

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHARLESTON ♦ SOUTH CAROLINA



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Charleston, SC

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

“God is too good to be unkind, too wise to be mistaken, and when I cannot trace His hand, I can always trust His heart.”
—Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892, English Baptist preacher

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from **Psalm 103:1-2**

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—

WE SING PRAISES TO GOD

COME THOU FOUNT

Come thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it, Name of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I come
And I hope by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood

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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 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.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee,
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

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.

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)**

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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)**

LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven,
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness,
Tore through the shadows of my soul,
The work is finished the end is written,
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy,
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own,
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ my living hope

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free,
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me,
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope**

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion,
Declared the grave has no claim on me **(repeat verse)**
Jesus, yours is the victory **(chorus)**

GOD REVEALS HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

from **Romans 8:28**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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 **I John 4:9-10**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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)**

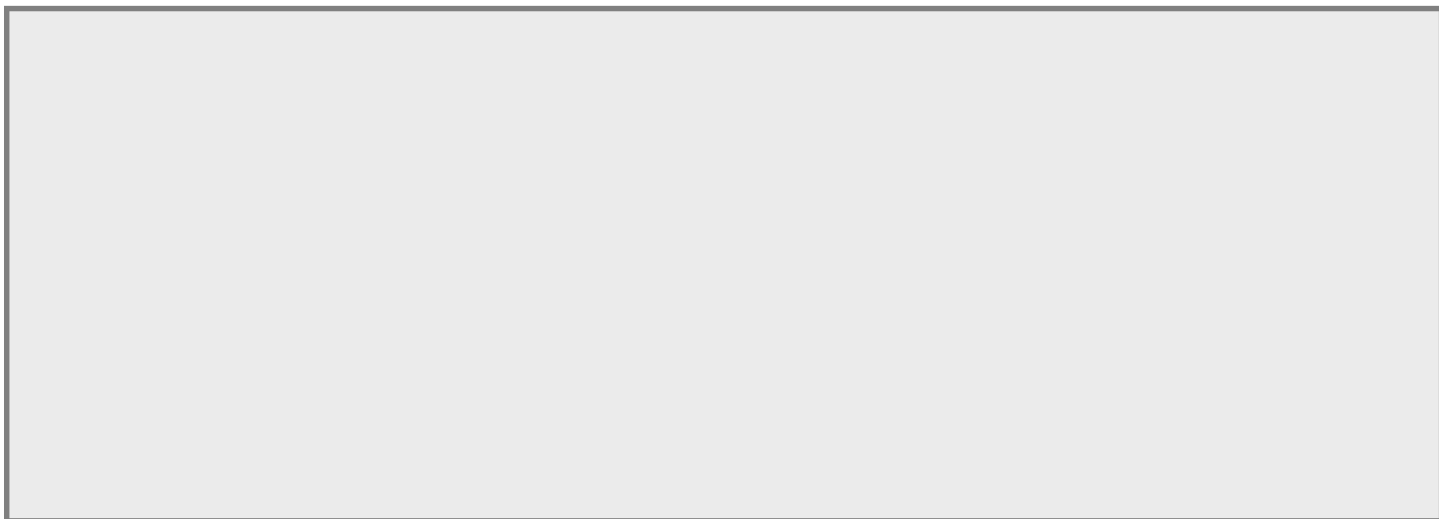
WE GIVE TO THE LORD (OFFERING)

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.



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



from **Ruth 1:1-7**

There Is More to the Story of Ruth than “Happily Ever After”

- The context: “in the days when the judges ruled” v. 1
- We are forever tempted to fill our needs outside of God’s boundaries. v. 1
- God moves first to rescue and relieve the believer’s suffering. v. 6

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: Stay TODAY directly after the worship service for a called congregational meeting to formalize and elect our pulpit committee.

EQUIP KICKOFF/PROMOTION SUNDAY: We'll be kicking off our Equip Hour TODAY right after our congregational meeting! It's also Promotion Sunday, so stay after the worship service and congregational meeting for coffee and snacks in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate our children moving up into their next classes.

WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

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

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Mondays @ 7 pm, Tuesdays @ 9:30 am | Tiffany, 843-607-4518
Thursdays @ 10 am | Kathryn Scott, 662-816-5688
Fridays @ 9 am | Ashley Lowry, 843-230-9685

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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