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Temple, Texas

# Welcome to Redeemer!

#### A NOTE TO VISITORS

We want to welcome you to the church! Please stop by the welcome table in the north entrance so we can introduce ourselves to you! We have some information available there if you'd like to know more about Redeemer.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card, which can be found by scanning the code to the right, or in the seatback in front of you.

Bibles are available in each seating area for your use during the service.

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#### A NOTE TO PARENTS

We believe, because of the promises of God, that our children are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, we desire that they would participate in worship along with their families as much as they are able.

We completely understand that kids can get noisy and squirmy during corporate worship. Parents have all experienced the blessed struggle of training our children to participate in worship. We understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time and want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. Children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

**Nurseries** | Available during the worship service for infants and toddlers ages 2 months to 3 years. Nurseries are located in the northeast corner of the building.

**Children's Worship** | Available every Sunday during the sermon. Children age 4 through the end of kindergarten may attend *Training in the Pews* children's worship.

Nursing Mom's Room | Located near the west entrance.

Point your phone camera here to view the visitor card.



Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a missional *community* moved by the *grace* of the *Redeemer*, Jesus Christ, to *worship* and *know* God and to *love* and *serve* our *neighbors* in *Temple* and *beyond*.

As you find your seat, please move toward the center of your section, leaving the aisle seats for those coming in after you.

Thank you.



Redeemer Presbyterian Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent* March 19, 2023 | 10:00 am

#### PRELUDE

In consideration of other worshippers,

please program all mobile phones and

or vibrate mode for the duration

of the service.

electronic devices to silent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Brianne Welch

#### MEDITATION AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"In the ascension, Christ was serving as the true high priest, taking the actual blood of his own sacrifice to the very throne of God. And "when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God," his atoning work complete (Heb 10:12). Complete. Our firstborn brother in heaven, sitting down with nothing more to do with our sin. Finished. The unadulterated, happy security it gives each and every believer in Christ, weak or strong, means we can sing with hearts unshackled:

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea. A great high Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me."

-Michael Reeves, Rejoicing in Christ (pp. 77-78)

#### SCRIPTURE FOR MEMORIZATION

#### Romans 5:6-8 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS"A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent,<br/>we see - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the<br/>Kingdom." (Alexander Schmemann) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the<br/>Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian<br/>year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter.<br/>Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for<br/>remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

| Please stand.                                | CALL TO \  | NORSHIP                                      | Mr. Doug Smith  |
|--|------------|--|-----------------|
| The call to<br>worship                       | Psalm 99:1 | -5   |                 |
| establishes<br>the lines of<br>communication | Leader:    | "The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!   | a anth succlear |
| in worship. God                              |            | He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | e earth quake!  |
| always comes<br>to us before we              | All:       | The LORD is great in Zion;                   |                 |
| come to God.<br>Biblical worship             |            | he is exalted over all the peoples.          |                 |
| is a response to<br>God's gracious           | Leader:    | Let them praise your great and awesome name! |                 |
| revelation of<br>himself to his              |            | Holy is he!                                  |                 |
| people.                                      | All:       | The King in his might loves justice.         |                 |
| Bold text is read                            |            | You have established equity;                 |                 |
| together by the congregation.                |            | you have executed justice                    |                 |
| Plain text is read                           |            | and righteousness in Jacob.                  |                 |
| by the leader.<br>Responsive                 | Leader:    | Exalt the LORD our God;                      |                 |
| readings remind<br>us that during            |            | worship at his footstool!                    |                 |
| corporate<br>worship God                     |            | Holy is he!"                                 |                 |
| speaks to his                                |            |  |                 |
| people and<br>we respond                     |            |  |                 |
| together as a                                |            |  |                 |
| community.                                   |            |  |                 |
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#### SONG OF ADORATION

#### Come, Christians, Join to Sing

 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice,
 Before his throne rejoice;
 Praise is his gracious choice.
 Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high,Alleluia! Amen!Let praises fill the sky;Alleluia! Amen!He is our Guide and Friend;To us he'll condescend;His love shall never end.Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

