

## REDEEMER REDMOND

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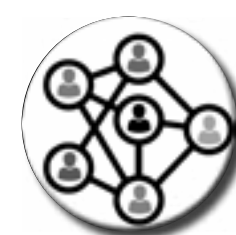
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*Eastertide (also known as the Easter season) is a period of fifty days in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends with Pentecost Sunday.*

*In our Colossians series we will be using icon imagery and ancient creeds and confessions in the liturgy to remind us that we are part of a global, international, diverse family of believers united by Christ.*

# Welcome & Call to Worship

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## Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities,  
all things were created through him and for him. And  
he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

**And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## **Hymn: Come Christians Join to Sing**

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*words, Christian H. Bateman; music Sterling Procter; CCLI# 83253*

Come Christians, join to sing, Alleluia, Amen  
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia, Amen  
Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice  
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia Amen

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, Amen  
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia, Amen  
He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend  
His love shall never end, Alleluia, Amen

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia, Amen  
Life shall not end the strain Alleluia, Amen  
On heavens blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore  
Singing forever more Alleluia, Amen

## **Prayer of Adoration**

# Confession of Sin

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*From the Anglican Book of Prayer*

Let us confess our sins  
against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

*Silent prayer*

# Receiving of Grace

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**From Colossians 1:21-23**

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Jesus Christ has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

# Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

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*August heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, Joseph August Seiss,  
Public Domain; CCLI #27800*

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature  
O thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host  
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Saviour Lord of all the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Glory and honor praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine

# Hymn: Glad Surrender

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*Dave Irish, UBP*

Love so beautiful,  
Patient and kind mercy enduring  
The cross of Calvary should have been mine  
Why Lord bear it for me?

This shall be my glad surrender  
To offer all and nothing less  
For your great love and mercy tender  
I give you my whole hearted "yes"

I'll trade my sorrow and shadow for light  
Live in your triumph  
Lord of heavenly power and might  
Even through death overcome

# Membership Vows & Baptism

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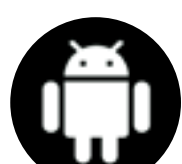
**Xavier Smith**

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope except through his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## Offering

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### Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

- Write a check and mail it to PO Box 1482, Woodinville, WA 98072
- Go to [redeemerredmond.org](http://redeemerredmond.org) and click [Online Giving](#)
- Install our mobile app:  

## Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father,  
to the Son and Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Now and evermore shall be  
World without end. Amen.**

# Scripture Reading

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## Colossians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

*The Second Helvetic Confession states: "preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God." Through God's Word preached, God your Father speaks by his Spirit to his sons and daughters.*

## The Supremacy of Christ in Christian Theology

Rev. Jason Dorsey

Supremacy of Christ in Christian Theology

So what? Theology is boring!

No actually it is the Queen of the Sciences and knowing the greatest knowledge

J.I. Packer quote of Spurgeon in Knowing God

**Christian** Right theology leads to right practice  
*Orthodoxy is essential to Orthopraxy*

False beliefs result in frustrated + failed Christians vs. flourishing... You?

**Sceptic** If what the Apostle Paul says about Christ [remarkable for a Jew to make these claims some 30 years after J's death + resurrection] then there is no where you can go, hide, from J's presence, truth, beauty, grace, pursuit...

*"Christ plays in ten thousand places."  
Gerard Manley Hopkins*

① The Supremacy of Christ in Christian Theology

☰☰ He, the *beloved Son* (1:13) is

1. The image *icon* of the invisible  $\Theta$

*"He is the image of the invisible God" 1:15*

*"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell." 1:19*

➡➡ To see Jesus Christ is to see Holy  $\Theta$ , to know  $\Theta$  you must know Jesus

2. The Creator + Sustainer of the universe

*"He is... the firstborn [prior or supreme to] of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

Pause ... The entire universe and your being, breath is held together by Christ, the LORD of Creation  
And the purpose of your being is for him

