



REDEEMER EAST HARLEM CHURCH

September 29, 2024

GOD INVITES US

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Taken from Psalm 146 (NIV)

Leader: *Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

All: *Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them: the Lord, who remains faithful forever.*

Leader: *He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.*

All: *The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.*

Leader: *The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.*

All: *The Lord reigns forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!*

Songs: HOLY IS THE LORD, HOLY HOLY HOLY

Prayers of Adoration: GUSTAVO

Song: WE FALL DOWN/ ONLY A HOLY GOD/ HOLY HOLY HOLY

Prayers of the People: GUSTAVO

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.

Infant Baptism: JUSTIN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAVEY

NEW CLASS TODAY-JOYFULLY DIFFERENT: The gospel of grace produces people who can't help but be joyfully different from the world—not angrily different, anxiously different, or self-righteously different, but joyfully different. In a season often marked by cynicism, join our new class and learn how God's grace produces an inner joy in an age of anxiety, a communal joy in an age of isolation, and a public joy in an age of outrage. Be equipped with practical ways to cultivate this joyful difference in your life. Class dates: 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3.

OCTOBER PRAYER EMPHASIS- GREATER LOVE: Every October, REH emphasizes prayer for our neighborhood and city, which includes prayer guides, prayer walks, and more. This year, we will be adding an additional component—a church-wide daily prayer commitment called “[Greater Love...](#)”. Throughout October, we together pray for a Greater Love for God and one another, those without Christ, our neighborhood and city, our nation, and the world. Beginning Oct. 6, each weekday will include a passage of Scripture chosen by church leaders and a prayer prompt for that day. We hope that REH congregants, wherever they might be in their days, will commit to praying in unity. Additionally, we will again encourage everyone to prayer walk East Harlem. As we have done in the past, we are asking everyone to sign up for particular areas of East Harlem and commit to prayer-walking those areas. Lastly, on Friday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm, our Diaconte will lead a special group prayer walk that will start at the REH Worship Space. For more information on our “Greater Love...” prayer emphasis and our prayer walks, go to reh.nyc/prayer

REH 5TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PICNIC: On Sunday, October 13th, REH will have officially launched 5 years ago! In celebration of this milestone, we will be having a celebration picnic after our worship service. This will be a time to thank God for his faithfulness to our church and enjoy one another company as we do so. Additional details to come, but for now, save the date and clear your schedules!

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.

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

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.

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.

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. 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. 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 or a printed version in the back.

GOD SPEAKS

SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 5:1-14

READER: Allison H.

SERMON: The Center Of Heaven: Worshiping The Lion and The Lamb



5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. **2** And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" **3** But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. **4** I wept and wept because no one was

found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. **5** Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." **6** Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7** He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. **8** And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. **9** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. **10** You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." **11** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. **12** In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" **13** Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" **14** The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Justin

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: WORTHY OF IT ALL

GOD SENDS