Madrid

|   | PRAYER C | Mr. Doug Smith  |                |
|---|----------|---|----------------|
|   |          | TION OF FAITH<br>ity Catechism Q/A #52  | Mr. Doug Smith |
|   | Leader:  | What hope does everlasting life hold for us?  |                |
| *Children's<br>answers are in<br>italics. | All:     | It reminds us <i>that</i> this present fallen world is not all the<br>soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new cir<br>in the new heaven and the new earth,<br>where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin<br>and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies<br>in a renewed, restored creation. |                |

#### DOXOLOGY

#### All Creatures of Our God and King (v. 3)

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lasst Uns Erfreuen

| Please be<br>seated.   | THE LAW              | OF GOD  | Dr. Paul Hicks |  |
|--|----------------------|---|----------------|--|
|  | Deuteronomy 5:6, 19  |   |                |  |
| seated.<br>The Law of<br>God invites us<br>to confession<br>of sin within<br>the context of<br>our covenant<br>relationship<br>with God, a<br>relationship in<br>which honesty<br>about our sin is<br>welcome and<br>safe. We confess<br>together, in<br>community,<br>before a<br>gracious God<br>who has given<br>us himself.<br>Confession both<br>acknowledges<br>our need for<br>mercy and<br>celebrates its<br>abundance in<br>Christ. | Deuterono<br>Leader: | <i>my 5:6, 19</i><br>""I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of<br>Egypt, out of the house of slavery<br>"And you shall not steal." | the land of    |  |
|  | :                    |   |                |  |

| This is a time<br>of community  | CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN  |  |  |
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| of containing<br>prayer and<br>holy silence.<br>Please use this<br>time to slow<br>down, pray, and<br>reflect on your<br>relationship<br>with God and<br>your neighbor.<br>Worshippers<br>may choose to<br>kneel or remain<br>seated during<br>this time. | <ul> <li>All: O Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth,<br/>whose chosen dwelling place<br/>is with the broken and contrite,<br/>we come before you to confess that we are thieves.<br/>You are the holy and sovereign Lord,<br/>to whom all glory is due.<br/>But we have stolen glory for ourselves.<br/>All the riches, talents, and time we enjoy belong to you.<br/>But we have hoarded them for ourselves<br/>like hungry beggars.<br/>Deep down, we do not trust you to provide for our every need.<br/>So we make ourselves blind to the needs of others.<br/>We have not loved you with all<br/>our heart, soul, mind, and strength.<br/>We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.<br/>In your mercy,<br/>deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done<br/>and for the good we have left undone,<br/>so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.<br/>But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.<br/>With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness!<br/>In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;<br/>so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.</li> </ul> |  |  |
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#### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Rev. Collin Coats

Galations 4:4-7

Minister: For all who have confessed their sins and have fled to Christ for mercy, hear this word of assurance:

> "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

Please stand for the Song of Assurance.

### God's Grace

#### SONG OF ASSURANCE

#### God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

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 dustBy 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

