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Prelude

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This is a time when we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies to meet, and be met by God, the Creator and Redeemer of all things. It is often an instrumental piece played by the worship band; however, it is sometimes used to introduce new songs into corporate worship.

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul,
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

**All: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.**

Call to
Worship

We need to be called to worship God because our hearts and minds are not naturally focused on him, but on ourselves. The Call to Worship marks the official beginning of the corporate worship service and directs our hearts, minds, and volitions toward God.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Prayer of
Adoration &
Invocation

This prayer addresses God in his triune nature as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise and adoration continue and we ask him to be present with us and usher our hearts into corporate worship as he has promised by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession (1 Corinthians 11:17-18)

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we acknowledge the coldness of our hearts and lives. Instead of loving others as you have loved us, we have been hardhearted and indifferent.

People: **Forgive us for our impatience and unkindness. Forgive us our envy and boastfulness, our arrogance and rudeness.**

Leader: We have been resentful and irritable even with those closest to us.

People: **We insist on pursuing our own way, our own wants, and our own wishes—failing to give up our rights and comforts for the sake of others.**

Leader: We have secretly rejoiced at the hardships of those we dislike, and been bitter when they have received good things.

All: **Shine your light into our hearts, that we may embody faith, hope, and love as we ought. Destroy in us every lofty thought. Break our pride into pieces. Obliterate every shred of self-righteousness. Crucify our sense of self-importance. Break us down and bind us up. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to us and forgive us—that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name.**

Corporate and Silent Confession

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our sin and need for grace, asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness. Because the world around us is filled with so much noise, we take several moments of silence to meet with God individually about our sin and seek his forgiveness and grace.

Silent Confession

Please use the words above in your silent confession.

Word of Absolution

The Word of Absolution is the declaration of God's forgiveness and redemption spoken with joy. The liturgist is proclaiming what God has done through Jesus Christ. It is usually a passage of Scripture or a traditional text from a historical church resource such as the Westminster Confession or the Book of Common Prayer.

Word of Absolution (from John 6)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain,
he washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
thy power, and thine alone,
can cleanse the leper's spots
and melt the heart of stone.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
my lips shall still repeat.

*Oh, praise the one who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead.*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer – Pastor Bob Brunson

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,
and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal to Children's Church (4-year-olds to 2nd graders)

If you are visiting or this is your children's first time, please escort them to the foyer. You may pick them up from downstairs after the service.

The Offering

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Offering

We display our dependency on God's provision by giving tithes and offerings. Because money is so powerfully tied to our hearts, we give in order to free our hearts from money's tyranny and in doing so, giving becomes a joyous response to God's grace received after the preaching of his Word.

When Are Christians Unworthy of the Lord's Supper?

Sermon: Pastor Ewan Kennedy

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.

¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.

²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup

is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— ³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

The Sermon

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters his people through his Word. Therefore, as you listen, pray to be open to what he is teaching. Pray for the person preaching. Pray to encounter the life-changing Christ as you listen. If you don't own a Bible, please feel free to take one from the shelves in the foyer.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, closely grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, 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 and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and author of my faith. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. 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 dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

Benediction

Pastor Ewan will be available at the front of the sanctuary to meet you or answer any questions you might have. If you are new to Redeemer, please stop by.

The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, Christ meets his people in spiritual communion with his strength, healing love and enabling grace that allows us to live as his disciples in the world. As we receive the elements, we lift our hearts up to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, when God renews his covenant with his people in corporate worship, he serves a meal as the pinnacle of that event. Jesus continues this pattern in the Lord's Supper with his disciples. Thus, the Lord's Supper is placed towards the end of the service after God has ministered to us through his Word.

The Lord's Supper is for those who know their need for Jesus and cling to him as their only hope for salvation. If you wish to refrain from partaking in the Lord's Supper, prayers are printed in the Worship Guide to help you put words to where you are in relation to God.

The Benediction

At the conclusion of the final song, the Benediction is given. It is a reminder that Christ has ordained his people with a blessing that equips us to serve and honor him with our lives as we proceed from corporate worship. The Benediction serves to end corporate worship and to send God's people out into the world.



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER'S VISION

To be transformed by God's mercy and grace into a community of priests engaged in his redeeming work in Atlanta and the world.

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TODAY

Welcome to Redeemer!

