

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Charleston, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

"A hypocritical faith is lame with only one hand. With one hand it would take up Christ. But it does not with the other hand give itself up to Christ."

- Thomas Watson, 1620-1686, English preacher, author

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

- LEADER: You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- PEOPLE: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
- LEADER: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

PEOPLE: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

LEADER: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

PEOPLE: Unite my heart to fear your name.

LEADER: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

ALL: For great is your steadfast love toward me.

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.
- * For the summer months, we're making the kids' room (at the end of the hall on the first floor in the Education Building) available as a "training room." If your little one is needing more space to roam, use the kids' room where you can still listen to the sermon. We've set up a speaker to transmit the sermon audio from the sanctuary.

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight, are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home!

WE PROFESS WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death, Christ alone, Christ alone What is our only confidence, That our souls to Him belong Who holds our days within His hand, What comes apart from His command, And what will keep us to the end, The love of Christ in which we stand

O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah, Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul, God is good, God is good, Where is His grace and goodness known, In our great Redeemer's blood, Who holds our faith when fears arise, Who stands above the stormy trial, Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, Unto the shore the rock of Christ **(chorus)**

Unto the grave what will we sing, Christ He lives, Christ He lives, And what reward will heaven bring, Everlasting life with Him, There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore **(chorus)**

THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

There is one Gospel on which I stand, For all eternity, It is my story my Father's plan, The Son has rescued me Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace, My highest joy and my deepest need Now and forever He is my light, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling, All else I count as loss For there where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross No more I boast in what I can bring, No more I carry the weight of sin For He has brought me from death to life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found, The empty tomb still speaks For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes, My life is His and His hope is mine For he has promised I too will rise, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one, We do not walk alone We have His Spirit as we press on, To lead us safely home And when in glory still I will sing, Of this old story that rescued me Praise to my Saviour the King of life, I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES *from* Jeremiah 32:36-41

"Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by

pestilence': Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul."

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

from "Paradoxes" in The Valley of Vision

O CHANGELESS GOD,

Under the conviction of thy Spirit I learn that the more I do, the worse I am, the more I know, the less I know, the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am, the more I love, the more there is to love.

How little I love Your truth and ways!

I neglect prayer,

by thinking I have prayed enough and earnestly,

by knowing You have saved my soul.

Of all hypocrites, grant that I may not be an evangelical hypocrite,

who sins more safely because grace abounds,

who loves evangelical preaching, churches, Christians, but lives unholily.

My mind is a bucket without a bottom,

with no spiritual understanding, no desire for the Lord's Day,

ever learning but never reaching the truth,

always at the gospel-well but never holding water.

My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with nothing to repent of.

My will is without power of decision or resolution.

My heart is without affection, and full of leaks.

My memory has no retention, so I forget easily the lessons learned,

and Your truths seep away.

Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

THE GOSPEL

from Ephesians 4:1-6

Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the

unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me, My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart, I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin, Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free, For God the Just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me

I bow before the cross of Christ, And marvel at this love divine, God's perfect Son was sacrificed, To make me righteous in God's eyes, This river's depths I cannot know, But I can glory in its flood The Lord Most High has bowed down low, And poured on me His glorious love, And poured on me His glorious love

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless Righteousness, The great unchangeable I Am, The King of glory and of grace, One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

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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>.



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

WE PREPARE TO HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Jesus Let Us Come to Know You

Jesus let us come to know you, Let us see you face to face Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us, Only let us live in you

Jesus draw us ever nearer, Hold us in your loving arms Wrap us in your gentle presence, When the end comes bring us home

Jesus show us more your glory, May we see it through Your word By Your Spirit give us clear eyes, Minds will then know hearts will love

**third verse adapted from Michael Card*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON) *from* Luke 14:1-6

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. (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.

If you need special assistance and would like to be served at your seat, please wait until everyone has walked forward. Then raise your hand, and an elder will bring the elements to you at your seat.

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

BAHAMAS TEAM REPORT: Join us on Sunday, August 11 following our worship service for the exciting report from our Bahamas team! We'll enjoy coffee and a few breakfast snacks in the Fellowship Hall while we listen to stories of all that God accomplished through our team during their trip in early July.

SAVE THE DATE: We're planning a big celebration for Redeemer's 25th Anniversary this year! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 25 as we remember and celebrate the faithfulness of the Lord and his goodness to us through the years. *More details to come!*

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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