



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Brian Gault | May 8, 2022

"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life"

- John 14:1-6

REFLECTION QUOTE

"Jesus himself is the route, the underlying reason for the journey. He is way and truth and life (v.6). 'All the way to heaven is heaven,' an old Christian paraphrase of this passage has it, 'for he said, "I am the way."' He alone is the way to the Father. Our approach to God is through him (v.6). Yet this approach is not only an eschatological future spoken of, like that of the Synoptics, but also a this-worldly abiding with God. To be on the way is to know truth and have life."

-Gerald Sloyan, John: Interpretation

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

*Call to Worship

Revelation 21:3-5

Mr. Steve Lanier, Assistant to the Pastor

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'"

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Steve Lanier

* Song of Preparation

"Be Lifted High"

Jesus we lift your name on high, Your name on high. Be lifted high.

Jesus we lift your name on high, Your name on high. Be lifted high [x3]

Be lifted high. Be lifted high. Be lifted high. Be lifted high in all the earth.[x2]

Jesus your name be glorified. Be glorified. Be lifted high. Jesus your name be glorified. Be glorified. Be lifted high.

Cristo, tu nombre alabaré Alabaré, te alabaré Cristo, tu nombre alabaré Alabaré, te alabaré

Te alabaré Alabaré, alabaré Tu nombre alabaré Alabaré Alabaré, alabaré Tu nombre alabaré

* Song of Praise

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken. Great are You, Lord

Chorus: *It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise*

We pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs. So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing great are You, Lord. (Chorus)

Confessing the Faith

Mr. Steve Lanier

WCF 8.2 The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. (WCF 8:2 WCS)

WSC 21 Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever. (WSC 1:21 WCS)

WSC 29 How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

WSC 30 How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling. (WSC 1:29-30 WCS)

WSC 33 What is justification? A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone. (WSC 1:33 WCS)

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Gene Dent, Ruling Elder

Choral Worship

"Worship the Lord"

Redeemer Choir

Chorus: *Worship the Lord and praise His holy name. Worship the Lord let's magnify His name*

Make a joyful noise all ye people, Sing a song to the Lord
Of His goodness and His mercy, Of His faithfulness and love

Make a joyful noise all ye people, Sing a song to Him above
Who redeemed my soul from destruction satisfies me with His Love
Now I'm free and I just want to be more available to You. Chorus

Bless the Lord oh my soul, and all that is within me
Bless the Lord oh my soul bless His Holy name. Chorus

Can't stop praising His name, I just can't stop praising His name
I just can't stop praising His name--Jesus!

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

John 14:1-6

Sermon Title

"I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;

Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above

Chorus: Oh the deep, oh the deep Pour your deep, deep love over me O the deep, deep love of Jesus!

Spread His praise from shore to shore;

How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;

How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;

How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne. (Chorus)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee. (Chorus)

*** Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Rev. Brian Gault

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Gene Dent/Mrs. Betty Marsha Dent

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- What's your favorite story about getting home? How and when do you feeling the longings for home most intensely?
- How do you experience the comfort of the fact that Jesus goes to prepare a place for you? Read Rev 21:1 – 22:5 and build a mental picture of that place. What does it mean that place has many rooms/dwellings/abodes and how is that connected to Jesus' command in John 15:4-5 to 'abide in me'?
- Using the idea of mediator (1 Tim 2:5, WCF 8:2, WLC36) discuss how Jesus is the way to the Father? How does this connect to John 1:23 and Isaiah 40:3-4?
- Explain Jesus' claim of exclusivity from John 14:6. How would you defend an exclusive claim in a pluralistic culture? How is Jesus' claim different from other religions, and how is that a source of comfort for you?
- In the context of the Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17) and the Book of Glory (John 13-21) how does Jesus 'go to prepare a place for you'?
- How do 'the truth' and 'the life' explain how Jesus is 'the way'? What does it mean that 'the way' isn't just a final answer at the end of life but a present reality too?