We are delighted to welcome you to worship this morning and pray that God will richly bless you through today's service. We especially want to welcome those who are visiting as our guests this morning. To learn more about the church, visit our website www.redeemeratlanta.org or contact Pastor Bob at 678-928-1150.

Children's Church Today

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Children's Church today. Prior to the sermon, they will be dismissed to meet Ms. Jamie in the foyer and be escorted to Children's Church in room 104 in the Children's Center. You can pick them up there immediately after the conclusion of the service.

Reminder About Masks

Due to the recent surge in cases, the Session has reinstated the requirement that masks should always be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Thanks so much for enduring this inconvenience to help all who want to worship with us—not only to be safe but feel safe while they're on the church campus. If you need a mask, we will be happy to provide one for you at the Welcome Table in the foyer.

Giving at Redeemer

To give in support of the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, you can do so today in worship when the offering is received, by mail, by scheduled giving through your bank, or online using the link provided on the church's website at www.redeemeratlanta.org/giving.

TONIGHT

Refuge (6th-12th grades)

If you're in middle school or high school, you're invited to join us tonight and every Sunday night from 5 to 7 PM here. We meet outside for games, food, and small group study/discussion, and will add in some other elements on Sunday mornings when the Community hour launches later in the fall. Questions? Email Pastor Alex at alex@redeemeratlanta.org!

NEW! Women's Sunday Night In-person Study Begins Tonight

This new group will meet on Sunday evenings in the Commons at Redeemer from 5 to 7 PM, during the time that Refuge meets. Carrie Henry will be the facilitator of *From Garden to Glory* by Courtney Doctor. Study guides are available for sale this morning in the foyer. If you're interested in joining this group or have questions, just come join us tonight or contact Carrie at c.henry.cnm@gmail.com.

NEW! Norcross Area Group Launches Tonight

Our newest Area Group is launching tonight at the Norcross home of Kevin and Julie Roberts at 7 PM. If you live near the I-85 corridor through DeKalb and Gwinnett, this group might just be for you. Interested? Contact Kevin at kevin@redeemeratlanta.org this week.

Sunday Evening Women's Online Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Women's Online study will continue its study of *From Garden to Glory* by Courtney Doctor tonight at 7 PM. For a link or for more information, email leaders Suzanne Heninger (SuHeninger@bellsouth.net) or Elaine LaCour (el@thelacours.org).

Sunday Night Men's Online Bible Study

The Sunday Night Men's Online study will continue its study of *Covenants Made Simple* by Jonty Rhodes tonight at 7 pm. To request a link for this evening, email leader Al LaCour at jal@thelacours.org.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Night Online Prayer

This time of ministry in prayer for the needs of the church family and the work of the gospel in our community begins at 8 PM, finishes promptly at 8:45, and is open to everyone. The link and the Weekly Prayer Guide go out by email each Wednesday. You can submit a prayer request or a praise report for inclusion in this week's guide on today's "blue sheet" or by emailing office manager Seya de Lastic at seya@redeemeratlanta.org.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible study meets each Thursday in the Chapel from 9:45 to 11:45 AM here on campus at Redeemer to study *From Garden to Glory* by Courtney Doctor. Childcare will be provided. For more information, email Jeanne Henry at henry.jeanne@gmail.com.

Sunday Communities Start NEXT Sunday

Join us next Sunday morning, October 3, at 9:15 AM for the launch of the Sunday Community Hour for children, youth, and adults. A Sunday Community is just that—an hour on Sunday mornings before worship when we gather with our peers to study and learn the Bible in community with one another. Adults will begin gathering at 9:15 for coffee and conversation followed by interactive Bible study from 9:30-10:30 in the Commons while Redeemer's Kids (K4 – 5th grade) meets in the Children Center and Refuge (MS & HS) gathers in the youth room and the Chapel.

THIS FALL

Sandy Springs Mission Tutoring Volunteers Needed

Sandy Springs Mission's after-school tutoring program for students at High Point Elementary is set to resume meeting at Redeemer on Monday and Wednesday afternoons the first week of October, with the middle school program starting sometime after that. To volunteer, go to www.sandyspringsmission.org/volunteer-application to start the process with the Mission.

Serve with Redeemer's Kids This Fall

Although the start of Redeemer's Kids, our Sunday Community for children ages 4 years through 5th grade, has been delayed until October 3, it's not too late to join the team of adults who will be discipling our children on Sunday mornings this fall. Express interest in a slot on today's "blue sheet" or contact our Children's Ministry Director, Jamie Turner, at jamie@redeemeratlanta.org.