



January 4, 2026

GOD INVITES US

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Awake, my soul! Awake.

All: *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples.
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

Leader: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

All: *Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.*

Taken from Psalm 57:8-11

Songs: When I Think About the Lord, O Shout for Joy

Prayer of Adoration: Davey Fernandez

Song: Great Are You Lord, How Great Thou Art

Prayers of the People: Davey Fernandez

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: Davey Fernandez

Rule of Life Resource: As we start the New Year, we want to encourage you to consider the resources we have available for pursuing growth and health. Stay tuned for details on our winter class coming up that will focus on growth scripture. For now, check our Rule of Life, which is a guide for helping you structure healthy spiritual, emotional, and physical rhythms. There you will find one for both individuals and families. For Go to reh.nyc/ruleoflife

Pray March Act - Annual MLK Jr. Day Rally & Prayer Walk: Gather with churches from across the city as we reflect on the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and new opportunities to pursue justice this year in NYC. This gathering will include a prayer walk that will start at the Adam Clayton State office building on 125th and Adam Clayton and conclude at Redeemer East Harlem, where we will gather for conversation and celebration. RSVP today at praymarchact.com/events

REH Volunteers: As a reminder to all REH volunteers, we have a volunteer training day next Sunday, Jan. 11 immediately following the service. If you have not yet RSVPd, please do so today or contact your ministry leader.

First Sunday Reminders: Every 1st Sunday we have pre-service prayer in the prayer room at 10 am, post-service healing prayer with the elders immediately following service, and we can receive your excellent-used condition donations at the Community Closet from 1-3 pm. As a friendly reminder, do not leave your items here in the Worship Space as this creates more work for our staff but do take your items directly to the Community Closet.

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: Davey Fernandez

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 - from 2 Corinthians 8:9

Leader: Generous God, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all.

All: We thank You for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who though He was rich, for our sake, became poor.

Leader: Make us generous as You are generous. Free us from the love of money.

All: Fill our hearts with a desire to give, to serve, and to bless others for the sake of Your Kingdom.

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 6:7–29

READER: Gemma Rosa

SERMON: The King & His Followers: A Dangerous Calling

7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.

10 Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. 11 And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus’ name had become well known. Some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

15 Others said, “He is Elijah.” And still others claimed, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.”¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!” ¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to

Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to,

20 because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. 21 Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22 When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." 23 And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

24 She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. 25 At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, 28 and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. 29 On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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: What a Beautiful Name

GOD SENDS