



REDEEMER  

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PRESBYTERIAN

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Hospital for the Broken / Rehabilitation Center for Healing / Gym for Strength & Service

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Silent Preparation

"Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self. Every other identity is illusion."

—Brennan Manning

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### / GOD'S SUPREMACY /

## Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1 - 4

RE Andy Smith

Minister: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**People: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

Minister: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

**All: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"**

## Prayer of Invocation

### \* Hymn of Wonder

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (Folder #34)

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

\* Hymn of Wonder

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us” (Folder #7)

1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure - that He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away - as wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders - ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished - His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything - no gifts, no power, no wisdom, but I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

**Scripture Reading**

**1 John 3:11-20**

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

/ **GOD'S RENEWAL** /

**Seeing Ourselves Rightly**

**Luke 6:35-36**

Minister: But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:5-6

Minister: In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

### Hymn of Comfort

**"Come As You Are"** (Folder #9)

1. Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

**Chorus:** (So) Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart - Come as you are!

2. There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary; rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

**(Chorus)**

3. There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. **(Chorus)**

Minister: People of God, receive the goodness and mercy of your Savior.

**People: We receive His mercies with thanksgiving!**

Minister: Now, lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

### \* The Greeting of Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

## Extending the Kingdom

Sermon

**"Walk In Love"**  
**Ephesians 5:1 - 7**

Rev. Clay Wooten

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Redeemer welcomes to the table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior and who acknowledge Him as Lord. And yet, because communion is a sacrament of the Church, all are welcome to partake who are baptized members in an evangelical church (a church where the Gospel is loved and proclaimed). It is our request that children not participate in the Lord's Supper until they themselves have become communing members of such a church. However, children are encouraged to come up with their families, even though they may not be taking communion.

### **The Communion**

We will go row by row and walk down the center forming a line in the front. You will receive both elements. Take them back to your seat by way of the outer aisle. The elements are taken together as a unified body following recitation of the Words of Institution noted below.

\* We use wine to represent the bittersweetness of Christ's death. Grape juice is available in the center.

### **The Words of Institution**

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God. Come eat and drink with thanksgiving.

**People: Hallelujah!**

/ **GOD'S BLESSING** /

**Offertory Prayer & Offering**

**Hymn of Hope**

**"All Must Be Well"**

1. Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well. Free and changeless is His favor, all is well. Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us, strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.
2. Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well. Ours is such a full salvation, all is well. Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding, steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.
3. \*We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well. Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well. On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying, yes in living or in dying, all must be well.

**\* Benediction**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

**Rev. Clay Wooten**

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL : Amen!**

\*The Congregation stands

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Growing in Grace**

Redeemer has been blessed with the challenge of needing more space in our current building. Numerical growth in the children's ministry, as well as a desire to have a collective, corporate worship space has led to the Growing in Grace campaign. The Growing in Grace building committee will continue to work with an architecture firm to develop long-term building designs. If you feel led to give to this campaign, note "Growing in Grace" on a check or select "Growing in Grace" from our online giving portal (scan QR code to access). Pray for wisdom, patience, and growth in the knowledge/experience of God's grace in our lives.



## **Men's Night**

Our next Men's fellowship activity will be on Saturday, May 4 at Top Golf from 3-5 pm. Join us as we get to know each other and swing some clubs! Youth boys (including those who will be joining youth in the fall) are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Buddy Wade (661-816-7675) so we can reserve enough bays for everyone.

# SERMON NOTES

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us! We would love to hear more about you, and give you the opportunity to learn more about us. If you are interested, please scan the QR code to be taken to the New Visitor form on our website.



## Online Giving

Redeemer Presbyterian Church operates on tithes and offerings from our members and friends. Please consider giving to support our efforts to spread the Gospel in Edmond and beyond! You may drop your gift in the offering plate at the end of the service or scan the QR code to give online.



## Children & Youth Ministries

Nursery (birth - 4Y) ..... available during sermon only  
Children's Church (4Y - 1st grade) ..... available during sermon only  
Sunday School (2nd - 5th grade) ..... Sunday mornings 9:10am - 9:50am  
Youth (middle/high school) ..... Sunday mornings 9:10am - 9:50am

## Financial Summary YTD (Jan. 2024)

Income ..... actual \$80,263 (budgeted \$87,000)  
Expense ..... actual \$71,384 (budgeted \$74,349)