



REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**MAY 17, 2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30AM & 11AM SERVICE**

WELCOME

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering basket, or visit our welcome desk to share more about yourself and learn about ways to connect with us.

Bathrooms are located in the hallway to the right of the rear sanctuary exit, as well as in our Adult Ministry Hallway. The Nursing Mothers Room is located in room 111C in our Children's Ministry Hallway.

PASTORS

Rev. Giorgio Hiatt

Rev. Justin Edgar

Rev. Eric Mitchell

DIRECTORS

Christy Davis | Hand in Hand
Hala Matalka | Connection
Jonathan Murfee | Youth

Ashley Sharpe | Children
Brian Whippo | Worship

CARE

If you would like to request prayer, please email prayer@redeemerws.org.

For financial assistance or other care needs, please email deacons@redeemerws.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY | MAY 17

8:30&11AM Worship Service
10AM Congregational Meeting
4:30PM MS Large Group

TUESDAY | MAY 19

5:30PM Welcome & Hospitality
Volunteers Dinner
7PM LET Monthly Meeting

WEDNESDAY | MAY 20

5PM Life Group Leaders Dinner

THURSDAY | MAY 21

6AM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY | MAY 24

9AM&11AM Worship Service



CALLED BY GOD

GOD IS FOR US | CityAlight

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley with You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge only You can save

Sing with joy now, our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love

CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalms 3 & 24

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

ALL: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

LEADER: Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him."

ALL: But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy mountain.

LEADER: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

ALL: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.

LEADER: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

EVERLASTING GOD (WE SET OUR HOPE) | William Murphy

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid

I will wait on You, I will wait on You
I will trust in You, I will trust in You

The Lord is my light and salvation
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid

I will wait on You, I will wait on You
I will trust in You, I will trust in You

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord

We set our hope on You
We set our hope on Your love
We set our hope on the One
Who is the everlasting God
You are the everlasting God

I will remain confident in this
I will see the goodness of the Lord



CLEANSED BY GOD

CONFESSION OF SIN | from Psalm 51 and “An Honest Word” by Paper Horses

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I don't have my own victory song
I'm not beating any holy battle drums
It's taking all the strength I've got
Just to put one foot in front of the other

ALL: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

I can't swing a heavy sword
Like David I threw off the old king's clothes of war
I'm standing in the streets like an orphan
Looking for her mother

ALL: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

All I have to give now is surrender
As if I even could put up a fight
I don't think you need one more defender
It's enough to be your child

ALL: My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

A victory song, a heavy sword
These are not the offerings you're asking for
But a humble heart and an honest word
You want a humble heart and an honest word

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | from Psalm 51 and 103, Genesis 6, and Romans 8

LEADER: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And yet your eyes land on me with love.

As Hagar said, “You are the God who sees me;”

A good father who has compassion on his children.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

ALL: Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

LEADER: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONSECRATED BY GOD

LITANY FOR ASCENSION SUNDAY

LEADER: Risen and ascended Lord,
You reign above every ruler, authority, power, and dominion.

ALL: Strengthen our faith as we stand in a world of fear and uncertainty.

LEADER: When we are weary from anxiety,
when the darkness feels near,
when accusation and shame rise against us,

ALL: Lift up our eyes to the reigning Christ.

LEADER: For those struggling with despair, grief, doubt, or suffering

ALL: Lord, be their shield and refuge.

LEADER: For Your church throughout the world,
especially where believers suffer opposition or persecution

ALL: Give courage, endurance, and steadfast faith.

LEADER: For our homes and friendships,
for our children and our neighbors,
for places fractured by hostility and division

ALL: Teach us to walk in the peace of Christ.

LEADER: As the disciples waited in prayer after Your ascension,
make us a people of hopeful expectation.

ALL: Send Your Spirit and renew Your church.

LEADER: Until the day every power is brought beneath Your feet

ALL: Keep us standing firm in faith. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON | The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

NOTES

SONG OF RESPONSE

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST | Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

CONFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.



COMMUNING WITH GOD

FIRST COMMUNION (11AM)

Henry Dalen Benoit

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a family meal. By eating this meal, you are acknowledging your need for God's mercy and that you find it in Christ alone. Please discard cups as you exit.

DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL | Anne Steele and Kevin Twit

Dear refuge of my weary soul
On Thee when sorrows rise
On Thee when waves of trouble rolls
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief
For thou alone can'st heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God where shall I flee
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Through prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face
And shall I seek in vain
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain
No still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat with
Humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet
Thy mercy seat is open still
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will
And wait beneath Thy feet



COMMISSIONED BY GOD

OFFERING

During our offering each week, undesignated cash will go towards our Deacons Fund. We use this money to help those in our community and our own church body in times of financial need.

