

## Parent Commissioning



Children are a blessing from God, and at Redemption Hill Church we have always rejoiced when God has added children to our families, whether through birth or adoption. However, as a church we want to do more than that. We want to celebrate the arrival of these children together in our Sunday gatherings; and when we do that, we also want to take that opportunity to remind our parents of their God-given responsibility to “bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). Our next Parent Commissioning will be Sunday, March 31st. So, for those of you who have recently experienced the blessing of a new son or daughter, and would like to participate in our next Parent Commissioning, you can get more info and register at <http://rhc.to/parcom0331>.

## The Picture of Lent



For most people, spring is the time when days get longer, and winter passes and new life bursts from the ground. And like spring, Lent marries both a sense of brokenness and hope, a “bright sadness.” This paradox conveys the idea that on one hand we feel the sorrow, weight, and sadness of Christ’s suffering, death, and burial, and on the other hand we feel the great hope, light, and brightness of Christ’s victory. “Bright sadness” is the picture we carry throughout Lent, and in our “lenting,” we are tapping into the mystery of seeing Christ step into our suffering so that we might step into His. This should be a staggering and deeply comforting reality. Jesus steps into our stories and our suffering so that we might step into His. And in our “lenting,” we get to intentionally meet Jesus, whether we are in the valley or on the mountaintop. To meet Jesus there. To know Him. To know His power and glory. To know not only that Christ is identifying with us in temptation and suffering, but that we are invited to participate with Him.

## Upcoming Events

### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**April 7th**

Interested in learning more about what it means to participate in God’s mission with us? Join us for our next Membership Matters Class on Sunday, April 7th. Register and more info at <http://rhc.to/mem-0407>.



### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**April 19th**

Good Friday is the day in the church year where we intentionally look to Jesus’ death for us on the cross. We will be observing this momentous day with a special service. RSVP and more info at <http://rhc.to/goodfri19>.



For more 400 event registrations, go to <http://rhc.to/400events>

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Music



**WANTED:** Vocalists, bass players, and drummers to join other music enthusiasts on Sunday mornings.

**ALSO WANTED:** Wind, brass, and string players to join other authentic, retro, ambient musicians on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in playing with Redemption Hill Music on Sunday morning, or know someone who might be, drop Shelby an email at [shelby@redemptionhill.org](mailto:shelby@redemptionhill.org).

## Giving at Redemption Hill

We have several options to help you give regularly, cheerfully, and sacrificially:

- **Place** in the wooden boxes located in the back;
- **Mail** using postage paid envelopes next to the boxes;
- **Text** any donation amount to 84321, and follow the directions;
- **Give** online, or setup a recurring donation, at <http://rhc.to/pgiving>. You can now give via Apple Pay!



# Space for Reflection

Engage with the preached message. Take notes.



# March 17, 2019

## today's rhythm

Looking to get to know others at The 400? Wanna hang out with the pastors and ask questions? Join us before the service each week downstairs in the parlor for coffee and tea.



### God Calls His People to Worship

**Song:** Living Hope

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 100:1-5

**Song:** In Christ Alone, Break Us

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Song:** Forgiven Forever

### God Speaks to His People Through His Word



**Title:** The God Who Is There

**Text:** Esther 7:1-10

**Speaker:** Robert Greene

### God Strengthens His People At His Table

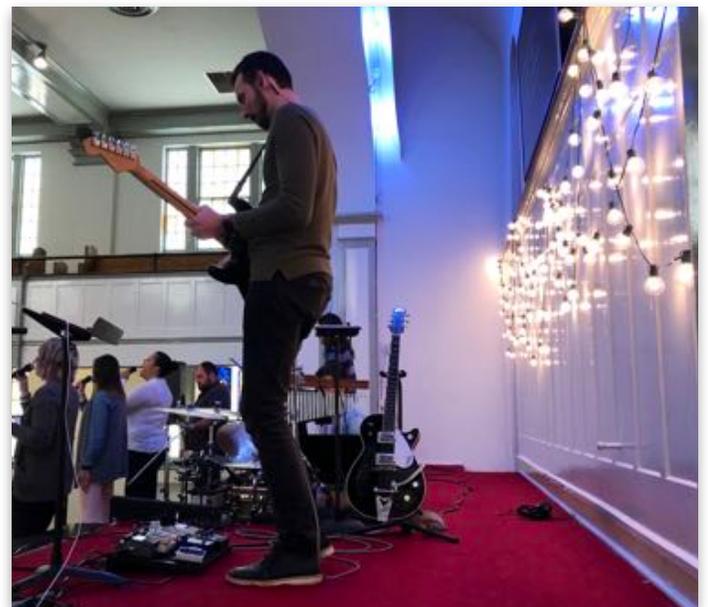
A gluten-free option is available near the communion table.

### God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

**Song:** The Anthem

### God Sends His People Into the World

**Benediction**



**Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:** Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me not to be scared off by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared confess, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Need Prayer?

Let us know how the pastors can be praying for you. Text your prayer request to (804) 410.4455, or send an email to [prayer@redemptionhill.org](mailto:prayer@redemptionhill.org).

## New Here?

New with us today? Pick up a **Blue Folder** from the resource table in the back of the sanctuary, or connect with us online at <http://rhc.to/rhconnect>.

## Community Bible Reading

**03.18** | Exodus 5 & Rom. 3    **03.21** | Exodus 8 & Rom. 6  
**03.19** | Exodus 6 & Rom. 4    **03.22** | Exodus 9 & Rom. 7  
**03.20** | Exodus 7 & Rom. 5    **03.23** | Psalm 12

### 400 Elders

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