## What are People For? Wendell Berry

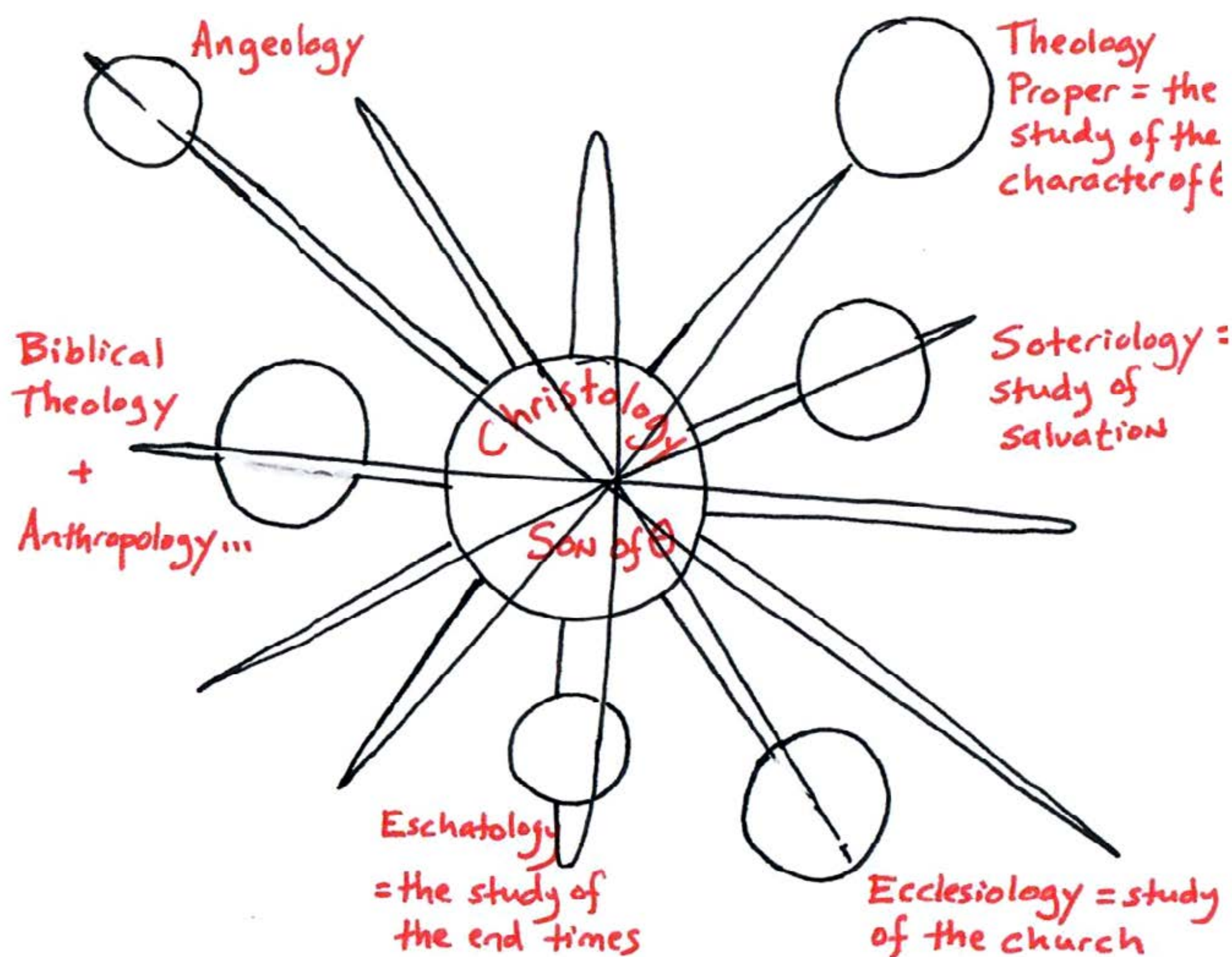
### 3. The Head of the Body, the Church

"And he is the head of the body, the church  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent."

