

S I X T H S U N D A Y O F E A S T E R
May 17, 2009

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Please enter the Sanctuary quietly for the sake of those who are in prayer. A Nursery that welcomes children ages 6 weeks- 4 years is available during Worship today. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Sims Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **C**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE	8:15 <i>Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele</i>	J.S. Bach
	(Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness)	(1685-1750)
	11:00 <i>Second Suite for Handbells</i>	
	Redeemer Ringers Beginning Choir	

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

☞ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen**

Standing

HYMN 389

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

TRURO

GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**

KYRIE

☞ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards as the children are invited to come forward for the children's sermon.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by completing the blue sheet enclosed in your bulletin. You may also indicate your time and talent interest on this enclosure as well.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Brian Goke

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:44–48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?

⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

After the reading
The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 5:1–6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

After the reading
The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

John 15:9–17

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

After the reading
The gospel of the Lord.

Seated
SERMON

Screened

Pastor Brian Goke

Standing
HYMN 641

All Are Welcome

TWO OAKS

Standing
APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 the life everlasting. Amen**

P R A Y E R S

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to kmedford@redeemer.org Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

T H A N K S G I V I N G

God's grace and mercy summon us to give thanks.

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing
The Redeemer Choir*

Kenneth Jennings

Standing

OFFERTORY

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate**

our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek to meet the Risen Christ in the bread and wine
are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction. There are four stations: two at the altar rail, kneeling, on the first Sunday of the month, and two by the chancel steps. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

To receive the wafer extend your hand, palm up, and then lightly touch the wafer to the burgundy wine, or the white colored grape juice held by the assistant. If you would like the pastor to place the elements on your tongue, fold your hands and keep them folded in front of you.

Children who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing, folding their arms across their chests as a signal to the pastor.

Communion will be served in the pews to those who cannot come forward; please inform an usher. Gluten free wafers are available.

Standing

- ☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☛ Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

- ☞ Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☛ Amen

S E N D I N G

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

- ☞ Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

HYMN 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☛ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony I

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)