

**OCTOBER 30, 2022** 

My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 67:1-4

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth.



#### WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

We're glad to have you joining us in worship today. If you'd like to know more about Redeemer, including ways to get involved, please scan the QR code and let us know.

We have a hearing loop. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.



#### ADORING GOD IN SONG

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

TRINITY HYMNAL #92

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.



#### PARENTS AND NURSING MOMS:

We have a "wiggle room" in the back of the Sanctuary. While not soundproof, it does offer you a little extra room to move around. If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place on Sunday mornings, the "wiggle room" and infant nursery are available options. We also have a nursing mother's room, changing tables and changing supplies available on the lower level. Head downstairs and look for our nursery coordinator by the check-in area. She will be happy to answer any questions and help you get settled.

## Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds Kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Lion and the Lamb
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#### Chorus:

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty
(Chorus)

## Bridge:

Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord (Chorus)

## **CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE**

# Confession of Sin

#### PRAYER WRITTEN BY ZACHARIAS URSINUS

I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, my Lord and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Prayer of Confession

# Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**ROMANS 4:3-5** 

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness....

## THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

# **DEACON'S PRAYER**

**RAY REIN** 

#### HOW CAN WE GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

There are several ways to give to the church. You can drop a check or cash in the offering plate as it is passed. You can mail a check, bring it by the church office, or leave it in our outside mailbox. You can also give online through your Breeze account or on our website. Online you can give by credit card or Bank ACH. Questions? Contact the church office, office@redeemerpca.net

#### **OFFERTORY**

# His Mercy Is More

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done, Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, Our sins they are many, his mercy is more. His Mercy Is More © 2016 Getty Music Love Your Enemies Publishing Words & Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

#### Chorus

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, What father so tender is calling us home. He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

#### Chorus

What riches of kindness he lavished on us, His blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

#### Chorus 2x

# Doxology

**TRINITY HYMNAL #731** 

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

#### MINISTRY OF WORD & PRAYER

Reading of Scripture

GENESIS 18:16-33; 19:23-29

PAGE 16-18 IN THE PEW BIBLE

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

#### SONG OF PREPARATION

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Chorus:

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God (Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

(Chorus 2x)

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#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Children ages 3 through K are invited to go to Children's Church during the Song of Preparation. Children's Church consists of a lesson, singing, and they will meet the Elder of the Week. This is an optional activity that will help to prepare your child for participating in the full worship service.

# **SERMON**

Justice and Mercy

Genesis 18:16-19:38

DAN SEALE, SENIOR PASTOR




## RESPONSE AND BLESSING

# Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Before the Throne of God Above, Charitie Lees Bancroft 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

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.

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
(Repeat bold)

## BENEDICTION

## **New Adult Sunday School Class: Doubt & Deconstruction**

Most Christians can name someone they deeply love who has abandoned Christianity. And most Christians, if they are honest with themselves, wrestle with their own doubts as well. How can the Bible help us understand and navigate our doubts, and the doubts of our friends, as we inhabit an "Age of Doubt?" Join us for the conversation in our Doubt & Deconstruction Adult Sunday School Class: October 30 to December 18.

# Women's Fellowship & Craft Event, Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m.

Women are invited to a fun morning of fellowship on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Susan Prillman will be leading us as we create three different items, focused on "but God" Bible verses. Susan will also lead us in a devotion. For more details and to register, visit our website: www.redeemerpca.com/upcoming-events.

# Men's Service Opportunity, Saturday, November 5, 1 p.m.

The Redeemer Men will be taking over the Central Carolina Food Bank on November 5, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help them with various needs. Planning to attend? E-mail Brook in the church office, office@redeemerpca.net. We will meet 15 minutes early at the venue, address is: 1924 Capital Blvd, Raleigh NC 27604.

## **Letters to Missionaries**

Consider taking the time to write a quick note to one or more of our foreign missionaries. It can be short or long and can include Bible verses or encouraging thoughts. Children can draw pictures. Please place your letters in the basket on the foyer table by Sunday, November 13. (There are blank Christmas cards available on the table.) If you have any questions, please call Geneva Britt at 919-345-0430.

## MTW (Mission to the World) 30 Days of Prayer

MTW invites us to devote the month of November to prayer for global missions, especially for those who serve in difficult or restricted-access areas. MTW has provided a prayer calendar for download at mtw.org/30dop with a prayer request for each day. MTW is the global missions-sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### Sunday

- Sunday School, 9 a.m.
- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

#### Monday

- Moms in Prayer, 9:15 a.m., at Redeemer
- Men's Monday Evening Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., at Redeemer
- Women's Monday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., at Redeemer and virtual

## Wednesday

- Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., 242 Room, at Redeemer
- Student Ministry Large Group, 6:30 p.m., 242 Room, at Redeemer
- Women's Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., B011, at Redeemer
- Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Bo10, at Redeemer

## Thursday

• Music Team Practice, 7:30 p.m., at Redeemer

## **Friday**

• Men's Friday Morning Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., at Redeemer and virtual

#### **Saturday**

- Women's Fellowship & Craft Event, 10 a.m., at Redeemer
- Men's Service Day, 1 p.m., at the Central Carolina Food Bank

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 11: 5th & 6th Grade Gathering
- November 12: Youth Friendsgiving Fellowship Event
- November 13: Letters to Missionaries Due

Scan this QR code to learn more about our upcoming events and to RSVP:



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