→ Jesus Christ is the head of the church, his body in the world, the leader of the new humanity, **ekklesia** = the physical presence of Jesus

### 4. The Reconciler of all things

"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." 1:19-20 Come Back ↻





## ② The Supremacy of Christ in Christian Practice

Bill @ Men's Prayer "Jesus is the Answer"

Jesus is Reality, All Truth points to him and  
He is the Solution to all your problems ↘

Examples

1. Christ reconciles you to  $\Theta$

"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds [= what you bring to the table] he has now reconciled [finished + accomplished] in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you ➡"

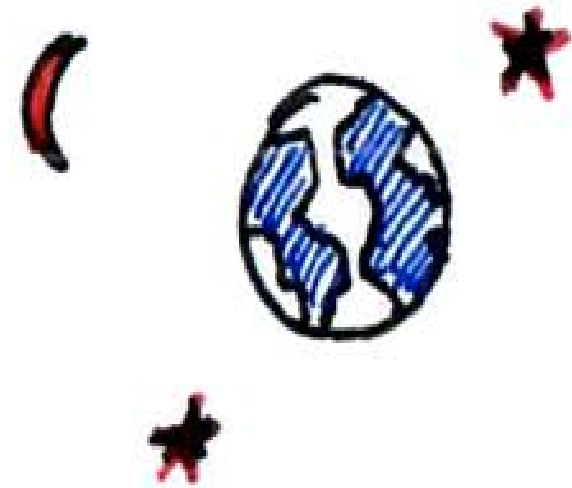
HOLY + BLAMELESS + ABOVE REPROACH  
BEFORE HIM

What more can you want or need?

2. Christ makes your sacred/secular life seamless  
Seamless Life for me: ART + CHURCH

- Disconnect between Sunday + Monday
- Spiritual + Sexual life
- Intellectual + Emotional life

LORD of  
Creation



LORD of  
Church



LORD

### 3. Christ solves Church Conflict *M+C Committee*

- He is head, Word is Authority
- He was torn apart to bring us together
- He forgives us so we can forgive others
- We can wait for His Judgement



I don't have time to talk about ...

4. Christ the Answer to racial reconciliation
5. Christ the Answer to your loneliness
6. Christ the Answer to your calling
7. Christ the Answer to your marriage
8. Christ the Answer to your sickness + death
9. Christ the Answer to world peace
10. Christ the Answer to \_\_\_\_\_

↖ Where do you want answers? My Job

Final Word for Sceptic There is no where that is safe, where you can hide from the Presence + Pursuit + Truth + Beauty + Grace of Christ *Examples... Creation + Church... Art +*

*"... I say more: the just man justices;  
Keeps grace; that keeps all his goings graces;  
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is —  
Christ — for Christ plays in ten thousand places,  
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his  
To the Father through the features of men's faces"*  
*HOPKINS, AS KINGFISHERS CATCH FIRE*

**Prayer for Congregation**

# Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord.  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Communion

### Hymn: Build My Life

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*Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Elizabeth Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett, CCLI# 7070345*

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you, we live for you

*Chorus*

Holy, there is no one like you  
There is none besides you  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who you are  
And fill me with your heart  
And lead me in your love to those around me

I will build my life upon your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in you alone  
And I will not be shaken

## **Hymn: Children of the Living God**

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*Fernando Ortega, 1996; CCLI #2069618*

Children of the living God  
Come and sing, sing out loud  
Children of the living God  
Sing to the living God  
Sing of the wonders he has made  
Bird in flight falling rain  
Sing of the wonders he has made  
Sing to the living God

*chorus*

How he loves us with great love  
He who sits enthroned above  
For our lives he spilled his blood  
Sent his spirit like a flood  
Children of the living God  
Sing to the living God

Sing of his gentle healing hands  
How they found the lowliest man  
Sing of his gentle healing hands  
Sing to the living God  
Sing of the mercy that he gives  
Though we sin, he forgives  
Sing of the mercy that he gives  
Sing to the living God

*chorus*

Sing for the morning when he comes  
In the clouds glorious Son  
Sing for the morning when he comes  
Sing to the living God

*chorus*

## **Benediction**

# Announcements

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## Gather for Worship

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### Youth Group

Sundays at 9:00 am live and via Zoom | [Learn More](#)

### Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

RSVP is no longer required

### Connect

Get on our [mailing list](#) to receive announcements and the weekly Worship Guide in your inbox.

Install our [Mobile App](#) for easy access to resources  
(search your app store for Redeemer Redmond)

### Offering

Tithes and offerings can be made in person in the basket near the front of the room or [online here](#).

## Grow in Community

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### Online Parish

Redeemer's congregation is divided into parishes. Parish refers to both a place and to the people within that place. Each Parish is overseen by an elder who works with the pastor, community group leaders and deacons (the parish council) to care for the members of that parish. In spring 2021, Redeemer is launching an online parish to connect with and care for the people who are participating online in the life of our congregation. [Click Here](#) for more info.

