



**Serve at Redeemer.** Going into 2024, we will be launching a number of ministries, including student ministry, outreach at UAH, and expanding our kids' ministry. Please email [info@redeemerhuntsville.org](mailto:info@redeemerhuntsville.org) if you interested in helping with any of these ministries.

**Christmas Schedule.** Mark your calendars for at least these following events full of familiar carols and festivities to mark our Savior's birth:

- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Dinner Third Sunday. Immediately following service. Details forthcoming
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Ordinary corporate gathering from 4:30-6.

+ + +

Redeemer Church exists to share God's good news and be equipped to love him and neighbor in every area of life in Huntsville and beyond.

This month's feature value highlights our commitment to belonging together.

### We belong to each other.



We know the Bible describes the church using many different images. But all those images have one thing in common: they require others. Critically, we cannot do the things that Scripture commands apart from one another.

Our prayers of confession and adoration, public readings of Scripture, singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and dedication to the apostles' teaching are not private affairs. Our faith is public and communal. So, we give ourselves to one another in covenant membership—that is, we give ourselves to belong to each other.



Order of Worship  
November 26, 2023



## Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship                      Psalm 19:7-9 (ESV)

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise                      *His Mercy is More*

Hymn of Praise                      *Your Cross, O Lord*

Public Reading of Scripture                      John 3:1-21 (ESV)  
Wayne Eads

Affirmation of the Faith                      *Orthodox Catechism* (1680) Lesson 14 & 15

Confession & Promise of Grace                      1 John 2: 1-2 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon                                      Zach Carter

Lord's Supper

Song of Response                      *How Firm a Foundation*

Benediction & Doxology



## Sermon Discussion Questions

1. In what ways do the signs given to Moses (the staff, the hand, the river) speak to God's power and authority? Should we expect or look for such signs in our own lives?
2. Have you ever felt like Moses, asking God to send someone else instead of you for a task or mission? Share your experience. Discuss how God's response to Moses' reluctance (providing Aaron as a mouthpiece) shows His understanding and patience. How does this resonate with your personal experiences?
3. The sermon suggests a preference for Scripture over miraculous signs for authenticating God's message. How does this perspective align with your understanding and experience? Discuss the importance of Scripture in understanding and strengthening your faith, especially in times of doubt or confusion.
4. Reflect on how God's patience and mercy, as seen in His interactions with Moses, have been evident in your life. Share a time when you felt God's patience in your spiritual growth or while overcoming a challenge.



My grace all-sufficient  
 Shall be your supply  
 The flame shall not hurt you  
 I only design  
 Your dross to consume and  
 Your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus  
 Has leaned for repose  
 I will not I will not  
 Desert to his foes  
 That soul though all hell  
 Should endeavor to shake  
 I'll never no never  
 No never forsake

© Original words by "K" in Rippon's Hymns (1787). Traditional American Melody. Public Domain. 1999 Sovereign Grace Praise  
 CCLI Song # 2874528 -- CCLI License # 5501493 2

### 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.



### Call to Worship

Psalm 19:7-9 (ESV)

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,  
 reviving the soul;  
 the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
 making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right,  
 rejoicing the heart;  
 the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
 enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean,  
 enduring forever;  
 the rules of the LORD are true,  
 and righteous altogether.

### Song of Praise

*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

[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



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

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa  
 © 2016 Getty Music Hymns and Songs; Getty Music Publishing; Love Your Enemies Publishing; Messenger Hymns CCLI Song  
 #7065053 CCLI License #21893125

### Song of the Gospel

*Your Cross, O Lord*

Your cross O Lord taught me to see  
 That though I fail you every day  
 Your steadfast love will not fail me  
 But gladly bears my sin away—  
 And there I see your holy fire  
 Consuming sin in mercy's blood  
 What righteousness and love require  
 To ransom sinners to their God

Your cross O Lord taught me to weep  
 For there my sin led you away  
 And e'en the sun did bow in grief  
 As darkness crowned our darkest day—  
 And oh to think that I once stood  
 Indifferent to your suffering  
 And oh to see your sweat like blood  
 Such depths of sorrow borne for me

Your cross O Lord taught me to love  
 For there I've tasted love divine  
 It fills my heart with power enough



### Song of Response

*How Firm A Foundation*

How firm a foundation  
 You saints of the Lord  
 Is laid for your faith in  
 His excellent Word  
 What more can He say  
 Than to you He has said  
 To you who for refuge  
 To Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you  
 Oh be not dismayed  
 For I am your God  
 And will still give you aid  
 I'll strengthen you help you  
 And cause you to stand  
 Upheld by My righteous  
 Omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters  
 I call you to go  
 The rivers of sorrow  
 Shall not overflow  
 For I will be with you  
 Your troubles to bless  
 And sanctify to you  
 Your deepest distress

When through fiery trials  
 Your pathway shall lie



- a. Sign One: The Staff
  - b. Sign Two: The Hand
  - c. Sign Three: The River
  - d. What is the purpose of these signs?
  - e. Should we expect signs today to authenticate ministry?
2. Moses Still Needs Convincing of His Own Authority(4:10-17)
  3. Pharaoh Will Not Be Convinced By Moses(4:18-23)
  4. “The Bloody Bridegroom” (4:24-26)
  5. The Hebrews Believe Moses

### Lord’s Supper

If you are not a baptized believer in good standing with your local church, 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.



To make your costly service mine—  
No sin too great to meet with grace  
No enemy too foul to bless  
Your love in wounds of sacrifice  
Teach me O Lord to love like this

Your cross O Lord taught me to sing  
For now my captive soul is free  
No guilt no fear no suffering  
Can tear away your love from me—  
No song can reach such heights of joy  
No tongue can tell such depths of peace  
No power no time can e’er destroy  
The eternal praise for Calvary

© 2020 Joyful Noise Music (Admin. by Sam Brewster) and Joyful Noise Music (Admin. by Thomas Brewster)  
CCLI Song # 7168302 -- CCLI License # 5501493 1

### Public Reading of Scripture

John 3:1–21 (ESV)

#### **You Must Be Born Again**

**3** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” **3** Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **4** Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” **5** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”



<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?” <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### For God So Loved the World

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

### Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism* (1680) Lesson 14

Q&A 35:

Q: What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

**A: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God,<sup>1</sup> took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit,<sup>2</sup> from the**

<sup>1</sup> John 1:1; 10:30-36; Acts 13:33 (Ps. 2:7); Col. 1:15-17; 1 John 5:20

<sup>2</sup> Luke 1:35



**flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,<sup>3</sup> a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant,<sup>4</sup> like his brothers in every way except for sin.<sup>5</sup>**

Q&A 36:

Q: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

**A: He is our mediator,<sup>6</sup> and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin--mine since I was conceived.<sup>7</sup>**

### Confession & Promise of Grace

John 8:34-36 (ESV)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.’”

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

“Proof of an Authentic Ministry”

Zach Carter

Exodus 4

1. The Signs to Convince the Hebrews (4:1-9)

<sup>3</sup> Matt. 1:18-23; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14

<sup>4</sup> 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Matt. 1:1; Rom. 1:3

<sup>5</sup> Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 4:15; 7:26-27

<sup>6</sup> 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 9:13-15

<sup>7</sup> Rom. 8:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:18-19