O CHURCH ARISE | Ed Cash, Keith Getty, and Kristyn Getty

O Church Arise and put your armor on,
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong,
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart will see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

BENEDICTION & DOXOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENTS | VISIT CHURCH CENTER FOR REGISTRATIONS

Be sure to visit our LET & GET display in the hallway to learn how to connect with this month's spotlights:
WS/FCS Summer Care & Pat Abbott

Congregational Meeting | May 17

Join us today at 10AM for our last Congregational Meeting for this academic year. We will share our Summer plans across ministry areas, give a review of New Wine, and share updates for our financials. Sunday School will remain open for all kids birth through 5th grade, and the meeting will be recorded for the Looking Ahead email. Light refreshments will be served after; please come!

Summer Service Time | May 24

Starting on May 24, we will shift to our summer service times of 9AM and 11AM. Sunday School will be paused over summer along with Worship Training. Our nursery will be expanded to include kids from birth up to 4 years old. We also will transform our Worship Room, Room 104, to hold a livestream of the services for families needing a little extra space during our services.

VBS - Rainforest Falls | June 9-12

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. Volunteer and Camper registrations are live now!

Summer Suppers - Hosts Needed

This July and early August, we're planning Summer Suppers, simple one-evening dinners in Redeemer homes. We're looking for hosts willing to open their home for a small group (about 8 adults, plus kids) for a joyful evening of food and conversation. Guests sign up for a date without knowing who's hosting or who else will be there. It's part of the fun and a great way to meet new people across Redeemer. More details available on Church Center.

Bring a Meal

It's a privilege to serve those in our midst with meals and other gifts. Email prayer@redeemerws.org to report a need. To bring a meal, go to carecalendar.org and enter the login info (If the calendar is full, consider mailing grocery/restaurant gift cards).

GENERAL FUND - APRIL SUMMARY

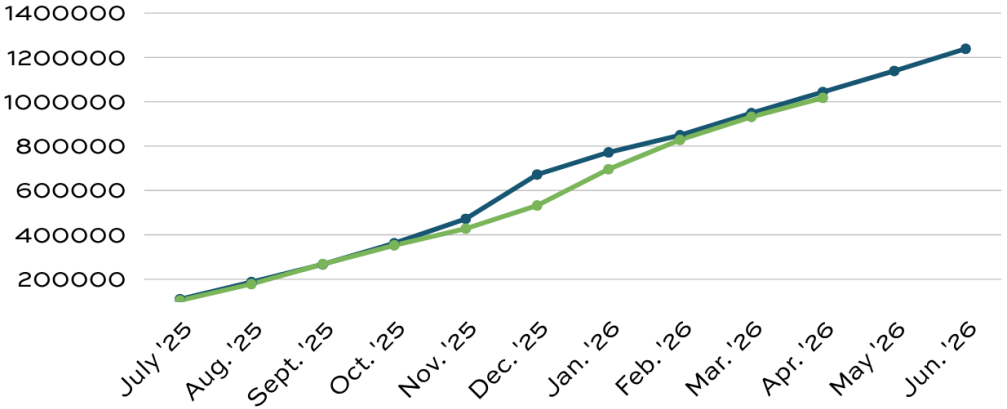
GIVE ONLINE HERE

These regular, weekly offerings go to the upkeep and wellbeing of the church, including building needs, maintenance, staff supports, and ministry support. Through April, a total of \$1,017,922 has been given to the General Fund, which is 2.4% under our planned budget of \$1,044,000. We deeply appreciate your generosity that allows us to do all that we do as a congregation.



FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW (FYTD)

Income Budget



DEACONS FUND - FYTD

This offering helps our community during times of financial crises. We use this money to help those in our community and our own church body in times of financial need. Thank you for your gifts!



Support Given - \$30,971
Income to Deacons Fund - \$46,510

MISSIONS FUND - FYTD

Redeemer allots \$89,000 to cross-cultural work, but our Global Engage Team raises extra monies through this fund. This helps us to be more generous to our global partners and respond to temporary or vision needs.



Given - \$21,728
Goal Income - \$30,583

NEW WINE SUMMARY

Thank you so much to the now 91 families who have participated thus far in our stewardship initiative. Your gifts have enabled us to continue sustaining many of our Global Partners in their work.



Received Pledges + One Time Gifts - \$525,679

Total Commitments - \$686,867
(Goal is \$625,000)

HIM. THROUGH US. FOR OTHERS.

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church is
a worshipping community that exists
to be transformed by God's grace into
faithful servants of all by:**

**Following Christ.
Connecting with each other.
Engaging the world.**

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