



REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY
Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Brian Gault | June 19, 2022

“The Lord Reigns in Righteousness”

- Psalm 97

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

Mission Moment

Mr. Luke Bert, MNA-Église Évangélique Baptiste de Shawinigan-Sud

*Call to Worship

Revelation 5:5-10

Mr. Wilson Jamison, Intern

“And one of the elders said to me, ‘Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.’”

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Wilson Jamison

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 7:48, 50

Mr. Wilson Jamison

“And he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’”

* Song of Preparation

“Every Praise”

Chorus: *Every praise is to our God. Every word of worship with one accord. Every praise, every praise is to our God*

Sing hallelujah to our God, Glory hallelujah is due our God. Every praise, every praise is to our God

God my Savior, God my Healer, God my Deliverer. Yes He is, yes He is, Yes He is, yes He is *(Repeat)*

* Song of Praise

“Is He Worthy?”

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do)* Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do)*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? *(We do)*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *(We do)*

Is all creation groaning? *(It is)* Is a new creation coming? *(It is)*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *(It is)*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *(It is)*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave. He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory. Is He worthy of this? *(He is)*

Does the Father truly love us? *(He does)* Does the Spirit move among us? *(He does)*

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *(He does)*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *(He does)*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe Every nation and tongue. He has made us a kingdom and priests to God To reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

Covenant Baptism (11:00am)

Rev. Brian Gault

Payson Thomas Price, Covenant Child of Doug and Jenny Price
William Welby Price, Covenant Child of Doug and Jenny Price
Juniper Mijo Rowan, Covenant Child of Jacob and Megan Rowan

New Testament Scripture Reading

Revelation 19:5-9, 11-16

Mr. Wilson Jamison

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Kelle Menogan, Ruling Elder

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

Psalm 97

Sermon Title

“The Lord Reigns in Righteousness”

*** Hymn of Faith**

“How Great Thou Art!”

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling Thunder, Thy pow'r thro'-out the universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro' the woods, and forest glades I wander and hear
the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *(Refrain)*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on that cross, My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *(Refrain)*

*** Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Rev. Brian Gault

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Kelle Menogan/Mrs. Candace Robins (8:00 & 11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- Talk about a time your world was reoriented through a significant paradigm shift.
- There are 5 Books in the Psalter (1-41, 42-72, 73-89, 90-106, and 107-150). Looking at the seams, Gerald Wilson argues for this frame:
 - Ps 2: Institution of the Davidic Covenant
 - Ps 72: Transmission of the Davidic Covenant
 - Ps 89: Apparent Failure of the Davidic CovenantHow do 'The LORD Reigns' Psalms (93, 96-99) in Book IV answer the apparent failure of the Davidic Covenant?
- How is 'The LORD Reigns' the foundational truth for all the different kinds of psalms (including Hymns, Psalms of Remembrance, Laments, Psalms of Confidence, Psalms of Thanksgiving, Royal Psalms, Wisdom Psalms, Penitential Psalms)?
- In vv.1-5, what stands out to you about the description of Yahweh's power in the theophany? How does the phrase in v.2 'righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne' flesh out and explain Yahweh's Reign?
- In v.1 the call goes out to 'the earth' to 'rejoice,' and in v.4 'the earth sees and trembles.' In v.6, 'all people see his glory.' But then in vv. 7-12, there are two responses. Describe the nature of the two different people and the nature of their responses.
- Describe a season in your life where it did not appear that Yahweh was reigning. How does understanding Jesus' kingdom and earth and his reign give you hope to endure? What does Jesus' kingdom mean for your character and your future?

The Sacrament of Covenant (Infant) Baptism

As we read through the Word of God, it becomes clear that God's sovereign grace is embraced in the "covenant" framework of Scripture. By grace alone, God has *covenanted* with His people that He will have them to/for Himself from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Rev. 7). It is a covenant generally that embraces family solidarity (see Act 2:39; Act 16:31; Genesis 17:7). As noted elsewhere, "every person identified in the Bible as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household baptized."

Because of God's covenant, all history marches forward to the time when God's covenant people will live in the New Jerusalem in a renewed world order enjoying fully their relationship with God: "they will be His people, and God Himself will be their God" (see Rev. 21:3).

Even today, Christ continues as "the Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb. 8), the one Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2). Salvation is covenant salvation: regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification are covenant mercies. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, corresponding to/replacing the old covenant rites of circumcision and Passover, are covenant ordinances. God's law is covenant law, and keeping it is the truest expression of gratitude for covenant grace and loyalty to our covenant God. An understanding of this covenant of grace guides us through, and helps us appreciate, all the wonders of God's redeeming love.

Christians in our theological tradition believe that children of believers, infant children, are and should be included as members of the visible covenant community, the church. Why? Because we believe, based upon the Bible, that infant children of believers have the status of covenant children and therefore should be baptized, just as Jewish male infants previously had been circumcised. Again, why? Because, if infants are deemed members of the visible covenant community with their believing parents, it is fitting to give them the sign of covenant status and of their place in the covenant community.

