

1 SAMUEL

**REJOICE,  
O BARREN ONE**

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18-20; 2:1-10



**TRINITY**  
Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP | August 13, 2023

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### SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Never Walk Alone

### CALL TO WORSHIP | Isaiah 54:1-3 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

"Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD. "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities."

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Isaiah 54:4-10 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

### PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

It Is Well

All The Poor And Powerless

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 32. What do justification and sanctification mean?

A. Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

## KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - 5th Graders)

*Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.*

## GREETING

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

### PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Drew Bennett, Lead Pastor of Redeemer City Church

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING | Mercy Fund Offering

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Christ Be Magnified

### BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
both now and forevermore. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

### Proclamation of God's Word

**Text:** 1 Samuel 1:1-8, 18-20; 2:1-10

**Title:** Rejoice, O Barren One

**Teacher:** Drew Bennet

1:1 There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 2 He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. 4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. 6 And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. 7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 8 And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" ... 18 And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. 19 They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. 20 And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD." ... 2:1 And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 "There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. 6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. 9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. 10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

**Intro:** Where do you feel particularly defeated? How do you feel about that?

## **SHAME**

“Your helplessness is your best prayer. You must become resigned to it.” – O. Hallesby

## **JOY**

“God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.” – Martin Luther

## **FAITH**

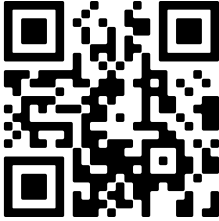
“That God is rich in mercy means that your regions of deepest shame and regret are not hotels through which God’s love passes but homes in which his love abides.” – Dane Ortlund

**Take-away:** God gives where he finds empty hands.

## **YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...**

1. Worship the Lord. He is inexhaustibly great and inexhaustibly good.
2. Confess your unbelief. Viewing God through the lens of your circumstances or your feelings, not the other way around. Is your happiness determined by your circumstances?
3. Give thanks for Jesus. The True King. He breaks the bows of the mighty, but strengthens the feeble (1 Samuel 2:4). Rejoice in his salvation.
4. Prayer for those you know who are going through a particularly difficult time. Pray that they would find the encouragement they need to not lose heart.
5. Ask the Spirit to help you rejoice in the Lord always (Phil 4:4) – no matter your circumstances.

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#### Children's Ministry Move-Up Sunday

August 13, for worship  
Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.



#### Women's Bible Study - Fall Semester

Starting September 12 & 13.  
Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for information.



#### Trinity Men's Retreat

September 14-17  
Contact [Frank McCaulley](#) for information.

### Community Bible Reading

[communitybiblereading.org](http://communitybiblereading.org)

August 14-19, 2023

(3-year plan: read [blue](#) passages | 1-year plan: read [all](#))

Monday	1 John 1 Nehemiah 8	Deuteronomy 8 Ezekiel 29
Tuesday	1 John 2 Nehemiah 9	Deuteronomy 9 Ezekiel 30
Wednesday	1 John 3 Nehemiah 10	Deuteronomy 10 Ezekiel 31
Thursday	1 John 4 Nehemiah 11	Deuteronomy 11 Ezekiel 32
Friday	1 John 5 Nehemiah 12	Deuteronomy 12 Ezekiel 33
Saturday	Psalm 86	Psalm 34 Psalm 131

### Scripture Memory for the Week:

#### 1 Samuel 2:1-2 (ESV)

1 And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 "There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

### Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p  
Sunday Worship | 10:00a  
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### Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son,  
empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.