



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

## Silent Preparation

The gospel of grace nullifies our adulation of televangelists, charismatic superstars, and local church heroes. It obliterates the two-class citizenship theory operative in many American churches. For grace proclaims the awesome truth that all is gift. All that is good is ours, not by right, but by the sheer bounty of a gracious God.

-Brennan Manning

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### / GOD'S SUPREMACY /

## Call to Worship

Psalm 148:7 - 13

RE Charlie Gaona

Minister: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

**People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

Minister: Kings of the earth and all the peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

**All: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

## Prayer of Invocation

### \* Hymn of Confidence

**"Come Ye Sinners"** (RUF Folder #45)

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power. He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.
2. Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Without money, without money; Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.
5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood. Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

**\* Hymn of Wonder**

**"Thy Mercy, My God" (Folder #36)**

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.
2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair; but, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and He that first made me still keeps me alive.
3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.
4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine. All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine – seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 40:1 - 9**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## / GOD'S RENEWAL /

### Seeing Ourselves Rightly

Mark 1:15

Minister: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

### 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 #24)

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**

**"The Beginning of Good News"  
Mark 1:1 - 8**

**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 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**

**Rev. Clay Wooten**

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 Update**

We are excited to share the progress of our Growing in Grace campaign. We are actively working through the city permit process and are making great headway. While there's still work ahead, we are encouraged by the progress and remain hopeful in our commitment to this mission. Thank you for your prayers, support, and patience as we journey together in faith and continue to grow in grace.



Please use the QR code to view an informational handout and hear more about the vision and upcoming changes!

## **Stay Connected**

Are you receiving our church updates and announcements? If not, we'd love to add you to our email list so you don't miss out on important news and events! To be added to the email list, there is an option on the homepage of the website, or you can email us at [rpcedmond08@gmail.com](mailto:rpcedmond08@gmail.com).

## **Baby Shower for Erica Maltbie**

Ladies of Redeemer, we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating Erica Maltbie and family as they prepare to welcome their baby boy! We will be having a diaper shower on Sunday, January 19 at 2 pm at Sandra Naifeh's home. See the RPC Weekly email for more information.

Please RSVP to Debbie Mitchell at 281 - 687 - 0999.

# 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 (K - 5th grade / Youth / Adult) ..... Sunday mornings 9:15am - 10 am

## Financial Summary YTD (as of November 30, 2024)

Income .....actual \$324,845 (budgeted \$319,000)  
Expense ..... actual \$258,196 (budgeted \$272,614)