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to hallelujah!

December 15, 2024 ~ 10:15am

REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office (kay@redeemerbythesea.org) or Pastor D directly (dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

Dec. 15th	9:45am	Voter's Meeting
Dec. 20th	5:00pm	Women's Friday Fellowship
Dec. 24th	3:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
	5:00pm	Contemporary
	5:00pm	Traditional
Jan. 4th	9:00am	Men's Breakfast

WELCOME AND PRAYER

OPENING SONG

"Angels (Glory to God)"

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

"Word of God Speak"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

KIDZONE & RISE DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 (MSG)

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

⁵⁻⁸ Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became *human!* Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

⁹⁻¹¹ Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL READING is from Matthew 1:18-25 (NLT).

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means 'God is with us.'"

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

MESSAGE

"The Gift Money Cannot Buy"

Pastor D. R. Hilken

PRAYERS

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

The Gift Money Cannot Buy

December 15, 2024 - Matthew 1:18-25



“a time for finding yourself a year older and not an hour richer”

What money _____ and _____ buy (Nieman Marcus)

What makes us _____?
spiritual _____

The value of relationships
is at the heart of the Christmas story

Earthly _____
vs
True _____

“I hope, that when people see me at church on Christmas,
they are reminded that Jesus, whose birth we celebrate
made lame beggars walk and blind men see” --- Tiny Tim

Like the Cratchits, we can say,
“I will _____ and _____ for those God brings into my life.”

Again, take a personal _____