vautaw, Kevin Hessen, Rudy Becker 10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Ron Curcio, Matt Pedersen, Jim Staargaard, Orion Pedersen, Brad Baldner, Ryan Teahan

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

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Announcements for the week of June 2, 2024

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.

Worship/Communion Schedule Sunday

8am - 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

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

Redeemer Nursery: Infants and children are always welcome in church, but if you choose, our nursery is available during 9:00 and 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 this QR code and fill out the online attendance form.

COMMUNION NEWS: 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.

Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study: Join us on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm in the Great Room for a stand-alone Pop-Up Bible Study lesson. We will have snacks/dessert and fellowship along with our study and invite you and your friends to give study a try if you haven't already. Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board. Questions? Call Kitty at 248-644-4010!

All 2024 high school and college graduates are invited to receive a blessing at our "Dads & Grads" celebration on Father's Day, June 16th, at the 10:30am church service. If you can attend, please email (gscheidt@gmail.com) or text (248-520-6407) Gia Scheidt so we can print your name in the bulletin!

Monday Night Fellowship Starting tomorrow June 3rd through August 26th

Fellowship will include light dinner, dessert, and refreshments. Starts at 6:30pm outside the Chapel and runs until worship starts at 7:00pm. **Nicole and Children's Ministry are hosting on June 10th.** Nicole is serving sloppy joes, chips, coleslaw, and dessert.



Teaser and Trivia for Pastoral Ministry

At the age of 10, Pastor Duane remembers conducting his very first church service. It was complete with a sermon, and his brother Doug who acted as an usher, which included collecting the offering!

Learn so much more about our Pastoral Ministry in June of 2025!

Faithful Friends Enrichment Event - June 9 *Elder Law:*

"What Seniors should know when looking into Assisted Living."

Save the Date for our next Enrichment Talk sponsored by Faithful Friends! All are invited! Erin Mortenson & Ashley Dickey are attorneys specializing in Elder Law, Medicaid, & Long-Term Care Planning and Estate Planning. They will be speaking on "What Seniors should know when looking into Assisted Living." It's on June 9th in the Great Room immediately following the 10:30am service for an hour – come and join us! For further information speak with Gary Priskorn gpriskorn@redeemerbirmingham.org 248-644-4010 x123 or a committee member. "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have." ~Isaiah 46:4

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JOIN US! VBS dates are June 17-21: 9am – 12noon. Scan the QR code to sign up to attend and volunteer!

Be a Volunteer!

We are looking for people of all ages to help with this incredible week of fun. We will need help in ALL areas including:

WELCOME! When coming to any mid-week events at Redeemer, please use the TOWN SQUARE WEST ENTRANCE DOORS ONLY.

Feed the Homeless! Wednesday, June 5th

We are preparing and serving a meal to 80+ people at Family of God (FOG) in southwest Detroit!

We need help in the following ways:

Call Committee Update: Head Elder, Rick Russ, on Sunday, May 26, requested at all worship services the names of potential candidates you feel are qualified for the Associate Pastor position that is still open. Please submit the candidate names to either Pastor Randy or the Church Office no later than Sunday, June 16.

Prayer and Praise List

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

 For the family and friends of Thomas Ernst who was called to his heavenly home. His memorial service was held at Redeemer on Friday, May 31.

For those with health concerns:

- Karen Gause
- Sue Sack
- Gary Priskorn
- Skylar & Elianna Hoagland
- Susie Hess, Pat Raezler's niece
- John Wargelin
- Myrna Orava
- Beth Hamada
- Ron Ging
- Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- Tom Gray
- Margaret Loose
- Bob, friend of the congregation

For those in Hospice Care:

Etta Unruh

Special Petitions:

- Please watch over the many people in the Middle East and Ukraine in this time of war.
- For all those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Please keep them in your prayers, especially today.
- 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.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Summer Sunday School will start June 23rd. We meet every Sunday during the 10:30am service only. The teachers who teach during the school year take a break during the summer so I am looking for people to step up and teach. We have a lesson and then head to the playground for fellowship and popsicles. It can be one week or more, whatever works with your schedule. I am happy to walk you through the lesson, which I provide. Contact Nicole Olds to sign up or if you have questions.

