



Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 3. We want to celebrate those who are graduating this year. Submit your senior's or your own information and future plans by Tuesday, April 28 so we can recognize you on Sunday, May 3rd. Email information to info@redeemerhuntsville.org

First Sunday Prayer and Praise, May 3, 6:00-7:00pm. Join us for our monthly special time of prayer thanking God, song, and a reflection from God's Word.

Child Celebration, May 10. We'll take time at the beginning of our Sunday gathering to give thanks to God for all of the new children among us.

Family Camp, June 5-7th. Enjoy worship, activities for all ages, and time together as a church family. We'll be joined by Samuel James, author of *Digital Liturgies* and more, who will help us think through technology and Christianity.



We are passionate
about whole-life discipleship.

The Christian life in our time is one that can feel divided between worship and work. Humans are created for whole-life submission to Christ and love of neighbor, not part-time worship on Sundays. Redeemer aims to be a church where believers are equipped to live in every area of life unto the gospel.



Redeemer
Church

Order of Worship

April 26, 2026



Welcome to Redeemer!

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 redeemerhuntsville.org.

Any questions? Feel free to email us at info@redeemerhuntsville.org



Guests

If you are a guest, we would love to send you some more information about Redeemer. 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.



Restrooms & Relief

Restrooms can be found in the hallway behind the chapel. A men's restroom is on the right outside of the double doors, and the women's room is around the corner. Water and coffee are available downstairs following worship.

Parents

Baby changing facilities are available in the respite room to the right as you exit the chapel. Nursing mothers are welcome to feed their baby wherever they feel comfortable, but one of our hosts can also help you find a private room.

Giving

Redeemer relies upon the generosity of her members to support the ministries and missions of the church. You can make a one-time gift by dropping funds into the black box at the rear of the sanctuary or electronically by scanning the QR code on the right.



Song of Response

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well; It is well with my soul

It is well with my soul

It is well

It is well with my soul

My sin O the bliss
Of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord O my soul!

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul!

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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.



2. Israel is a real promise fulfilled in Christ and enjoyed by the church.
 - a. Jesus Christ is the true and faithful Israelite; before Abraham, better than Moses, more perfect than any priest (John 8:58, Hebrews 3:1-6)
 - b. The promises of God are fulfilled in Christ alone (Gal 3:16)
 - c. The church, then, is the fulfillment of God's covenant with Abraham: nations blessed (Gal 3:26-29)
3. Because of that fulfillment, the church is the people and place of God (Eph 2:11-22)
4. Honor the root (Rom 11:18), but don't miss the story:
 - a. Honor the Jewish people's place in the history of redemption
 - b. See Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's calling
 - c. Understand the church rightly
 - d. Don't confuse the call for humility with a geopolitical prescription.
 - e. Continue to pray and hope ethnic Jews will trust God's Messiah: Jesus. This one and only Messiah is the exclusive way to receive all that God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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 take this moment to reflect upon your life and seek the grace God freely offers to all who cast themselves upon Jesus.
All communion bread is gluten-free.*



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Call to Worship

- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Song of Praise

All praise to Him the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen
In Christ the Son the servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow sin and shame
Who lived to die Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness
To Father Son and Spirit now
Our souls we lift our wills we bow
To You the Triune God we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise

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Psalm 85:9-10

All Praise To Him



For I will be with you
Your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you
Your deepest distress (x2)

When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie
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 (x2)

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 (x2)

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Sermon

“Who Is Israel?”

Romans 11, *passim*

Zach Carter

1. Israel is a real people and place in real history.
 - a. Israel started with one man (Gen 32: 24-29)
 - b. Israel became a covenant nation (Ex 3:13-22; 19:4-6)
 - c. Yet, according to Scripture, “no all of Israel are Israel” (Rom 9:6)



True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Come ye weary heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him

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Hymn of Assurance

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 (x2)

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 (x2)

When through the deep waters
I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow
Shall not overflow

How Firm a Foundation



Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 9:1–27

⁹ There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ² And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

³ Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the young men with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." ⁴ And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them.

⁵ When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about the donkeys and become anxious about us." ⁶ But he said to him, "Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go." ⁷ Then Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" ⁸ The servant answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter of a shekel of silver, and I will give it to the man of God to tell us our way."

⁹ (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) ¹⁰ And Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

¹¹ As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?" ¹² They answered, "He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. ¹³ As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately." ¹⁴ So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

¹⁵ Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶ "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall



save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me.”¹⁷ When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.”¹⁸ Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, “Tell me where is the house of the seer?”¹⁹ Samuel answered Saul, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind.”²⁰ As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father’s house?”²¹ Saul answered, “Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?”

²² Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons.²³ And Samuel said to the cook, “Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, ‘Put it aside.’”²⁴ So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, “See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests.”

So Saul ate with Samuel that day.²⁵ And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep.²⁶ Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, “Up, that I may send you on your way.” So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

²⁷ As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, “Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God.”

Affirmation of Faith

Orthodox Catechism (1680)

Q 62: Why can't the good we do make us right with God, or at least help make us right with him?

A: Because the righteousness which can pass God's scrutiny must be entirely perfect and must in every way measure up to the divine law.¹ Even the very best we do in this life is imperfect and stained with sin.²

¹ Rom. 3:20; Gal. 3:10; Deut. 27:26

² Isa. 64:6



Q 63: How can you say that the good we do doesn't earn anything when God promises to reward it in this life and the next?³

A: This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.⁴

Q 64: But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

A: No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.⁵

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 4:2-3a,9-11a

² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

³ For we who have believed enter that rest . . . [because] there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Salvation

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners poor and needy
Weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity love and pow'r

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh there are ten thousand charms⁶*

Come ye thirsty come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify

³ Matt. 5:12; Heb. 11:6

⁴ Luke 17:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8

⁵ Luke 6:43-45; John 15:5

⁶ In the 1700s, when this hymn was written, “charm” meant a beauty or quality that moved the heart to love or admiration. E.g., someone could be described as “charming.” Cf., *OED*.