

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Charleston, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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WELCOME

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

“On earth Christians enjoy Christ’s Spirit by drops; in heaven they shall enjoy the fullness of the ocean.”
—Christopher Love, 1618-1651, Welsh Presbyterian 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

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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.

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise. (repeat)

Shake off your guilty fear and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede.
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. **(chorus)**

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry. "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" **(chorus)**

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. **(chorus)**

HIGHLY EXALTED

You were despised, you were rejected, Lord,
those who passed by
even averted their gaze from the sight,
such was the suffering you bore for us

Led like a lamb, a lamb to the slaughter
you spoke not a word
but chose to be silent, Lord, you did no wrong
nor was deceitfulness found in you

Yet by your wounds our salvation has come,
Yet by your suffering our freedom is won

**For God has highly exalted your name,
He has enthroned you on high,
Jesus, the name above all names (repeat)**

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **John 16:28-33**

Jesus said, "I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

from **"Earth and Heaven" in The Valley of Vision**

O LORD,

I live here 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.

My natural desires are corrupt and misguided,
and it is Your mercy to destroy them

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 assurance without suspicion, asking without refusal;

Here are comforts, more burden than benefit,
there is joy without sorrow,
comfort without suffering,
love without inconstancy,
rest without weariness.

Give me to know that heaven is all love,
where the eye affects the heart,
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. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

from **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

COMPLETELY KNOWN, COMPLETELY LOVED

Completely known completely loved, My heart is seen by God above
Should I now run dare hide my face, When in His eyes there is only grace

Completely free the shame is gone, The highest Judge took all my wrongs
And set them on His only Son, He bore my sin I bear His love

**Completely known completely loved, I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased, To see His Son when He looks on me**

Completely His how can it be, That God would set His heart on me
Loved not for works that I have done, But long before time had begun **(chorus)**

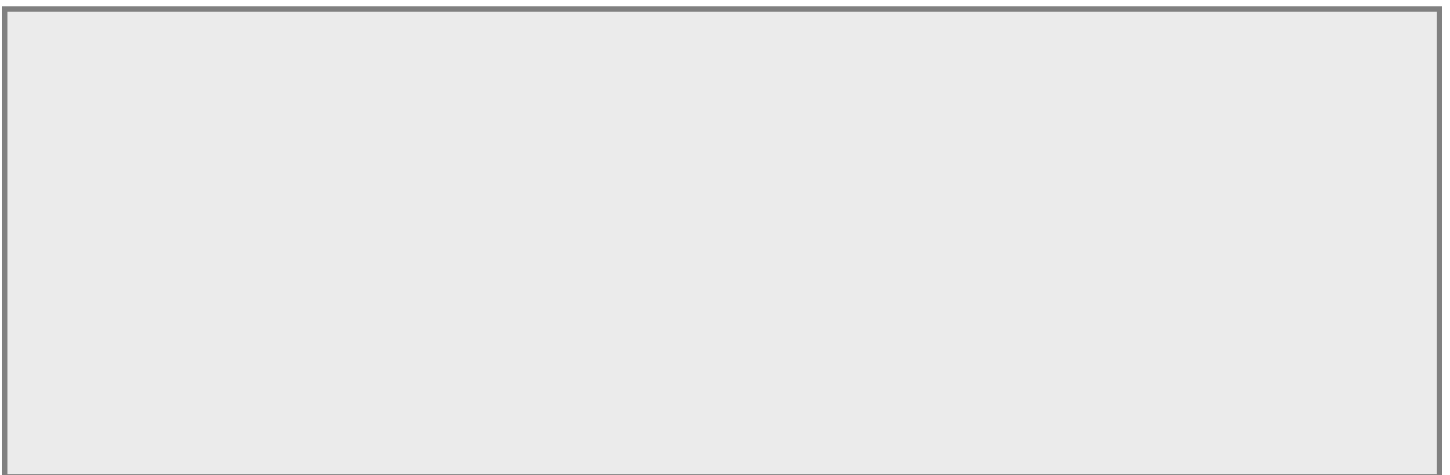
Completely saved the work is done, The curse the grave is overcome
For with that dawn there rose a King, Now heaven's smile shines over me **(chorus)**

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 PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK, AND WORLD



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD (SERMON)

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Join us TODAY directly after our worship service for a congregational meeting in the sanctuary.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH: College students, we're so excited you're back for the new semester! We want to welcome you to Redeemer (and Charleston!), and we want to feed you! :) All students are invited to stay for lunch NEXT Sunday, August 23 in our Fellowship Hall following our worship service.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Our summer schedule continues this Sunday with our one worship service at 10 am. We take an extended break from our Equip Hour classes over the summer to enable our volunteers to refresh and rest after a full season. Equip Hour will restart in September!

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Thursdays at 6:30 pm | Luke Champion at 843-973-2483

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays

YOUTH GROUP: Sundays @ 5:30 pm | John De La Cruz at 843-834-1884

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Thursdays @ 10 am | Kathryn Scott at 662-816-5688
Fridays @ 9 am | Pam Linsky at 516-840-8798

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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