### Thursday Walks with Jim and Jason

Jason and Jim walk on Thursdays at noon. This is a great way to connect and get some exercise. If interested in joining them, contact [Jim Gibons](#) for details and he will send a reminder the day of. Hope to see you!

## **Cultural Trek: Jacob Lawrence Exhibit at SAM**

Our first Cultural Trek is to the Jacob Lawrence exhibition at Seattle Art Museum on April, 24. We are meeting at Pastor Dorsey's home at 9:30, and carpooling to Seattle (There is plenty of parking at the Dorsey's place). After enjoying the art exhibit we will grab lunch and return to Redmond; you're welcome to stay and hang out in Seattle if you'd like. Contact [Pastor Jason](#) or [Wenbo Wei](#). for details and coordination. All SPACES ARE CURRENTLY FILLED.

## **Church Picnic, Jun 6th**

We are planning a church picnic for June 6th after church. This will be a combination Send-off as the Dorseys leave on Sabbatical and Back to Church celebration as we come out of Covid-19 restrictions. Details to follow.

## **Men's Prayer**

Men's prayer is gathering virtually on Wednesday morning at 6:30 using Zoom. All Redeemer men welcome. Contact: [John Sanford](#)

## **Community Groups**

Contact [John Sanford](#) to find out how you can get involved with a community group or reserve Zoom.

## **Go in Mission**

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### **Hope for the Journey Conference, Apr 23-24**

Trinity Church Seattle, our sister across the water, is hosting this year's [Hope for the Journey Conference](#). This will be a two-day conference aimed at equipping families, caregivers, ministry leaders, and care professionals to better serve children impacted by trauma, especially children of foster care and adoption. Included are five high-level learning modules based on the foundational principles of Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) along with a new teaching component, The Gospel + TBRI. Event will take place Friday, April 23rd (6-8pm) and Saturday, April 24th (9-5pm). Additional details and registration can be found at [tinyurl.com/hftj2021](https://tinyurl.com/hftj2021). Course is eligible for CE credits for foster/adoptive parents.

## **Stoms Family Mission Update**

We recently received an update from Jay Stoms on his family and their mission, building and equipping the church in Stellenbosch, South Africa. [Read his letter here.](#)

## **Emily Huston: Summer Mission**

This summer, Emily Huston is preparing to travel to Cherokee, North Carolina, with Mission to the World (the missions/outreach branch of the PCA). She will be serving at Grace Community Church, which is a small church plant on the Cherokee Reservation, alongside the church, pastor, and other interns to facilitate teams coming to serve, help lead worship, and hopefully work at a daycare there as well. She needs family and friends who are willing to come alongside her both through prayer and financial support. Please pray for Emily, Grace Community Church, their ministry, and their relationship with the Cherokee Tribe. If you are able to partner with her financially, [Click Here](#). Thank you! Emily is so grateful God has placed her amid this church and provided her this opportunity!

## **Sacred Road Trip, Jul 3-10**

We have secured the week of July 3rd to go in mission to Sacred Road in Yakima. This is a combined youth/adult trip all that are interested in serving the church are welcome. Right now we have 4 confirmed with room for 6-8 more. If interested please reach out to either [Jordon Lewis](#) or [Jim Gibbons](#) for more info. We will plan on setting up team meetings in the Spring timeframe. Prayerfully consider serving this partner ministry with us and bringing the light of Christ's love to our neighbor.

## **Faith of a Mustard Seed**

We will be returning to Indy this August to again work with F.O.M. Please prayerfully consider how you might partner with this ministry, be it traveling and working with the team, financial giving, and/or prayer.

## **A reminder of ministries and neighbors we support:**

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF Western Washington and UW
- Northlake Young Life
- Youth for Christ
- Redmond School Break Food Lunch Program
- Congregant ministries and outreach efforts

Please pray for these ministries that the Lord will strengthen them and give them courage to continue to look to him for sustenance and direction during this time, and to maintain the hope they have in him.

## **Counseling and Deaconal Support**

If you have a need for counseling or other support, please contact [Frank Huston](#) or one of the deacons.

