



**New Members' Class.** January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:30pm. All people who are interested in joining Redeemer are encouraged to hear about her mission, vision, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

**Discipleship groups launching.** Community groups launching throughout January 2024. Equip class starting in February 2024. More information coming soon in the Church Center app or at [redeemerhuntsville.org](http://redeemerhuntsville.org) > Get Involved > Groups.

**Third Sunday: Fellowship Meal.** January 21. More information coming soon in the Church Center app or at [redeemerhuntsville.org](http://redeemerhuntsville.org) > Get Involved > "Upcoming Events".

**Quarterly Members' Meeting.** February 18<sup>th</sup>. Information forthcoming.



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.

## We are rooted in the past and working for the future.



We know we aren't the first people to read our Bibles or gather as churches. Christ's churches were before us, and they will be after us.

We want to find our place in the great work of God through human history of redeeming a particular people to himself.

So, we embrace a Reformed confession and practice to both hold everything under submission to Scripture and glean wisdom to guide our pastoral, theological, and missional instincts today.



Order of Worship  
January 7, 2024



## Happy New Year from your Redeemer family!

We are glad that you've joined us today for worship. Know that no question is off limits here. We take the gospel seriously and invite all people everywhere to enjoy the grace of God.

You can read what's coming up on the last page of the bulletin. More information can be found at [redeemershuntsville.org](http://redeemershuntsville.org).

Any questions? Feel free to email us at [info@redeemershuntsville.org](mailto:info@redeemershuntsville.org)

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### Guests

If you are a guest, we would love to meet you and hear your story. Go ahead and take out your phone. *(It's okay, we promise!)* Scan the QR code on the right to answer just three short questions.



We would also love to gift you a resource that complements our sermon series through Exodus. Meet us at the resources table following the service.

### Restrooms & Relief

Facilities can be found at the rear of the gymnasium through the double doors. Water bottles and coffee are available on the other side of the curtain.

### Parents

Baby changing facilities are available in the nursery down the Redeemer Kids' hallway. Nursing mothers are welcome to feed their baby wherever they feel comfortable, but one of our hosts can help you find a private room.



Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

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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.



- a. Appreciate God’s mercy with Moses’s lamentation
- b. How ought you bring your hurts to God?

### Lord’s Supper

If you are not 1) a baptized believer who is 2) walking with Christ in faith and 3) 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, the center bowl contains gluten-free wafers. Additionally, our hosts can help you receive dedicated elements. They will look for your raised hand.

### Song of Response

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail  
 Christ will hold me fast  
 When the tempter would prevail  
 He will hold me fast  
 I could never keep my hold  
 Through life's fearful path  
 For my love is often cold  
 He must hold me fast

[Chorus]  
 He will hold me fast  
 He will hold me fast  
 For my Savior loves me so  
 He will hold me fast



### Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Romans 11:33-36

Song of the Gospel *Saved My Soul*

Scripture Reading John 4:1-26 (ESV)

Affirmation of the Faith Orthodox Catechism (1680)

Song of the Gospel *Grace*

Hymn of Grace *His Mercy is More*

Confession & Promise of Grace Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “God, Why Have You Done This Evil to This People”

Lord’s Supper

Song of Response *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Benediction & Doxology



## Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36 (ESV)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

## Song of the Gospel

*Saved My Soul*

[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

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

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



[Chorus]

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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## Confession and Promise of Grace

*Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)*

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

“God, Why Have You Done Evil to This People?”

Zach Carter

Exodus 5:1-6:1

1. We should expect trouble in this world, including real physical suffering.
2. Real faith is honest to God about our trouble.
  - a. Moses takes his complaints about God to God.
  - b. Moses has two complaints
  - c. So, is God doing evil?
3. God meets us in the honesty by reminding us of his promises.



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 Saviour

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## Hymn of Grace

*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



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

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## Scripture Reading

John 4:1-26

### Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

**4** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."



<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

## Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism* (1680) Lesson 17 & 18

Q 45: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**A: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.<sup>1</sup> Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.<sup>2</sup> Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.<sup>3</sup>**

Q 46: What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

**A: That Christ, while his disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth to heaven<sup>4</sup> and will be there for our good<sup>5</sup> until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:16-20; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

<sup>2</sup> Rom. 6:5-11; Eph. 2:4-6; Col. 3:1-4

<sup>3</sup> Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:12-23; Phil. 3:20-21

<sup>4</sup> Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11

<sup>5</sup> Rom. 8:34; Eph. 4:8-10; Heb. 7:23-25; 9:24

<sup>6</sup> Acts 1:11



Q 47: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?<sup>7</sup>

**A: Christ is truly human and truly God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth;<sup>8</sup> but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is not absent from us for a moment.<sup>9</sup>**

Q 48: If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

**A: Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere,<sup>10</sup> it is evident that Christ's divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity he has taken on, but at the same time his divinity is in and remains personally united to his humanity.<sup>11</sup>**

## Song of the Gospel

*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

[Chorus]

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

<sup>7</sup> Matt. 28:20

<sup>8</sup> Acts 1:9-11; 3:19-21

<sup>9</sup> Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:16-19

<sup>10</sup> Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 7:48-49 (Isa. 66:1)

<sup>11</sup> John 1:14; 3:13; Col. 2:9