



This Week at Redeemer

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Collect for Sunday February 7:

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Readings for Sunday February 7:

- **Isaiah 40:21-31**
- **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**
- **Mark 1:29-39**
- **Psalms 147:1-12, 21c**

Need Reserved Sacrament? Collect yours from **Cricket**.

Sign up to write a Lenten meditation. There are LOTS of empty spots for parishioner reflections on the scriptures of one of the days of Lent. Please email Cricket (rector@redeemerbethesda.org) if you would like a day or two. These were well-received in Advent and helped us stay in touch with each other.

Be ready to come to church! Sign the Covenant Today

Whether we meet outside or inside, we need your covenant to help keep us all safe. Go to the waiver/covenant by clicking here:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5f884aed3443f/web/>

Daily Prayers to Bracket Your Weekdays

Morning Prayers, features the clergy via your regular phone. We invite you to join us at 10am, Monday through Friday. **Call 508-924-1769.**

The second, Compline, takes place at 8pm, Monday through Friday. Join us to settle yourself for the night. The Compline link is on the Redeemer website and in the calendar below.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Manna Food Pantry

Blessings to all who filled the pantry box over the Christmas holiday. Chrissy deFontenay and Ben Ivins will take those to Manna this week. That means there's lots more room in the box! There are many hungry folks in our county - even in Bethesda! Please consider

purchasing a couple of items for the pantry box when you go to the store this week.

Nourishing Bethesda

Speaking of hungry people here, this coalition of churches and private businesses is feeding 270-300 families each week.

Nourishing Bethesda invites you to do a 40-day collection to assist them in their mission. Place one shelf stable item in a box every day in Lent. At Easter, we'll deliver these items to St. John's, Norwood. More information is to come.

You can contribute financially by clicking **here**. Select Nourishing Bethesda from the dropdown menu. You can feed a family for a week for \$25. To volunteer go to **NourishingBethesda**. There is a need for transportation help on Fridays.

Adult Formation

Ancient Texts – Current Crises:

Hebrew Scriptures Sounded NEW for NOW

What insights for addressing racism, nationalism, and pandemic can be gleaned from a close reading of Biblical texts written long ago for circumstances that seem far removed?

With the help of two brief essays and one short book by Walter Brueggeman, *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, we will take up that question during the Sunday morning Adult Forum over the four weeks.

A schedule of topics, readings, and discussion prompt questions are available on the website.

The discussion will be convened by David Schlafer.

February 7: *Pandemic—Faith as HOPING, PRAYING, TURNING and IMAGINING*
Reading: *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, Chapters 3-6 (pp. 28-60)

February 14: *Pandemic and Nationalism—GROANING, GLORYING, and GRAPPLING*

Reading: *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, Chapter 7 (pp. 61-70)
“An Unwelcomed Read to History”

Youth Group - Check out page 13 of the February ***Redeemer Spirit*** for instructions on making origami doves. Make as many as you can and bring them to church on February 13th.

Adult Forum in Lent - a six-Sunday series on Ways to Pray.

Feb 21: David Brown looks at The Lord's Prayer.

Feb 28: Geoffrey Silver helps us pray with music "preparation, dissonance, resolution"

March 7: Cricket Park invites you to try movement as prayer

March 14: Cathy Arrington & Cricket show you how to pray with textiles
March 21: Guest artist Lisa Palchick shares praying with icons and mandalas
March 28: Praying outdoors with Joelle Morris.

But, wait...there's more:

The History of Slavery:

The First 200 Years— an encore presentation by Karen Stewart.

Join Karen on Wednesday evenings in Lent for her fascinating course on Slavery in America. Karen takes you on a journey that will open your eyes to the horrors of this practice in American history. Horrors that continue to haunt us to this day. This encore presentation is a deeper look at this history. If you've attended her presentations at Adult Forums before, there will be more information for you this time around.

Classes will be on WEDNESDAY EVENINGS on Zoom. This will be a six-week course from February 24th to March 31st. Each class runs an hour and fifteen minutes, from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

You are strongly encouraged to commit to attending all sessions. Please register for the class by e-mailing the rector: rector@redeemberbethesda.org. The link will be available on Redeemer's website.

Contribution Statements

Our bookkeeper, Margaret Church, reports that 2020 contribution statements were mailed on Saturday, January 30th. If you have any questions, please contact her at accounting@redeemberbethesda.org.



Thank you for supporting Redeemer financially.

■ PRAYER REQUESTS

For healing: Brendan Dealy, Joan Eisenstodt, Mary Fogwell, Susan Forsyth, Kiki Garo, Natalie S. Graham, Tom & Margaret Greene, Karen Hansen, Randy Henderson, Judy James, Olivier Jeanne, Peter & Beate Kendall, Kelsie Kimberlin, Huda Kraske, Clarice Leslie, Howard London, Leslie McGlothlin, Laura Naimark, Mary Nelson, Nicholas Platt, Mary Potter, Charles Raisch, Jean & David Riggs, Marilyn Rossie, Catherine Sands, Beth Sauerland, Claudia Serrin, Patricia Snowden, Anne Southard, Bert Spencer, Karen Stewart, Ann Taylor, Kim Turska, Lois Vuolo, Ariana, "T", David, Evie, Jerry, Gretchen & Sharon, Eleanor, Paul & Dora, and for Karen Stewart's sister who is ill.

In thanksgiving for birthdays: Ann Harbeson, Judy Austin, Mary Packard-Winkler, Catherine Sands

For safety while at work: Sujie Kim, Ryan Fischer, Emily, Amy, Beth, Tyler Packard-Winkler, and all medical personnel, first responders, delivery drivers, grocery store

workers and janitorial staff.

For safety while away: Laura & Douglas Rose; and Noelle Veltze and family.

For all who are seeking employment, who are hungry, who are anxious, and who may be in danger at home.

For all who live in retirement centers, assistive living centers, and nursing homes.

For all who work for justice.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday, February 2

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083173624?pwd=QnNmRUhiVIIRa2FaSXA3U2RNSVNaQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75456865769pwd=ZitGbGUrczFUWXRbB2IKc1RITE8yQT09>

Wednesday, February 3

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Informal Study of next Sunday's scriptures at Noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912028288?pwd=OWhGSHdsVEEd1SVBYdlFPQWV2R2JVQT09>

Compline at 8:00pm

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Thursday, February 4

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Friday, February 5

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Saturday, February 6

Sunday, February 7

Log onto these Zoom events at www.redeemberbethesda.org.

Adult Forum, 9:00am

TheFIVE - Holy Eucharist with musical offerings at 5pm.
Coffee Hour at 6:00pm

Monday, February 8

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Compline at 8:00pm

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Tuesday, February 9

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Staff Meeting at 1:30pm

Needlers/Knit-Along on Zoom at 4:30pm

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Meeting ID: 870 8317 3624 Password: 128143

Compline at 8:00pm

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Wednesday, February 10

Prayers of the People at 10:00am: 508.924.1769

Informal Study of next Sunday's scriptures at Noon

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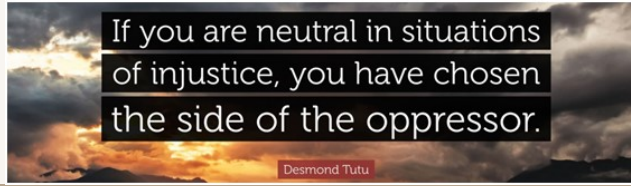
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No one from Redeemer will ever e-mail you to ask for gift cards or send money. THIS INCLUDES FELLOW PARISHIONERS. Please be careful and report the scam to the FBI: www.fbi.gov

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