

Covenanting Service. Next Sunday, 4:30-6:00 pm. Please note this is a week forward from what has been previously announced. RSVP for light refreshments using QR code. All friends of Redeemer welcome! Not all of you have RSVP'd.



Sunday Worship. October 22 (and on repeat 🎉!), 4:30-6:00 pm! We'll be meeting in PCS in the afternoons through the fall. Please continue to pray for a permanent home and a solution which allows us to meet in the mornings.

Member's Meeting. November 19. Immediately following the Sunday gathering. Observers welcome; covenant members participation only. We will elect our 2024 officers, commend elder resolutions, receive any new members, and adopt the 2024 proposed budget.

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Discussion Questions

1. How does the story of Kodak losing sight of its identity parallel our own risk of losing our spiritual identity? In what ways do you see individuals or communities losing track of their calling or identity in Christ?
2. Discuss the statement, "Our sin makes us self-oriented." How do you observe this in your own life, and what practical steps can be taken to shift the focus from self to others, particularly in light of Paul's example?
3. In considering 2 Corinthians 5:21, discuss the significance of Jesus taking on our sin so that we might become righteous. How does embracing this truth empower us for the ministry of reconciliation? How can we practically live out this ministry in our everyday interactions.



Order of Worship

October 1, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Public Reading of Scripture

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Hymn of Praise

Grace

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

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Song of Response

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

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

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

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

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Benediction & Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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Sermon

“Our Single Task”

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

1. To be like God is to be others-oriented.
2. Our sin makes us self-oriented
3. Jesus Christ died to reorient and recreate us.
4. We are freed from our selfish, fleeting ambitions to live for eternal, significant ambitions. We must:
 - Give ourselves to persuading others to believe in God.
 - Give ourselves to knowing that each of our neighbors will live forever, either with God or separated from Him.
 - Give ourselves to live as the ambassador that we already are.

Affirmation of the Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 5

Q&A 12

Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

A. God requires that his justice be satisfied.¹ Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.²

Q&A 13

Q. Can we make this payment ourselves?

A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.³

Q&A 14

Q. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

A. No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of.⁴ Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.⁵

Q&A 15

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

A. One who is a true⁶ and righteous⁷ human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.⁸

¹ Ex. 23:7; Rom. 2:1-11

² Isa. 53:11; Rom. 8:3-4

³ Matt. 6:12; Rom. 2:4-5

⁴ Ezek. 18:4, 20; Heb. 2:14-18

⁵ Ps. 49:7-9; 130:3

⁶ Rom. 1:3; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:17

⁷ Isa. 53:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26

⁸ Isa. 7:14; 9:6; Jer. 23:6; John 1:1

Song of Faith

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

[Chorus]

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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Song of the Gospel

Before the Throne of God Above

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
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

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 Saviour 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