<u>Leadership Team Meeting: June 12</u>

If you would like to be a part of the Leadership team, please let Pastor Randy or the church office know and provide a paragraph describing what you believe you could contribute as a member of the Leadership Team.

*Should you have a discussion topic for consideration, please direct it to Deb Vanderhoef at dknovan@gmail.com and grant some time for a response

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 23 (directly following 10:30am worship)

DID YOU KNOW? Have you ever noticed that pole by the West entrance driveway? If you were wondering what that is....it is a license plate reader. Any vehicle moving westbound on Maple has their license plate read so the owner of the car can be identified. The reader is owned by the City of Birmingham along with several others that are placed around the city. When driving around Birmingham, don't worry about smiling for the camera though, it only reads license plates. But you should feel a sense of security that Birmingham has a way to detect unlawful vehicles /drivers right in our front yard.

Thank you and farewell! Some sad news for Redeemer, but happy news for Therese Scheidt. Therese has been such a blessing to Redeemer for the past 8 years; her skill set and friendly personality have helped make our church office a welcoming, loving place. Therese has been blessed with a new opportunity and will be leaving Redeemer's church staff. Her final day is June 12th. She will be dearly missed. If you get an opportunity to see her before she leaves, thank her for all that she has done for us. ~Rev. Randy Schlak

Redeemer Youth Group (High School Youth)
*recent 8th grade confirmands welcome to join
CORE GROUP

Wednesdays (6-8pm)

RYG Sundays: Youth Room (7-9pm)

Last RYG of the year TODAY - June 2

Senior Celebration

Questions? Contact Gia or Eric *Make sure to follow RYG on Instagram for event updates and photos @redeemer_y00th



Scamper's Camp

Children who are 2 years old by January 1st, 2024 - 5 years old. (After attending kindergarten, they are too old to come back.)

Sign up has started via our online form found on our website.

Contact Nicole Olds with questions.

REDEEMER SUMMER KAMP! Kamp 2024 dates are Sunday 7/28 – Saturday 8/3. Registration is now open to all! To register and to find more information, please visit the Kamp section of the church website! All questions can be directed to the Kamp Director, Tim Springer Jr. (redeemerkamp@gmail.com, 248-930-2215).

Women's Book Group invites you to review and appraise our June selection Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Graan. Join us Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00pm in Redeemer's Town Square. (Summer reads for July and August: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby VanPelt and When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin)*See full book description in Lamp

Two Opportunities To Mark Your Calendar (details to follow)

*Hosted by the Prime Timers group - open to all

- Men's Golf and Barbecue: Wednesday, August 14
 9-hole scramble 3:00 p.m. at Lincoln Hills
 BBQ 6:00 p.m. at Beverly Park Pavilion
- A Day at the Hollis' Cottage: Thursday, August 15 -2:00-6:00 p.m.

We are on break for the summer now but that doesn't mean you need to stop knitting and crocheting. We have lots of yarn in the Trinity Room. We will be checking the yarn supply throughout the summer, and we will replenish the boxes of yarn as space becomes available. Stop by often to see what new yarn entices you. I hope you can knit/crochet all summer so that we have a nice big pile of hats and scarves to donate to both men AND women next November to our less fortunate neighbors in Detroit. Thank you for serving Jesus through your knitting and crocheting!

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Rev. Ronald Farah

Romans - meets all year long

Sundays, after 9am service (Scheidt Room)

Children's Sunday School - Nicole Olds

Sundays, 10:30am (lower-level classrooms)

Adult Bible Study - Pastor Jimmy

*On break for the summer until September

Women's Bible Study - Kitty Sweitzer

Pop-Up Bible Study

Tuesday, June 18th, 6:30pm (Great Room)

Men's Bible Study - Gary Priskorn

Acts *Zoom available

Wednesdays, 6:45-7:30am - all year long (Great Room)

Core Group (RYG - High School) - Gia Scheidt

Wednesdays, 6-8pm (Youth Room)

Young Adult Bible Study - Michael Banerian

First Thursday of every Month - 6:30pm (Michael's house)

Redeemer Youth Group (High School) - Gia Scheidt & Eric Wisniewski Sundays, 7pm (Youth Room)

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