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### God's Grace

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| "Lectio Sacra"                       | SCRIPTU   | RE READING                           | Mr. Michael Spencer      |
| means "sacred                        | 2 John 1-1.   | 2                                    |                          |
| reading." It<br>has been the         | 2 JUNII 1-1.  | )                                    |                          |
| practice of                          | Doodom  | The Word of the Lord!                |                          |
| the church for                       | Reader.   |                                      |                          |
| thousands of                         | Decelar   | There is a he to Code                |                          |
| years to have                        | People:   | Thanks be to God!                    |                          |
| portions of                          |   |                                      |                          |
| the Bible read                       |   |                                      |                          |
| during worship                       |   |                                      |                          |
| services. The<br>assumption          |   |                                      |                          |
| behind this                          |   |                                      |                          |
| practice is that                     |   |                                      |                          |
| ,<br>we are people                   |   |                                      |                          |
| who need to be                       |   |                                      |                          |
| shaped by all of                     |   |                                      |                          |
| God's Word.                          |   |                                      |                          |
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| Please be                            |   |                                      |                          |
| seated.                              | PRAYERS   | OF THE PEOPLE                        | Dr. Paul Hicks           |
|                                      |   |                                      |                          |
|                                      | Leader:   | Let us pray:                         |                          |
|                                      |   | 1 0                                  |                          |
|                                      | All:  | Lord God, whose Son, our Savior, .   | Jesus Christ,            |
|                                      |   | triumphed over the powers of dea     | th                       |
|                                      |   |                                      |                          |
|                                      |   | and prepared for us our place in the | ne new jerusalem.        |
|                                      |   | Grant that we, who have this day     |                          |
|                                      |   | given thanks for his resurrection,   |                          |
| Each week, we<br>pray for the        |   | may praise you in that City of whic  | ch he is the light.      |
| people around                        |   |                                      | •                        |
| us and in the                        |   | and where he lives and reigns for    | ever and ever.           |
| world as a way                       |   | Give to us, your servants,           |                          |
| to serve them                        |   | that peace which the world canno     | t give,                  |
| according to<br>God's will. You      | so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, |                                      |                          |
| are welcome to                       |   |                                      |                          |
| sit or kneel as                      |   | and that we, being delivered from    | the lear of all enemies, |
| we pray. If you                      |   | may live in peace and quietness;     |                          |
| have children,                       |   | through the mercies of Christ Jesu   | is our Savior, Amen      |
| please feel free<br>to use this time |   |                                      |                          |
| to teach them to                     |   |                                      |                          |
| pray.                                |   |                                      |                          |
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| At the parents'<br>discretion,  | THE GREE                | TING OF PEACE  |                   |  |  |
|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|
| children age 4<br>through the end<br>of kindergarten<br>may attend<br>Training in the<br>Pews Children's  | Leader:                 | Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we ar called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you! |                   |  |  |
| Worship.<br>Children meet<br>at the front<br>entrance of<br>the sanctuary<br>during the<br>Greeting of<br>Peace to be<br>escorted by<br>volunteers to<br>their classroom.<br>Children will<br>return to the<br>sanctuary after<br>the sermon. | People:                 | And also with you!   |                   |  |  |
| Please stand.   | SCRIPTUI<br>text on pag | RE READING<br>de 14  |                   |  |  |
| Please be<br>seated.  | PRAYER C                | PF ILLUMINATION  |                   |  |  |
| The Spirit<br>makes the   | THE SERM                | 10N  | Rev. Collin Coats |  |  |
| reading and preaching of  | Psalm 18                |  |                   |  |  |
| God's Word a<br>powerful means<br>of nourishing<br>and comforting<br>God's people,<br>and awakening<br>people to new<br>faith.  | God's Delig             | ht In You  |                   |  |  |

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principal and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

#### PSALM 18

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:

- <sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
  - my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

- <sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.
- <sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- <sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.
- In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.
   From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.
- <sup>7</sup> Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled

and quaked, because he was angry.

- <sup>8</sup> Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.
- 9 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.
- <sup>10</sup> He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.
- <sup>11</sup> He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,

thick clouds dark with water.

- <sup>12</sup> Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.
- <sup>13</sup> The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire.
- And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;

he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

- <sup>15</sup> Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare
  - at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- <sup>16</sup> He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.
- <sup>17</sup> He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
- <sup>18</sup> They confronted me in the day of my calamity,

but the LORD was my support.

- <sup>19</sup> He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.
- <sup>20</sup> The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness;

according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.

- <sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.

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- <sup>23</sup> I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt.
- <sup>24</sup> So the Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his

sight.

- <sup>25</sup> With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
- <sup>26</sup> with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
- 27 For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.
- <sup>28</sup> For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.
- <sup>29</sup> For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- <sup>30</sup> This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- <sup>31</sup> For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?—
- <sup>32</sup> the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.
- <sup>33</sup> He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.
- <sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.
- <sup>36</sup> You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.
- <sup>37</sup> I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and did not turn back till they were consumed.
- <sup>38</sup> I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet.

