



**Deacon Affirmation.** March 17, immediately following the corporate gathering. We will affirm by ballot the two deacon candidates put forward by the elder board: Nathan Johnson and Anthony Knight.

**Third Sunday.** March 17, immediately following the corporate gathering. This will also be a time of thanksgiving, as **this is the one-year anniversary of our first interest meeting!**

**Evangelistic Bible Studies.** We are a few steps closer to starting our evangelistic bible reading groups. **We're targeting the three zones** where many people in Huntsville work: **Downtown, Research Park, and the Arsenal.** If you have any interest in participating or leading, contact Sean Smith at [sean.douglas363@gmail.com](mailto:sean.douglas363@gmail.com)

**Host Families for Campus Outreach.** We are putting together a plan to start evangelizing at UAH in the fall, together with some local ministries. Did you know that only 1-in-4 international students will ever be invited into an American home during their entire course of study? **We have a particular interest in connecting international students to host families within our church** in the short to near term. If you're interested in hosting internationals once a month for dinner, would you let the church office know? Email [noah@redeemerhuntsville.org](mailto:noah@redeemerhuntsville.org).



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.



Order of Worship  
March 10, 2024



## Welcome 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.



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.

## Song of Response

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

O soul are you weary and troubled  
No light in the darkness you see  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

[Chorus]

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed and we follow Him there  
Over us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conquerors we are

His Word shall not fail you He promised  
Believe Him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

Helen H. Lemmel

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## Benediction and Doxology



And mine are keys to Zion city  
 Where beside the King I walk  
 For there my heart has found its treasure  
 Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
 For His love is my reward  
 Fear is gone and hope is sure  
 Christ is mine forevermore

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### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

“Signs of a Soft Heart”: The Final Triad of Plagues

Zach Carter

Exodus 9:13–10:29

1. A soft heart listens to the Word of God.
2. A soft heart does not cheat the mercy of God.
3. A soft heart wants the light of God where they live.
4. A soft heart is humble in the face of God’s correction.

### 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



### Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship Habakkuk 3:17–19 (NLT)

Hymn of Praise *Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery*

Scripture Reading John 7:1–24 (ESV)  
Sean Smith

Affirmation of the Faith Orthodox Catechism (1680)

Confession & Promise of Grace Ezekiel 36:25–28 (ESV)

Song of the Gospel *Saved My Soul*

Hymn of Grace *Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “God Makes Distinctions:” The Second Three Plagues  
Exodus 8:20-9:12

Lord’s Supper

Song of Response *His Mercy Is More*

Benediction & Doxology



## Call to Worship

Habakkuk 3:17–19 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup>Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,  
and there are no grapes on the vines;  
even though the olive crop fails,  
and the fields lie empty and barren;  
even though the flocks die in the fields,  
and the cattle barns are empty,

<sup>18</sup>yet I will rejoice in the LORD!

I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

<sup>19</sup>The Sovereign LORD is my strength!

He makes me as surefooted as a deer,  
able to tread upon the heights.

## Hymn of the Praise

Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood



## Hymn of Grace

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore



## 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

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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O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

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## Scripture Reading

John 7:1–24 (ESV)

### Jesus at the Feast of Booths<sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. <sup>2</sup> Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. <sup>3</sup> So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing." <sup>4</sup> For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup> For not even his brothers believed in him. <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. <sup>7</sup> The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup> You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup> After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

<sup>10</sup> But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. <sup>11</sup> The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" <sup>12</sup> And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is

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<sup>1</sup> Feast of Booths (Hb. *Sukkot*) is a harvest festival falling near the end of September or beginning of October in gratitude for Yahweh's provision. Israelites would build tents with lush green branches. This was to remind them of the time spent wandering in the desert (Lev 23:33–36; 39–44). Cf., Benjamin M. Austin, "Booths, Feast of," ed. John D. Barry et al., *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).



leading the people astray.”<sup>13</sup> Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

<sup>14</sup>About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. <sup>15</sup>The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” <sup>16</sup>So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. <sup>17</sup>If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. <sup>18</sup>The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. <sup>19</sup>Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?” <sup>20</sup>The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?” <sup>21</sup>Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel at it. <sup>22</sup>Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup>If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man’s whole body well? <sup>24</sup>Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

### Affirmation of the Faith

*Orthodox Catechism (1680) Lesson 27b & 28*

Q 76: What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

**A: To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.<sup>2</sup> To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.<sup>3</sup>**

Q 77: Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

**A: In the institution of baptism where he says: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of**

<sup>2</sup> Zech. 13:1; Eph. 1:7-8; Heb. 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rev. 1:5

<sup>3</sup> Ezek. 36:25-27; John 3:5-8; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:11; Col. 2:11-12



**the Son and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>4</sup> "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."<sup>5</sup> This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of rebirth<sup>6</sup> and the washing away of sins.<sup>7</sup>**

Q 78: Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

**A: No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.<sup>8</sup>**

Q 79: Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

**A: God has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ wash away our sins just as water washes away dirt from our bodies.<sup>9</sup> But more important, he wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that the washing away of our sins spiritually is as real as physical washing with water.<sup>10</sup>**

### Confession and Promise of Grace

Ezekiel 36:25–28 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

<sup>4</sup> Matt. 28:19

<sup>5</sup> Mark 16:16

<sup>6</sup> Titus 3:5

<sup>7</sup> Acts 22:16

<sup>8</sup> Matt. 3:11; 1 Pet. 3:21; 1 John 1:7

<sup>9</sup> Matt. 3:11; 1 Pet. 3:21; 1 John 1:7

<sup>10</sup> Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27