Is there something magic about the water? No. Do baptized infants have no obligation to make a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ? Certainly, they do. When we celebrate the sacrament of covenant baptism, we publicly recognize a covenant child through the covenant sign of baptism as a child of at least one believing parent (1 Cor. 7:14), thus as a member of the visible church. At the same time, we are careful also to affirm that neither baptism nor being the child of believing parents will suffice to make that child a true believer. At some point, each baptized infant/child must personally turn from their sins and express their own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The outward and visible sign in baptism is water. As water is poured down on the head of a child, we are reminded of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that delivers us from the penalty of sin (1 John 1:7) as well as the sanctifying virtue of the Holy Spirit delivering us from the power of sin (Romans 8:2).

¹Taken from notes in the Reformation Study Bible

²Paper on covenant baptism by Dr. Bryan Chappell



Redeemer Officer Update

Otis Pickett has accepted a position as University Historian at Clemson University, and Julie will be serving in the Provost office. Otis and Julie met at Clemson. They move back to South Carolina on June 22.

Otis has served as a Ruling Elder, taught many adult Sunday Schools, and served on various committees. Using his flexible academic schedule at Mississippi College, he represented Redeemer faithfully at Presbytery and General Assembly and served on various denominational committees such as the PMV Committee on Women's Roles and the GA Standing Committee for Covenant Seminary. Together, Otis and Julie have served as Growth Group leaders and on the RED leadership team, and they have taught us how to build community, show others Jesus, and grieve well in the midst of loss.

Thank you for your service at Redeemer. We love y'all, and you will be greatly missed!



Interim Youth Director

The Youth Director Search Committee is excited to announce that Wilson Jamison – one of our pastoral interns – will serve as an interim youth director for Redeemer this 22'-23' school year. As part of his internship, Wilson has worked alongside Wright Busching in our youth ministry. He knows and loves the youth of our church, and is thrilled to take on more time/responsibility as Wright and Elizabeth answer the Lord's call to church plant in Tampa, FL. He and his wife Lindsey reside in Clinton, where he is pursuing his M.Div at RTS.



Officer to Sabbatical

Deacon Tamarco White, having faithfully served us for 8 consecutive years, has been approved to take a year-long Sabbatical from active duty in his office. Thank you for your service and may this season of rest replenish your soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

Let Us Know You Were Here!

Please aim your smart phone camera at the QR code and fill out the short attendance form. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike, and also includes links to announcements, online giving, and prayer requests.



PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

- *Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia, please see QR CODE.*

CALLS TO ACTION

Compassion & Conviction Book Discussions, July 12 - Aug 30

For 8 Tuesdays this summer, we will discuss *Compassion & Conviction*, a book about Christian engagement in the public square. The discussion is designed to help us, as an intentionally multiethnic church, move towards those who are different than us with both compassion and conviction.

There will be two groups—one during the lunch hour (12-1pm) and one in the evenings (7-8pm)—and each will be capped at 30 seats. We're asking those who sign up to commit to at least 5 of the 8 weeks and to read each chapter before the discussion. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up. Join us!

Parenting Seminar: Four Core Questions All Kids are Asking, July 27

Join us July 27 from 6:00pm-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, as Dr. John Cox answers common parenting questions with research, compelling anecdotal evidence, humor, and biblical wisdom. We hope to see you there! See QR CODE for more info & to sign up today!

Redeemer Engaging Disabilities Needs Volunteers for Respite Night, July 30

The Central MS Down Syndrome Society would like to host a dinner for parents, and they are asking Redeemer to provide childcare respite while they are at dinner. Volunteers are needed at 5:30pm and will help buddy and assist in games, crafts, and music with the kids from 6-8:30pm. This will be a sweet outreach opportunity for all ages, including families to participate. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

NEWS TO NOTE

Church Office Closed, June 20

The Church Office will be closed Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth.

Redeemer Young Adults Lunch, June 26

Join Redeemer Young Adults for lunch after the 11:00am service on June 26 at 1:00pm at C.L. & Kirsten Pearce's home. All are welcome! Bring drinks and desserts to share, and a friend! If you are interested in coming to lunch, please contact Wilson Jamison at 205.540.0369.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Summer Sunday School runs June 5 to Aug 29
Summer Sunday School at Redeemer 9:45am-10:35am

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week June 19

David Garner, 601.850.4415

Sunday, June 19 Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Summer Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, June 20

Church Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 21

Wednesday, June 22

Pastor El Preaches at PCA General Assembly in Birmingham

- 10:00 am Mom's Summer Playdate
- 5:30 pm Youth Book Study (Ch. 1-2)
- 7:00 pm Women's Summer Book Study

Thursday, June 23

Friday, June 24

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26

- 8:00 am Worship Service
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 1:00 pm RYA Lunch

COMING UP

- June 29: Youth Book Study (Ch. 3-4)
- July 12: Compassion & Conviction Book Discussions Begin
- July 27: Parenting Seminar: Four Core Questions All Kids are Asking
- July 30: Redeemer Engaging Disabilities Needs Volunteers for Respite Night

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