SERMON NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Let Us Know You Were Here!

Please aim your smart phone camera at the QR code and fill out the short attendance form. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike, and also includes links to announcements, online giving, and prayer requests.



PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

- *Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia, please see QR CODE.*

BIRTH

- Liam Griffin Newell, 4-26-22, son of Colin and Bliss Newell. See QR CODE for Take Them a Meal.

CALLS TO ACTION

Marriage Workshop: Made for Connection, May 13-14

Join us May 13-14 for a marriage intensive workshop with Ed and Emily Hartman. Space is limited (20 couples). Meals, nursery, and child care provided. Use the QR Code to sign up today!

Second Saturday Serve, May 14

Join 1 of 3 different teams (9:00-11:30am OR 1:30-4:00pm) to serve families touched with disability in our community on Sat, May 14. When you sign up, you'll be placed on a team and given full instructions and the address for the service opportunity.

Teams 1 & 2: Visit 2 families with disabilities and make relational connections to find ways to advocate for the family. Skills: Quality time, encouragement, listening.

Team 3: Widen a bedroom doorway to fit a wheelchair and be an encouraging and joyful presence in the home. Skills: Construction, smiling.

These opportunities are good for the whole family! Use the QR Code to sign up or email Levi Gill (levijgill@gmail.com) for more information.

Garden Work Day, May 17

Please join us on Tuesday, May 17th from 5:30-7:30pm as we continue to cultivate our parish garden by planting seeds and performing other routine maintenance. All ages and experience levels welcome and encouraged to participate. Text Paul Rankin (601.826.5409) for more info.

Help with VBS, June 13-16

Children's ministry is preparing for our annual VBS, June 13-16, and we need your help.

Boxes. We need boxes. Lots of boxes. All sizes. Drop them off at the church office.

Volunteers. Please sign up to be apart of the leadership (Classroom, Crafts, Recreation, Registration, Kitchen, Medical). We need as many people as possible to shepherd our kids through the four days of VBS.

It's going to be a great week of fun and worship. Email Jajuan McNeil (mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com) for more information.

*****NEWS TO NOTE*****

Spring Sunday School Ends TODAY, May 8

Redeemer Young Adults at the Rez, May 20

Join Redeemer Young Adults at the Ross Barnett Reservoir on May 20 from 6-8pm. We will grill out, hang out, and recreate. Everyone is welcome. Bring meat to grill, a side or dessert to share, a favorite outdoor game (frisbee, cornhole, football, spikeball, etc.), and a friend! Please RSVP in the RYA GroupMe or by texting Wilson Jamison at 205.540.0369.

Parenting Seminar: Setting Parents Free, July 27

Join us July 27 from 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, as Dr. John Cox answers common parenting questions with research, compelling anecdotal evidence, humor, and biblical wisdom. We hope to see you there! See QR CODE for more info & to sign up today!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Spring Sunday School at Redeemer 9:45am-10:35am

Our last Spring Sunday School will be May 8, and there will be no Sunday School May 15, 22, and 29. Summer Sunday School begins June 5.



The Redeemer's School Vision is to raise native, transformative leaders in our community who are equipped with rigorous, diverse, gospel-centered education. Scan the QR CODE for the latest TRS news and information.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week May 8

Tamarco White (601) 421-0224

Sunday, May 8

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:30 pm Rooted

Monday, May 9

Tuesday, May 10

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 11

- 6:30 am Growth Group

Thursday, May 12

Friday, May 13

- 6:00 pm Marriage Seminar

Saturday, May 14

- 8:30 am Marriage Seminar
- 8:30 am Men's Basketball

Sunday, May 15 (Baptism Sunday)

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

COMING UP

May 15: New Members Received
May 15: No Sunday School
May 22: No Sunday School
May 29: No Sunday School
June 5: Summer Sunday School Begins
June 6: Session & Diaconate Meetings
June 13-16: Vacation Bible School
June 22: Pastor El Preaches at PCA General Assembly in Birmingham

STAFF

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