



REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Preparation

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

- C. S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

/ GOD'S SUPREMACY /

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:19-20, 26, 28

RE Andy Smith

Minister: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

People: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Minister: Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!

ALL: Summon your power, O God, the power, O God, by which you have worked for us.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn of Preparation

"Behold the Lamb" (Folder #8)

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us – and we remember. The promise made that all who come in faith, find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace - around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember. The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love - around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember. He drained death's cup that all may enter in, to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace - around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond - and to remember. Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven - around the table of the King.

* Hymn of Redemption

“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” (Hymnal #253)

1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away. Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
3. E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
4. Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its power, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:15-29

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

/ GOD'S RENEWAL /

Seeing Ourselves Rightly

Galations 5:13

Minister: For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:23

Minister: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn of Confidence

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me" (Folder #50)

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give, He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his, oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Saviour He will stay, I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead, oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid, For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea, oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home, and day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him, when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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.

/ GOD'S GRACE /

Extending the Kingdom

Sermon

**"Peace and Reconciliation"
Ephesians 2:11-18**

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 Reflection

"Man of Sorrows" (Hymnal #246)

1. Man of sorrows what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah, what a Savior!
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood, sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!
3. Guilty, helpless, lost were we; blameless Lamb of God was he, sacrificed to set us free: Hallelujah, what a Savior!
4. He was lifted up to die; "It is finished" was his cry; now in heaven exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!
5. *When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

*** Benediction**

Romans 15:5-6

Rev. Clay Wooten

Minister: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



Spring Book Study

Our spring book study continues this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Whether you are a long-time member or new to Redeemer, all are welcome to attend this weekly joint study where we will be reading and discussing David Zahl's Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do about It. We will meet weekly through April 24 (except March 20) to fellowship, discuss, and encourage one another in finding our "enoughness" in the Gospel.

* Childcare available

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

Make plans to join us for the annual children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am to noon! More details to come.

From now until March 17, we will be collecting bags of candy to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the foyer.

Save the date for our first ever VBS!!! This summer's Vacation Bible School will be June 18 - 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm each night. Contact Allie Arnold or Shannon Foster if you'd like to be a part of this amazing week for our Redeemer kids!

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 \$23,168 (budgeted \$29,000)
Expense actual \$16,829 (budgeted \$27,272)