

**Prospective Members' Class.** Redeemer is a body of covenanted members. We love, cherish, and care for one another in membership. If you are interested in joining, this class will introduce you to people who love you and information you need to make that commitment. Here you will walk through our Statement of Faith and Book of Order with Pastor Zach. A meal and childcare is provided for potential new members.



*More details and registration at QR code provided.*

**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. RSVP for food via Church Center app. Link on website: "Get Involved" > "Special Events"

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#### **Discussion Questions**

1. In what ways do we respond like Pharaoh when confronting fear, obstacles, or challenges in our own lives? How does Jesus free us from fear to cultivate faith in our trials?
2. How do the actions of Shiphrah and Puah illustrate unwavering faithfulness and courage, even when faced with opposition, and what can we learn from their story about the impact such steadfastness can have on shaping future generations and narratives?
3. How does the apparent breaking and eventual keeping of God's promises, as seen in the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, provide a perspective on understanding challenging times when it appears that God is not keeping His promises to us?



## **Order of Worship**

October 15, 2023

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Public Reading of Scripture**

John 1:1-18 (ESV)

#### **The Word Became Flesh**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. **9** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
<sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ”)  
<sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

## Hymn of Praise

*Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near

Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things

So wondrously reigneth

Shielded thee under His wings

Yea so gently sustaineth

Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been

Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him

All that hath life and breath

Come now with praises before Him

Let the amen sound from His people again

Gladly forever adore Him

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[Chorus A]

I will wait for You I will wait for You

On Your word I will rely

I will wait for You surely wait for You

Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone

Take courage in His power to save

Completely and forever won

By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way

And God Himself has paid the price

That all who trust in Him today

Find healing in His sacrifice

[Chorus B]

I will wait for You I will wait for You

Through the storm and through the night

I will wait for You surely wait for You

For Your love is my delight

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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.

## Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is an important ordinance of the church—established by Jesus Christ—which has

- as its symbol a demonstration of the sacrifice of himself in his death;
- as its benefit, the confirmation of faith and spiritual nourishment in individual believers;
- as its exhortation, the reminder to grow and engage in all duties owed to our Lord;
- as its effect, a bond and pledge of our union with him and each other.

If you are not a baptized believer, we ask that you refrain from this meal and use this time instead take this moment to reflect upon your life and seek the grace God freely offers to all who cast themselves upon Jesus.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ with gluten-sensitivities, our host will have dedicated elements available. They will look for your raised hand.

## Hymn of Praise

*I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)*

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

## Song of the Gospel

*Saved My Soul*

I was lost when You came for me  
Held in chains by the enemy  
But You broke them in victory  
Now I'm free I am free

You're my joy and You are my hope  
I am saved by Your grace alone  
I will sing of Your love for me  
I am free I am free

[Chorus]

You my God have saved my soul  
I am Yours forevermore  
I won't be moved of this I'm sure  
You are my God and You saved my soul

Now I stand with the Kings of kings  
He has paid for my every sin  
And from now through eternity  
I am free I am free

[Repeat Chorus]

What once was dead is now alive  
You gave to me the breath of life  
You brought me up out from the grave  
I'm bursting out with songs of praise

[Repeat Chorus]

## Affirmation of the Faith

Orthodox Catechism Lesson 6

Q&A 16

Q: Why must [our mediator] be truly human and truly righteous?

**A: God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for its sin;<sup>1</sup> but a sinner could never pay for others.<sup>2</sup>**

Q&A 17

Q: Why must he also be true God?

**A: So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.<sup>3</sup>**

Q&A 18

Q: And who is this mediator--true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

**A: Our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>4</sup> who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.<sup>5</sup>**

Q&A 19

Q: How do you come to know this?

**A: The holy gospel tells me. God himself began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise;<sup>6</sup> later, he proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs<sup>7</sup> and prophets,<sup>8</sup> and portrayed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law;<sup>9</sup> finally, he fulfilled it through his own dear Son.<sup>10</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Rom. 5:12, 15; 1 Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16

<sup>2</sup> Heb. 7:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:18

<sup>3</sup> Isa. 53; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:21

<sup>4</sup> Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; 1 Tim. 2:5

<sup>5</sup> 1 Cor. 1:30

<sup>6</sup> Gen. 3:15

<sup>7</sup> Gen. 22:18; 49:10

<sup>8</sup> Isa. 53; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1-2

<sup>9</sup> Lev. 1-7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10

<sup>10</sup> Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 2:17

## Confession & Promise of Grace

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (ESV)

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

“An Unbreakable Promise”

Exodus 1:1-22

1. Each one of us faces a circumstances we can be tempted to believe that God is not keeping his promise.
2. We all must seek to know the Lord.
3. Each bitter providence of God is designed to drive us to the promises of God.
  1. One Unremarkable Unnamed Pharoah.
  2. Two Remarkable Named Women, Shiphrah and Puah
  3. Two Fears
4. Opposition presents us with the option to lean into the promises of God.
5. God has a creative purpose in the trials we face---and small opportunities for faithfulness to his promise.