



REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Preparation

The yearning to know what cannot be known, to comprehend the incomprehensible, to touch and taste the unapproachable, arises from the image of God in the nature of man. Deep calleth unto deep, and though polluted and landlocked by the mighty disaster theologians call the Fall, the soul senses its origin and longs to return to its source.

—A. W. Tozer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

/ GOD'S SUPREMACY /

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:19 - 22

Rev. Clay Wooten

Minister: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

All: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn of Joy

“O, For a Thousand Tongues To Sing” (Hymnal #164)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and, listening to His voice, new life the dead receive, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

* Hymn of Longing

"As The Deer..." (Folder #7)

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. **(Refrain)**
3. I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. **(Refrain)**

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:1-9

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

/ **GOD'S RENEWAL** /

Seeing Ourselves Rightly

Matthew 5:48

Minister: You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-6

Minister: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Hymn of Honesty

“Lord I Need You” (Folder #19)

1. Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You – oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You, my one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You.

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. And where You are, Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me. **(Chorus)**

Tag: So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You - Jesus You're my hope and stay. **(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.

/ **GOD'S GRACE** /

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

"How Long?"
Psalm 8

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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 bitterness 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 Confidence

“Before the Throne of God Above” (Folder #28)

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea: a great High Priest, whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands - No tongue can bid me thence depart. No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look, and see Him there - Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.
3. *Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb - my perfect, spotless Righteousness, the great unchangeable I am, The King of glory and of grace! One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

* Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 continues to actively work on plans for our upcoming building renovation. In June, after having experienced a series of project delays throughout the spring, we made the decision to switch general contractors. Our new general contractor has an excellent reputation in the community and has completed a number of successful projects, including a recent large-scale project at the Academy of Classical Christian Studies. In the coming weeks, we look forward to working with our new contractor on a detailed construction estimate and project timeline, which we will then share with the congregation. If you feel led to give to this campaign at this early stage, note "Growing in Grace" on a check or select "Growing in Grace" from our online giving portal (see QR Code). Most of all, pray for wisdom, patience, and growth in the knowledge/experience of God's grace in our lives.



Children's Ministry Update

Children's church classes start back soon! The sermon class (ages 4y-1st grade) starts back today. The 9:15am class (2nd-5th grade) starts back in September. Contact Shannon Foster with questions.

Save the date for our annual **Back to School Bash!** Saturday, September 7 at 5pm. More details to come.

Fall Book Study

Join us this Fall for our book study ***A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracted World*** by Paul Miller. It is available in paperback, ebook, and audiobook formats. More details to come!

Fall Volunteer Drive

As summer winds down, consider how you can serve Redeemer by exercising your God-given gifts! Redeemer depends upon volunteers to carry out many ministries and we hope you can experience Redeemer's call to be a gym for strength and service. Be on the lookout for a volunteer form explaining each ministry and ways to tangibly grow in grace toward each other.

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 (as of May 31, 2024)

Income actual \$131,868 (budgeted \$145,000)
Expense actual \$115,324 (budgeted \$123,915)