



REDEEMER EAST HARLEM CHURCH

February 15, 2026

GOD INVITES US

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: *Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.*

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Taken from Psalm 95

Songs: Every praise, No other name

Prayer of Adoration: Abe Cho

Song: Goodness of God/Great is thy Faithfulness

Prayers of the People: Abe Cho

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: Abe Cho

POSTPONED - REH Town Hall - Sunday, March 1: After discussion, the session decided to postpone our upcoming Town Hall until March 1. There are some potential updates (not negative in nature), and we hope to have more details by then. As a reminder, at our Town Hall, we will reflect on the past year and

look ahead to what we believe God has in store for the future. If you call REH your home church, please join us live for this important conversation. We especially encourage members, and all who consider REH their home church, to make every effort to attend. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Intro to REH - Sunday - Feb. 22: Intro to REH is a class for those interested in learning about our church's history, theology, & vision. This will be a great chance to connect with our pastor/elders and others seeking to learn about REH, as it will also have a social aspect as we present new content, offering an opportunity to build relationships + community. Additionally, this is the first required class for those interested in pursuing membership.

Register today for our next class on Sunday, Feb 22 @ 12:30pm at reh.nyc/introtoreh

Ash Wednesday - Next Wednesday - Feb. 18: The Lenten season begins next Wednesday, Feb. 18, with Ash Wednesday. As we have in the past years, REH will join several other East Harlem churches for an Ash Wednesday service. Join us on Feb. 18 at 6:30 pm at Church of the Living Hope (161 E. 104th St.) for an evening of reflection, prayer, and the reception of ashes. For more on the Lent season, check out reh.nyc/lent and check out next week's newsletter for our Lenten events.

Community Closet Open Times: If you have material needs, please plan to come to the Community Closet today from 1:30-3:30. Our CC is also open on Wednesdays and Fridays. As a reminder, we have no limits on how much you can take and everything is always free.

Ongoing Coat Drive: As a reminder, you can drop your coats off today from 1-3 pm at the CC, since volunteers will be on site to organize donations. As a friendly reminder, we cannot take donations other than coats right now. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Prayer of Generosity: Abe Cho

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. 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

Leader: Gracious God, all we have comes from Your hand. Teach us to give freely, as You have freely given to us in Christ.

All: Make us joyful stewards of Your gifts, that our generosity would proclaim the riches of Your grace.

Leader: May our gifts serve Your kingdom that Your name might be glorified in all the earth

All: Let our generosity be worship that honors You.

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 11:27–12:12

READER: Johanna Cinquegrana

SERMON: The King & His Followers: By What Authority?

27 They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. 28 “By

what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”²⁹ Jesus replied, “I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ³⁰ John’s baptism—was it from heaven, or of human origin? Tell me!” ³¹ They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ³² But if we say, ‘Of human origin’ ...” (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.)³³ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Jesus said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

¹² Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

⁶ “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’⁷ “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.⁹ “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” ¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Justin Adour

APOSTLES CREED & COMMUNION: Justin Adour

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: We Fall Down

GOD SENDS