



# REDEEMER

## EAST HARLEM CHURCH

May 18, 2025

### GOD INVITES US

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Leader:** Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

**All:** *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.*

**Leader:** For all the gods of the nations are but idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**All:** *Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound and all that is in it.*

***Taken from Psalm 96***

**Songs:** Ancient of Days, Lion and the Lamb

**Prayers of Adoration:** CJ Francis

**Song:** Holy Forever

**Prayers of the People:** CJ Francis

#### 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:** CJ Francis

**CRITICAL VOLUNTEER NEED @ REH - NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers who are willing and able to serve 1 time per month in our nursery. Would you pray about serving our young families in our church? Please email [nohemi.campos@reh.nyc](mailto:nohemi.campos@reh.nyc) or go to [reh.nyc/volunteer](http://reh.nyc/volunteer) for questions or to sign up.

## **PMA - 2 UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **1. BOOK CLUB - THE ANTI-GREEN GOSPEL**

Leading up to the celebration of Juneteenth 2025, Dr. Rachel Atkins, PMA Director of Civic Discipleship, will host a book club consisting of Christians from around the city. Participants will read and discuss a recent release from Dr. Malcolm Foley, *The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money Is the Root of Racism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward*. The book club will consist of three gatherings. The first two will be over Zoom on May 29 and June 9, and the final meeting will be an in-person gathering on Juneteenth (June 19) and will include a celebration together. To sign up and for more information, go to [praymarchact.com/events](https://praymarchact.com/events)

### **2. INTER[SESSIONS] - MAYORAL ELECTION: SAVE THE DATE**

PMA's next inter[sessions] gathering will be on Monday, June 2 @ 6:30 pm. As we prepare for the upcoming NYC primary elections, this time will focus on following Jesus with our voting, understanding various roles in city government and how they impact our city and us, and intercessory prayer. For more information and to RSVP, go to [praymarchact.com/events](https://praymarchact.com/events)

**VBS - SAVE THE DATE & VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:** REH VBS will have 2 parts this year, which will occur on the evening of July 11 and after church on Sunday July 13. Volunteers are primarily needed for July 13 and registration for volunteers is open now. **Those interested in volunteering, your early registration will help greatly in our planning. Sign up today!** For more information, check out [www.reh.nyc/vbs](https://www.reh.nyc/vbs). VBS children's registration will open in a few weeks.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:** We are also always glad to observe another Mental Health Awareness Month. Throughout this month, we will be highlighting some of the ways REH has, over the years, implemented intentionality concerning mental health considerations throughout the structure of our church and ministry. Today we wanted to highlight our intentional implementations regarding seating at REH.

**COMMUNITY CLOSET:** If you have material needs, come to the Community Closet, located at 116 St. and 2nd Ave. The Community Closet operates as a second-hand store where everything is always free. It is open today from 1:30-3:30 pm..

### **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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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:

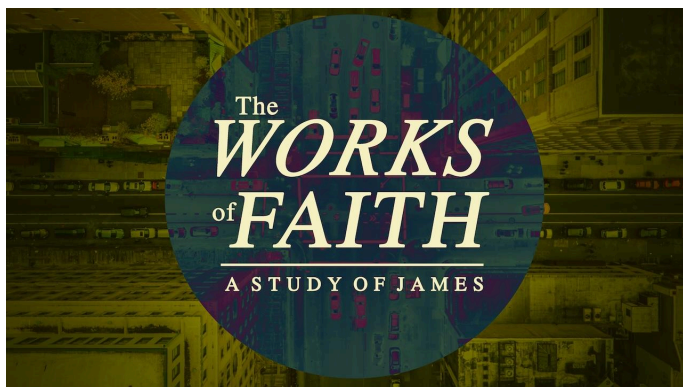
- G - Generous and sacrificial in our offerings
- I - Intentional and prayerful in our personal giving plans
- V - Voluntarily giving our first fruits, that is giving tithes first, not giving what's leftover
- E - Expecting God to honor our sacrificial giving by providing our needs

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](http://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](http://www.reh.nyc/give) or a printed version in the back.

### GOD SPEAKS



**SCRIPTURE READING:** James 2:14-26

**READER:** Hannah Campos

**SERMON:** The Works of Faith: A Study of James - A False Faith

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them,

“Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend. 24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? 26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead

**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:** All I have is Christ

**GOD SENDS**