



January 25, 2026

## GOD INVITES US

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** We will praise you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

**All:** *Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.*

**Leader:** All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

**All:** *Teach us your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.*

Taken from Psalm 86

**Songs:** May the Peoples Praise You, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

**Prayer of Adoration: Cheryl Champ**

**Song:** Worthy is Your Name, I Exalt Thee

**Prayers of the People: Cheryl Champ**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*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: Cheryl Champ**

**Studying the Bible Class - You can still join:** As we begin the new year, we are offering our Studying the Bible class—a four-week class designed to help you make the most of your Bible reading. We will consider

tools and techniques to build your confidence in biblical interpretation and in developing your own Bible studies. The class will continue today and :

- Feb. 1
- Feb. 8

It will be held in the REH Worship Space in the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm. You do not need to buy any materials to participate. Also, even if you haven't registered, please still feel free to join us! [www.reh.nyc/classes](http://www.reh.nyc/classes)

**Family CG Today:** We invite all families to join us today after church at the EHHM (2271 2nd Ave) at 12:30 pm for the Family CG. Pizza is provided and water is available from the cooler, but please bring a beverage for you and your crew if you'd prefer something other than water.

**First Sunday Next Week:** Friendly reminder that next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month so please join us for pre-service prayer at 9:45 am and receive healing prayer from the elders after service. As for donations, we have a "good problem" in that our storage spaces are completely packed with donations for the Community Closet—this means we are pausing receiving donations. We will continue to receive donations in March.

#### **Ongoing Consideration**

**Volunteer with a Sunday Service Team:** Help support the work of our church by serving on one of our Sunday Service Teams. 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).

**East Harlem Youth Ministry:** All middle school and high school youth are invited to check out our weekly youth ministry, EHYM, which meets on Friday nights at 6:30 pm. For more information, check out [www.reh.nyc/youth](http://www.reh.nyc/youth)

**Community Groups:** Need to connect with a CG? They are a great way to grow in your relationship with God and others. Join one! For more information, go to [www.reh.nyc/cg](http://www.reh.nyc/cg).

**Giving Options:** You now have multiple ways to give. For more information about our perspective on giving and the various ways you can do so, please go to [www.reh.nyc/give](http://www.reh.nyc/give).

**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.

## **Prayer of Generosity: Cheryl Champ**

### **Tithes and Offering:**

Here at REH, we believe that every good gift, including our finances, is a gift from God. We also believe that generosity is both a heart posture we should possess and a command God gives. We worship Him through our gifts of generosity.

As a church, we want to consider more intentionally what it means for us to grow in generosity in all areas of our lives, including our financial generosity. To that end, each week, we want to pose three questions that help us assess practically the extent to which our generosity reflects God's desire for

1. Am I giving, or working toward giving, at least 10% of my income to Kingdom work?
2. Am I prayerfully considering my generosity *first* before anything else in my budget?
3. Does my giving reflect sacrificial generosity?

If these questions raise more questions for you, we encourage you to visit [reh.nyc/give](http://reh.nyc/give). There, we have resources to unpack why those are important questions.

Additionally, there you will find details for giving online. You can also give through text by simply texting: (855) 314-1501. You can also send in your gifts to our ministry hub address at Redeemer East Harlem, 2271 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10035.

We would like to thank those who faithfully give their tithes and offerings, as your generosity makes the work of Redeemer East Harlem possible.

That said, as we set this time of worship aside, please join me as we pray our Prayer of Generosity together:

#### **Prayer of Generosity from Psalm 116:12–14**

**Leader:** What shall we return to You, O Lord, for all Your goodness to us?

**All:** All that we possess is a gracious gift from you

**Leader:** Make our giving an act of worship, not out of duty, but out of delight.

**All:** Transform us, that our lives may be marked by joyful generosity and a love for You and for others.

**Leader:** Father, may our offerings honor You.

**All:** May our gifts serve the work of Your Kingdom. In Jesus name, amen

#### **GOD SPEAKS**



**SCRIPTURE READING:** Mark 8:11–13, 22–33; 9:2–8

**READER:** Gustavo Campos

**SERMON:** The King & His Followers: Seeing the Real Jesus

11 The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. 12 He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.” 13 Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?”

24 He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.”<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him home, saying, “Don’t even go into the village.”<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”<sup>28</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”<sup>29</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."<sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Justin Adour**

#### **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:** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**GOD SENDS**