



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

## REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Silent Preparation

The gospel is news of what has happened. The problem of communicating it in a pluralist society is that it simply disappears into the undifferentiated ocean of information. It represents one opinion among millions of others. It cannot be 'the truth,' since in a pluralist society truth is not one but many. It may be 'true for you,' but it cannot be true for everyone. To claim that it is true for everyone is simply arrogance. It is permitted as one opinion among many.

— Lesslie Newbigin

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

## / GOD'S SUPREMACY /

### Call to Worship

Psalm 98:5-9

RE Andy Smith

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

**People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!**

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

**All: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity.**

### Prayer of Invocation

#### \* Hymn of Praise

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Hymnal #100)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim failing down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

**\* Hymn of Wonder      “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us” (Folder #14)**

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**

**Matthew 7:12-20**

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**/    GOD'S RENEWAL    /**

**Seeing Ourselves Rightly**

**Romans 3:10-12**

Minister: As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

**Romans 10:9-10**

Minister: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

### Hymn of Confession

**“God Be Merciful To Me (Ps.51)”** (Folder #12)

1. God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea. Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now; wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
2. My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress. I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face. I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.
3. I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within. Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart; make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.
4. Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice; from my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.
5. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true. Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
6. Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee. Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love. Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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

Test the Spirits – I John 4:1-6

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 15:13**

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**ALL: Amen.**

\*The Congregation stands

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Men's Fellowship

Men of Redeemer are invited to meet up at the Edmond Railyard (23 W 1st Street) at 6:30pm for a time of fellowship with food and drinks.

## Spring Book Study

Our new joint (men and women) book study is off to a great start!. We are working through Relationships: A Mess Worth Making by Timothy Lane and Paul Tripp. So far, we have covered through chapter six. Our next meeting will be March 29.

## Updates from Supported Mission Teams and Ministries

For updates regarding supported missions and ministries (including RUFs and Isaiah 55 Ministries), please visit our website homepage at [redeemerpcaedmond.org](http://redeemerpcaedmond.org).

## Erica Maltbie Baby Shower

Ladies, please join us for a shower March 24 at 2pm for Erica and baby boy Maltbie! Additional details can be found on our website homepage. RSVP to Carley Smith if you plan on attending.

## Spring Flowerbed Cleanup & Plantings

Bring your garden tools and work gloves on Saturday morning, March 25 from 9:30am-12:30pm for flowerbed spring planting and cleanup.

## Redeemer Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Mark you calendar for Saturday, April 1 from 10am to Noon for the annual Redeemer Kids Easter Egg Hunt. Additional details to follow online and via email.

## 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.



## 2023 Financials (through January)

Income .....	\$23,366 (8.95% under budget)
Expense .....	\$12,930 (12.08% under budget)

# SERMON NOTES