

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Charleston, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

“God sweetens outward pain with inward peace.”

“A man's greatest care should be for that place where he lives longest; therefore eternity should be his scope.” *from* Thomas Watson, 1620-1686, English Puritan preacher, author

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from **Psalm 99:1-9**

LEADER: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

PEOPLE: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

LEADER: The Lord is great in Zion;

PEOPLE: **He is exalted over all the peoples.**

LEADER: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

PEOPLE: ***(with a loud voice)* Holy is he!**

LEADER: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool!

PEOPLE: ***(with a loud voice)* Holy is he!**

LEADER: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

ALL: *(with a loud voice)* For the Lord our God is holy!

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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!

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning, our songs shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty,
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea,
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

WE PROFESS WHAT WE BELIEVE

from **Heidelberg Catechism Questions 37 and 38**

LEADER: What do you confess when you say that Jesus suffered?

PEOPLE: During all the time he lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. Thus, by his suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice, he has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

LEADER: Why did Jesus suffer under Pontius Pilate as judge?

PEOPLE: Though innocent, Christ was condemned by an earthly judge, and so he freed us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

**My chains are gone, I've been set free, My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love, Amazing grace**

CONTINUED

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures (**chorus**)

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we first begun (**chorus**)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine,
But God, Who called me here below, Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine (**chorus**)

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **Philippians 1:27–30**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

from **"Grace in Trials," in The Valley of Vision**

FATHER OF MERCIES, Hear me for Jesus' sake.

I am sinful even in my closest walk with you;
Your grace has given me faith in the cross by which you have reconciled yourself to me
and me to you, drawing me by your great love,
reckoning me as innocent in Christ though guilty in myself.

Giver of all graces, I look to you for strength to maintain them in me,
for it is hard to practice what I believe.

Strengthen me against temptations.

My heart is an unexhausted fountain of sin.

You have disarmed me of the means in which I trusted,
and I have no strength but in you.

You alone can hold back my evil ways, but without your grace to sustain me I fall.

Satan's darts quickly inflame me, and the shield that should quench them
easily drops from my hand: Empower me against his wiles and assaults.

Keep me sensible of my weakness, and of my dependence upon your strength.

Let every trial teach me more of your peace, more of your love.

Your Holy Spirit is given to increase your graces,

and I cannot preserve or improve them unless he works continually in me.
May he confirm my trust in your promised help, and let me walk humbly in dependence
upon you, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

GOD ASSURES US OF OUR FORGIVENESS

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?

ALMOST HOME

Don't drop a single anchor, We're almost home
Through every toil and danger, We're almost home
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone
No stopping now, We're almost home

The promised land is calling, We're almost home
And not a tear shall fall then, We're almost home
Make ready now your souls for that kingdom come
No turning back, We're almost home

Almost home, We're almost home
So press on t'ward that blessed shore
Oh praise the Lord, We're almost home

This journey ours together, We're almost home
Unto that great forever, We're almost home
What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne
Come faint of heart, We're almost home (**chorus**)

This life is just a vapor, We're almost home
That sun is setting yonder, We're almost home
Take courage for this darkness shall break to dawn
Oh lift your eyes, We're almost home (**chorus**)

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: redeemer-charleston.org.

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 REFLECT AS WE COME TO GOD'S WORD

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford

**I need Thee O I need Thee,
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee**

I need Thee every hour stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh **(chorus)**

I need Thee every hour in joy or pain
Come quickly and abide or life is vain **(chorus)**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One
Oh make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son **(chorus)**

I need Thee every hour teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill **(chorus)**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)

from **I Peter 1:3-12**

REV. CRAIG BAILEY

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. 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

MINISTRY & CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC PRACTICE: Preschool and elementary kids will practice their special Palm Sunday song *Hosanna in the Highest* in the sanctuary TODAY right after the worship service! After the kids' practice, the Easter Choir will practice in the sanctuary for the remainder of the Equip Hour.

EASTER WEEK: Find all the details and links for our events during Easter Week listed in the Email Blast from Friday.

- ◇ Palm Sunday, April 2 with worship at 10 am followed by Equip Hour
- ◇ Seder Passover meals on Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 | *Early registration and tickets are required for this catered event! See Gray Morgan to register this morning or use the QR code for the direct link. Reach out to Rachel Miller at 818-251-0744 if you'd like to help set up or clean up—and get 50% your ticket price!*
- ◇ Good Friday service on April 7 at 7 pm in our sanctuary
- ◇ Potluck Easter Breakfast on April 9 at 9 am in our Fellowship Hall
- ◇ Easter Sunday, April 9 with worship at 10 am, including special music by our Easter Choir | *no Equip Hour following this worship service*



Are you NEW to Redeemer? Need help connecting?

Reach out to Gray Morgan, our Director of Operations, at gray@redeemer-charleston.org 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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