

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

“Your life is short, your duties many, your assistance great, and your reward sure; therefore faint not, hold on and hold up, in ways of well-doing, and heaven shall make amends for all.”
— *Thomas Brooks, 1608-1680, English non-conformist Puritan preacher, author*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from **Psalm 146:1-10**

LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

PEOPLE: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

LEADER: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

LEADER: He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them. He keeps faith forever;

PEOPLE: **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

LEADER: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

ALL: **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

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.

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.

WE PROFESS WHAT WE BELIEVE

from **The Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 45, 46, 49**

LEADER: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

PEOPLE: **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.**

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

LEADER: What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

PEOPLE: **That Christ while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

LEADER: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

PEOPLE: **First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.**

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

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)**

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)**

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **I Corinthians 15:40-49**

There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

adapted from **“Earth and Heaven” in The Valley of Vision**

O LORD, On earth I live as a fish in a vessel of water,
 only enough to keep me alive,
 but in heaven I shall swim in the ocean.
Here I have a little air in me to keep me breathing,
 but there I shall have sweet and fresh gales;
Here I have a beam of sun to lighten my darkness,
 a warm ray to keep me from freezing;
 there I shall live in light and warmth for ever.
Awaken my hunger and thirst after the realm above.
Here I can have the world, there I shall have You in Christ;
Here is a life of longing and prayer, there is asking without refusal;
Here are comforts, more burden than benefit,
 there is joy without sorrow,
 comfort without suffering,
 love without wavering,
 rest without weariness.
Give me to know that heaven is all love,
 and the continual viewing of Your beauty
 keeps the soul in continual paradise of delight.
Give me to know that heaven is all peace.
Give me to know that heaven is all joy.
And lead me to it soon. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

from **John 6:35-40**

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh, you rescue the souls of men
Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way, Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost our way
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Bowing before Your throne, Oh, we’re bowing before Your throne **(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. If you'd like to specifically give to our *R.P.C. Campaign*, please designate in this way.



WE OBSERVE THE SACRAMENT OF COVENANT BAPTISM

Collier Branch Bailey

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)

from **Isaiah 6:1-8**

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

EQUIP KICKOFF PARTY: Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7! We'll kick off our new year of Equip with breakfast snacks and coffee in the Fellowship Hall--kids, youth, and adults!--directly following the worship service. We'll be announcing the kids who are promoting to the next class, so join us for all the fun!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We're planning for the fall, especially as Equip Hour restarts! Pam Linsky, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, has plenty of spaces available for serving with the kids. Reach out to Pam to find the serving spot for you!

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Pastor Craig has challenged us to memorize all of Psalm 1 over these last few weeks of summer!

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Our summer schedule continues! We'll still have our one worship service at 10 am, including nurseries for babies and toddlers.

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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