



# REDEEMER EAST HARLEM CHURCH

Sept 25, 2022

## GOD INVITES US

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!

**All:** My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**Leader:** Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

**All:** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

*Taken from Psalm 84*

### SONG: COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

**Verse 1:** Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise; Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

**Chorus:** Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

**Verse 2:** Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night; Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease. But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

**Verse 3:** Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith. Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of His grace. Over all the world, His people sing – shore to shore, we hear them call. The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.”

### SONG: GREAT IN POWER + REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

**Verse 1:** Praise Him, you heavens, and all that's above. Praise Him, you angels and heavenly hosts. Let the whole earth praise Him. Praise Him, the sun, moon, and bright shining stars. Praise Him, you heavens and waters and skies. Let the whole earth praise Him.

**Chorus:** Great in power, great in glory. Great in mercy, King of Heaven. Great in battle, great in wonder. Great in Zion, King over all the earth.

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**Stanza 1:** Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore; Rejoice give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Stanza 2:** Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains he took his seat above; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Stanza 3:** His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven, the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Stanza 4:** Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice!

#### **SONG: BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

**Stanza 1:** Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea. A great high priest whose name is Love. Whoever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on his hands. My name is written on his heart. I know that while in heaven He stands. No tongue can bid me thence depart (Repeat)

**Stanza 2:** When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see him there. Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died. My sinful soul is counted free. For God the just is satisfied. To look on Him and pardon me (Repeat)

**Stanza 3:** Behold him there, the risen Lamb. My perfect, spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM. The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on High. With Christ, my savior, and my God (Repeat)

#### **SONG: STRONGER + A MIGHTY FORTRESS**

**Verse 1:** There is love, that came for us. Humbled to a sinner's cross. You broke my shame and sinfulness. You rose again, victorious.

**Verse 2:** Faithfulness, none can deny. Through the storm, and through the fire. There is truth that sets me free. Jesus Christ, who lives in me.

**Chorus:** You are stronger, you are stronger. Sin is broken, You have saved me. It is written, Christ is risen. Jesus, You are Lord of all.

**Verse 3:** No beginning and no end. You're my hope, and my defense. You came to seek and save the lost. You paid it all upon a cross.

**Bridge:** So let Your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher (x4)

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**Stanza 1:** And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

**Stanza 2:** That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

**Ending:** A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing!

### **PASTORAL PRAYER: Pastor Abe Cho**

*Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the Kingdom and power, and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**GREETING:** (If you're able, head over to the group chat feature to greet one another)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Abe Cho**



**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE EAST HARLEM:** Here are two opportunities to help show the love of Christ in our neighborhood:

1. On **October 1, from 10 am - 12 pm** a few REH congregants are leading a trash pick-up opportunity to clean East Harlem. Volunteers will pick up trash on 116th street. We will meet at the EHMH (2271 2nd Ave.) at 10 am. REH will provide trash bags, gloves, and also has a few trash pickers available for use. A pizza lunch will be provided for volunteers.
2. On **October 8, from 1 pm - 3 pm** we will be working with Uptown Grand Central to garden in East Harlem. The gardening consists of clearing plant beds, planting new Black Eyed Susan flowers, and adding a fresh layer of topsoil. Location is still to be announced.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities, please register at [www.reh.nyc/volunteer](http://www.reh.nyc/volunteer). If you have any questions, please contact [ariel.ramirez@redeemer.com](mailto:ariel.ramirez@redeemer.com).

**LIVESTREAM:** As you heard last Sunday, starting today, we will no longer have an open livestream. Instead, registration will now be required for each Sunday's attendance. This will allow those in need of the stream to continue joining but will assist our church in better caring for those who join.

Each week after you register, you will receive an email with a link to that week's worship service. Registration will open on Thursday of each week and close when the service begins.

To register, go to [reh.nyc/sundayservice](http://reh.nyc/sundayservice). If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [eastharlem@redeemer.com](mailto:eastharlem@redeemer.com).