- <sup>39</sup> For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me.
- 40 You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed.
- <sup>41</sup> They cried for help, but there was none to save; they cried to the Lord, but he did not answer them.
- <sup>42</sup> I beat them fine as dust before the wind; I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
- <sup>43</sup> You delivered me from strife with the people; you made me the head of the nations; people whom I had not known served me.
- <sup>44</sup> As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me; foreigners came cringing to me.
- <sup>45</sup> Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses.
- <sup>46</sup> The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation—
- <sup>47</sup> the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me,
- <sup>48</sup> who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; h li end me form the me for the second sec
  - you delivered me from the man of violence.
- <sup>49</sup> For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.
- <sup>50</sup> Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

## Minister: The Word of the Lord! People: Thanks be to God!

|  | PREPARII<br>The Apostl | NG OUR HEARTS TO BE FED<br>les' Creed  | Rev. Collin Coats                            |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
|  | Minister               | : Christian, what do you believe?  |  |
|  | All:                   | I believe in God, the Father Almighty,<br>Maker of heaven and earth.   |  |
| * "catholic"<br>refers to<br>the church<br>throughout the<br>world |                        | I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord<br>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,<br>and born of the virgin Mary.<br>He suffered under Pontius Pilate,<br>was crucified, died, and was buried;<br>he descended into hell.<br>The third day he rose again from the dead.<br>He ascended into heaven<br>and is seated at the right hand of God the Father<br>From there he will come to judge the living and<br>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* cont<br>the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sim<br>the resurrection of the body, and the life everla | er Almighty.<br>I the dead.<br>hurch,<br>15, |

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### WORDS OF RESPONSE

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the 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 for the people of God. Come, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All: Hallelujah!

#### THE OFFERING

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this jovful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

Minister: What do you have that you did not receive?

Let us pray. All things, all gifts, come from you, O God and should be received with gratitude. In gratitude we now return to you what is yours. Receive these tithes and offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Amen.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)



🖼 🔲 In response to God's grace to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we bring gifts and offerings to the Lord with thanksgiving and joy. Worshippers may place their gifts in the offering box at the back as they return to their seats. You may also give by texting any dollar amount to 84321, through the Church Center app, or at https://redeemerprestemple.churchcenter.com/giving

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is a time for all of us to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or The Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving" is a time to meet with their Savior by faith to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. The Lord's Supper is a joyful celebration in which the family of God together delights in the presence and salvation of their Redeemer King. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ. are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We would love to pray with and for you during this time and there will be someone stationed at the front of the sanctuary at both side walls to do so. Please let us know if there is something specific you would like us to pray for.

#### A Word to Parents

Children are invited to come forward, either to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the Session (elders) of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please instruct them to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a prayer of blessing. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table and ask that you speak with the pastor when you believe your child is ready to begin the process.

#### **Directions for Participating in Communion**

If you are participating, when you are ready, please join the line coming down the center aisle. You will make your way past the servers at the front to receive the elements. Then, please return to your seat by way of the side aisles and hallway. If you wish to bring an offering to the Lord, please place it in the box at the back of the room as you return to your seat. We use wine in communion. Individual cups are available in the trays, with grape juice in the middle ring in the purple cups which may be requested by those who desire it. A gluten-free cracker is available upon request for those unable to eat the bread due to allergies.

#### PRAYER FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

#### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

#### Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### God's Grace

#### COMMUNION SONG

#### All I Have is Christ

 I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way;
 The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
 I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
 And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the costYou looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;And I beheld God's love displayed,You suffered in my place,You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace!

#### Chorus:

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life! Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life! 3. Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

Chorus

### God's Grace

#### COMMUNION SONG

#### Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide;
 Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
 While on earth her faith is tried:
 We beseech Thee, hear us,
 We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;
 Grant her patience to endure,
 Trusting in Thy promise sure:
 We beseech Thee, hear us,
 We beseech Thee, hear us.

3. May she one in doctrine be,One in truth and charity,Winning all to faith in Thee:We beseech Thee, hear us,We beseech Thee, hear us.

4. May she guide the poor and blind,Seek the lost until she find,And the broken-hearted bind:We beseech Thee, hear us,We beseech Thee, hear us.

5. Save her love from growing cold, Make her watchmen strong and bold, Fence her round, Thy peaceful fold: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

6. Arm her soldiers with the cross, Brave to suffer toil or loss, Counting earthly gain but dross: We beseech Thee, hear us, We beseech Thee, hear us.

