

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Charleston, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

"I know well that when Christ is nearest, Satan also is busiest." — *Robert Murray McCheyne, 1813-1843, minister in the Church of Scotland*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP *from* **Psalm 92:1-5**

LEADER: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

PEOPLE: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

LEADER: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work.

PEOPLE: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

ALL: (with a loud voice) How great are your works, O Lord!

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

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Welcome to Redeemer!

We're glad you've joined us for worship. We hope you feel welcomed and loved as we worship our Great God together.

JUST A FEW ANSWERS TO **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**:

- Restrooms and water coolers are located on the first and second floors of the Education Building.
- * A nursery is provided on the first floor of the Education Building for children up to 3 years.
- * Midway through the worship service, our preschoolers (ages 3-5) are dismissed to Children's Worship for age-appropriate, Gospel-centered teaching and more!

Praise him for his grace and favor, to our fathers in distress. Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows. In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels in the height adore him; you behold him face to face. Saints triumphant, bow before him, gathered in from every race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WE PROFESS WHAT WE BELIEVE

from The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 32-36

LEADER: What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

PEOPLE: They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification.

LEADER: What is justification?

PEOPLE: 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.

LEADER: What is adoption?

- PEOPLE: .Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.
- LEADER: What is sanctification?
- PEOPLE: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.
- LEADER: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?
- PEOPLE: .The benefits are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above; Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(chorus)** Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow; Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. **(chorus)**

LION OF JUDAH

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb Who was slain. You ascended to Heaven and evermore will reign. At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim, You will gather the nations before You. And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb who was crucified. With wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign at Your Father's side.

And the angels will cry, "Hail the Lamb. Who was slain for the world, rule in power." And the earth will reply, "You shall reign As the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords."

There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side. There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied; 'Cause the Father has told us, for these You have died, for the nations who gather before You. And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb Who was crucified; Who descended to hell, yet was raised up to reign at His Father's side. **(chorus)**

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES *from* James 4:1-8

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

from "The Servant in Battle," in The Valley of Vision

O LORD, I bless You that the issue of the battle

between You and Satan has never been uncertain, and will end in victory.

Calvary broke the dragon's head,

and I contend with a vanquished foe,

who with all his subtlety and strength has already been overcome.

When I feel the serpent at my heel

may I remember him whose heel was bruised,

but who, when bruised, broke the devil's head.

My soul with inward joy extols the mighty conqueror.

Heal me of any wounds received in the great conflict;

if I have gathered defilement,

if my faith has suffered damage,

if my hope is less than bright,

if my love is not fervent,

if some creature-comfort occupies my heart,

if my soul sinks under pressure of the fight.

O You whose every promise is balm, every touch life,

draw near to Your weary warrior,

refresh me, that I may rise again to wage the strife,

and never tire until my enemy is trodden down.

Give me such fellowship with You that I may defy Satan, unbelief, the flesh, the world, with delight that comes not from a creature, and which a creature cannot mar. Give me a drink of the eternal fountain

that lies in Your immutable, everlasting love and decree.

Then shall my hand never weaken,

my feet never stumble, my sword never rest, my shield never rust, my helmet never shatter, my breastplate never fall, as my strength rests in the power of Your might. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

from I John 5:4–5

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

WE GIVE TO THE LORD (OFFERING)

Drop your tithes and offerings in the offering bag as it's passed. Or give electronically by visiting our website: <u>redeemer-charleston.org.</u>

Parents, if you'd like for your children (ages 3-5) to participate in Children's Worship during the sermon, please walk with them now to the Welcome Desk in the Education Building to sign them in.

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK, AND WORLD

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON) from Acts 12:1-5

WE PARTAKE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

Use the center aisle to walk to an elder stationed at the front to pick up the bread and juice. (Our pastor holds the allergy-friendly communion bread in the middle.) Then return to your seat using the side aisles. We'll take the elements together after everyone's been served.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE RECEIVE THE BENEDICTION



REV. CRAIG BAILEY

MINISTRY & CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

EQUIP HOUR: If you've never stayed for your Equip Hour following the worship service, then make this Sunday the week you stay! We've designed our Equip Hour for fellowship and further exploration into God's Word through discussion. Directly after our worship service, we'll head over to the Education Building for our Equip Hour! Adults enjoy coffee, breakfast snacks, and discussion groups in the Fellowship Hall. We offer a nursery and classes for preschool, elementary, and middle school kids. And we have a class for high school students led by our assistant pastor. Equip Hour dismisses by 12:15 pm each Sunday. Join us after the worship service! (Equip Hour will run through Sunday, June 2. Then we'll take a break for the summer.)

GRADUATION SUNDAY: We'll be celebrating our graduates in the coming weeks, so please reach out to Gray Morgan if you're graduating from high school, college, grad school, med school, etc. We want to recognize you and celebrate your accomplishments!

Are you NEW to Redeemer? Need help connecting?

Reach out to Gray Morgan, our Director of Operations, at <u>gray@redeemer-charleston.org</u> or 843-478-7127 with your latest contact info, so we can welcome you and help keep you informed with the latest Redeemer news, sent every week in our Email Blast.

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