**NATIONAL HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH:** September 15 began National Hispanic Heritage Month! In celebration of National Hispanic American Heritage Month, Redeemer East Harlem will highlight the life and ministry of key Hispanic American Christian leaders who are important to Hispanic and Hispanic American history. Check out some key resources of these leaders on our site: [www.reh.nyc/hahm](http://www.reh.nyc/hahm)

**MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING:** As we begin the Fall ministry year, would you pray about how you can get involved in supporting the work of our Sunday morning service? Nearly all the ministry that takes place on Sunday is done by our faithful volunteers. We would love to have you join one of our teams, particularly our Welcome/Usher Team. If interested, go to [www.reh.nyc/volunteer](http://www.reh.nyc/volunteer) to sign up.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVERY WEEK:** Want to volunteer 1 Sunday per month to serve the Children's Ministry? Let Mrs. Nohemi know! Contact her by email (nohemi.campos@redeemer.com).

**YOUTH GROUP EVERY WEEK:** Want to volunteer 1 Friday night per month to serve the Youth Ministry? Let us know! Contact our email ([EHYM@redeemer.com](mailto:EHYM@redeemer.com)).

**GIVING OPTIONS:** You now have multiple ways to give. For more information, please go to [www.reh.nyc/give](http://www.reh.nyc/give).  
Community Groups: Need to get connected to a CG? Go here: [www.reh.nyc/cg](http://www.reh.nyc/cg).

**SERVE @ REH:** We need you to help us make Sundays happen! If interested in learning more, go to [www.reh.nyc/volunteer](http://www.reh.nyc/volunteer).

**PRAYER:** Did you know the REH prayer team meets every Monday-Friday for a 15-minute prayer conference call? They want to pray for you! If you have a prayer request, you can always go to [www.reh.nyc/prayer](http://www.reh.nyc/prayer). They will be notified of your request and will bring it before the Lord. You can join that call! You can go to the same webpage for the call-in details.

## **TITHES AND OFFERING: G.I.V.E.**

This is our opportunity to continue our worship through our gifts. Here at REH our perspective is reflected in our G.I.V.E. teaching. As we approach our giving, are we:

- G - Generous and sacrificial in our offerings
- I - Intentional and prayerful in our personal giving plans
- V - Voluntarily giving our first fruits, that is giving tithes first, not giving what's leftover
- E - Expecting God to honor our sacrificial giving by providing our needs

We want to thank those who faithfully give their tithe and offerings, as your generosity is what makes the work of Redeemer East Harlem possible.

To give, you can go to our website: [www.reh.nyc/give](http://www.reh.nyc/give). You can also text your gift by using the number on the screen. You can also send in your gifts to our ministry hub address found on the website or in your bulletin.

Lastly, for those who desire to learn more about what we believe about obedience in our generosity, read more at [www.reh.nyc/give](http://www.reh.nyc/give) or a printed version in the back.

## **GOD SPEAKS**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 16:13-14, 16-18, 25-33

**READER:** Tanya Moses (English)

**16:13** On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. **14** One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

**16** Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. **17** She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most-High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." **18** She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he



*turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.*

**25** *About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"*

**29** *The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

**31** *They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.*

### **SERMON: DNA - Our Mission & Values: Core Value 1: Personal Conversion**

#### **APOSTLES CREED & COMMUNION:**

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**All:** He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Amen.**

#### **FINAL SONG: ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

**Verse 1:** I once was lost in darkest night. Yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

**Chorus:** Hallelujah all I have is Christ. Hallelujah Jesus is my life.

**Verse 2:** But as I ran my hell-bound race. Indifferent to the cost. You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed. You suffered in my place. You bore the wrath reserved for me. Now all I know is grace

**Verse 3:** Now Lord I would be Yours alone. And live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose. And let my song forever be my only boast is You.

**GOD SENDS**