



REDEEMER  
PRESBYTERIAN

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 23, 2021

### Silent Preparation

The feeling of emptiness is usually a sign that we have put our trust in something that can't sustain us. It reminds us that we were created to trust in our heavenly Father and nothing else. We were created to enjoy the many things God gives without making them the center of our lives. When we confuse the two, our lives feel out of kilter. To feel better, we try again and search for love apart from God, but when we finally realize that it is elusive, we forsake the quest and quietly despair. Keep probing. Life is ultimately about God.

– Ed Welch

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

## / GOD'S SUPREMACY /

### Call to Worship

Psalm 93:1-2, 4-5

Rev. Clay Wooten

Minister: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

**People: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

Minister: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on height is mighty!

**All: Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

### Prayer of Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** (Hymn #53)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee!
4. Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him. Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

**\* 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)**

**Scripture Reading**

**Hebrews 11:13-16, 32-34, 39-40**

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped

the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became might in war, put foreign armies to flight. And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## / GOD'S RENEWAL /

### Seeing Ourselves Rightly

Philippians 2:3

Minister: Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Mark 10:45

Minister: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

### Hymn of Response

**"Laden with Guilt and Full of Fear"** (Folder #17)

1. Laden with guilt and full of fears, I fly to Thee, my Lord, and not a glimpse of hope appears, but in Thy written word. The volumes of my Father's grace, does all my griefs assuage. Here I behold my Savior's face in every page.
2. This is the field where hidden lies, the pearl of price unknown. That merchant is divinely wise who makes the pearl his own. Here consecrated water flows to quench my thirst of sin. Here the fair tree of knowledge grows, no danger dwells within.
3. This is the judge that ends the strife, where wit and reason fail. My guide to everlasting life, through all this gloomy vale. Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God, my roving feet command, nor I forsake the happy road that leads to Thy right hand.

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 /**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Samson's Humiliation— Judges 16**

**Rev. Pete Hatton**

### **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 do 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 Wonder**

**"Alas"** (Folder #6)

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed? And did my sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for such a wretch as I?

**Refrain:** At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am blessed all the day.

2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree! Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree. **(Refrain)**
3. Thus might I hide my blushing face while Calvary's cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears. **(Refrain)**
4. \* But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away, tis all that I can do. **(Refrain)**

**\* Benediction**

II Peter 1:2

Minister: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Postlude**

\* The congregation stands

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gentle & Lowly Book Study

Join us for our biweekly study of Gentle & Lowly on Wednesday January 26 at 7pm. We will be covering chapters 15-17. It's not too late to join! There are several free copies of the book remaining.

## Ladies' Annual Meeting

Ladies, join us directly after worship today to discuss plans for the new year! This is a great opportunity for you to hear the heart of Redeemer's Women's ministry, and for new ladies in the church to come and meet people. If you have any questions, please contact Kitty Wooten or Kristin Wade.

## Fellowship Meal

Join us for our next Fellowship meal January 30 after the morning service. A SignUp Genius will be coming shortly, so pay close attention to your email and the church website!

## No Children's Church

Just a reminder that next Sunday, January 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month. There will therefore be no Children's Church.

## Volunteer Sign Up

All members and regular attenders are encouraged to volunteer and serve the body. There are many ways to serve, but there is always particular need for Nursery and Children's Church. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## 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.



# SERMON NOTES