#### SONG OF BLESSING AND SENDING

#### Oh How Good To Be Together

Oh how good to be together In this weary world we trod What a gift, what a treasure Kindred in the house of God

On this day the Lord has fashioned Come rejoice with all your might Raise a banner of salvation He has led us through the night

Oh the joy, oh the sweetness To be gathered in the name of the Lord Evermore, he will keep us From the valley to the golden shore

When it looked like evil conquered When we felt the darkest hour In despair we sought the Father And he has proved his mighty power

Oh the joy, oh the sweetness To be gathered in the name of the Lord Evermore, he will keep us From the valley to the golden shore Tell the theme of his provision How he met our every need He has been our firm foundation And he will ever, always be

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| Please stand.   | BENEDICTION  | Rev. Collin Coats   |
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| Just as we<br>begin with with<br>God's gracious<br>invitation, so<br>we end with<br>God's promise<br>to always be<br>with us.   | <i>Ephesians 3:20-21</i><br>Minister: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundar<br>we ask or think, according to the power at work<br>him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus t<br>generations, forever and ever. Amen." | within us, to       |
| It is appropriate<br>to lift our heads<br>as a symbol<br>that through<br>Christ God<br>graciously lifts<br>our head, and<br>we hold out our<br>hands palms<br>up to symbolize<br>our need and<br>eagerness to<br>receive God's<br>blessing. | POSTLUDE   |                     |
|   | FOLLOWING THE SERVICE   All are invited to join us for coffee, donuts  | , and conversation. |

#### WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

We are praying that God would do mighty, transforming works in our hearts, in our families, in our church, in our city, and in our world. Here are some categories which we use to pray during our corporate worship services. You are encouraged to use this list at home during your private and family worship times to help you join with Redeemer as we together petition our Father, asking that his Kingdom would come in ever greater measure.

GROWTH IN THE GOSPEL OF GRACE | for spiritual growth as individuals and as a church

LOCAL MISSION | for the work of the Gospel in Temple

GLOBAL MISSION | for God's work around the world

STATE/SOCIETY/WORLD | for civil authorities and Christians' witness in the world

SPECIAL CARE | for people who are sick or in other need

VISION | for God to build his Church

#### PRAYER AND PHYSICAL NEEDS

If you would like someone to pray for or with you, please consider contacting one of our elders (info on next page). They would love to talk with you and pray for you. We also hope you will join a Community Group to build relationships with people who know you and pray for you on a regular basis. If you have physical or material needs, please contact our deacon team at deaconteam@redeemerprestemple.org

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#### FINANCIAL GIVING REPORT

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving to Jesus' mission through Redeemer!

|               | INCOME*      | BUDGET      | ACTUAL<br>EXPENSES* | ACTUAL<br>VARIANCE |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2023 Jan-Feb  | \$103,791.16 | \$81,000.00 | \$64,329.06         | \$39,462.10        |
| 2023 February | \$45,331.59  | \$40,500.00 | \$25,931.49         | \$19,400.10        |
| 2023 January  | \$58,459.57  | \$40,500.00 | \$38,397.57         | \$20,062.00        |
| 2022 December | \$58,981.12  | \$47,500.00 | \$57,243.91         | \$1,737.21         |

\*These include all funds and operating expenses except income and expenses in the designated building fund.

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#### EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subscribe to our weekly news email! Contact us at office@redeemerprestemple.org to be added.

#### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | Friday, April 7 at 6pm

#### EASTER BRUNCH

Join us for brunch after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9! Sign up using the QR code below. Please note that there will be no Sunday School on Easter.

#### RYM SUMMER CONFERENCES

Register your student on Church Center through the QR code below. High School Colorado - June 11-17, 2023 (rising 9th - current 12th graders) Middle School Texas - August 2-6, 2023 (rising 6th - current 8th graders)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 Good Friday service, 6pm
April 9 No Sunday School (Easter)
April 9 Easter Brunch
April 13 Men's Pub Night
June 11-17 RYM High School Colorado
August 2-6 RYM Middle School Texas



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