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according  
to

**JOSEPH**

## **REDEEMER REDMOND**

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# Welcome

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Welcome to Redeemer. We are a church where you can belong before you believe.

We invite you into our joy - a personal and intimate relationship with God our Creator and Redeemer.

## Call to Worship

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### Psalm 9:1-2

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

## Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

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*music, Conrad Kocher; words, Folliott Sandford Pierpoint; Public Domain; CCLI #43200*

For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies

*chorus*

Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light

For the joy of human love  
Brother sister parent child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild

For thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love

# Prayer of Adoration

## Confession of Sin

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The story of Jacob and his family is a story of our sin and your redemption. Like Jacob's family, our families too are tangled in sin. We need you to have mercy on us and redeem us.

**Our families are trapped in cycles of sin passed through the generations.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and redeem us.**

**We have brought bad reports about our siblings to our parents.**

**O LORD, Have mercy on us and redeem us.**

**We have played favorites with our children and not loved them unconditionally.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and redeem us.**

**We have been jealous of and bitter towards our siblings.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and redeem us.**

**We have been naive and foolish in our interactions with family members.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and redeem us.**

**We have even conspired to hurt people in our family.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and redeem us.**

**We have deceived our family, telling lies rather than the truth in love.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

**Worst of all, we have not loved each member of our family with sacrificial, unconditional, self-giving love.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us and forgive us.**

*Silent prayer*

# Receiving of Grace

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## Hebrews 2:10-12

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

## Prayer for the Children

## Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

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*August heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben, Joseph August Seiss,  
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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: Kingdom of God

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*Dave Irish, UBP*

Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
Lord you know my need  
And how to set me free  
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

I see the flowers flourish in the meadow  
I see the swallows frolic in the air  
Earthly kings and queens  
Can't compare with one of these  
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

*chorus*

You remind me not to worry about tomorrow  
You remind me Lord to trust you more today  
Your peace is always found  
When I lay my burdens down  
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven  
Where thieves cannot break in and steal away  
Where my treasure is there my heart will live  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God

*chorus*

## **Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen

## **Passing of the Peace**

# Scripture Reading

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## Genesis 37

**37** Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

<sup>5</sup> Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: <sup>7</sup> Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

<sup>9</sup> Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." <sup>10</sup> But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" <sup>11</sup> And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, "Are

not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” And he said to him, “Here I am.” <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. <sup>15</sup> And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” <sup>16</sup> “I am seeking my brothers,” he said. “Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” <sup>17</sup> And the man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

<sup>18</sup> They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer.

<sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.”

<sup>22</sup> And Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. <sup>24</sup> And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers listened to him. <sup>28</sup> Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

<sup>29</sup> When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes <sup>30</sup> and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" <sup>31</sup> Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup> And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." <sup>33</sup> And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. <sup>35</sup> All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. <sup>36</sup> Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

*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 Gospel According to Joseph: Joseph's Dreams**

Rev. Jason Dorsey

☺ You and I are shaped + strengthened by stories, especially stories of our family...tribe  
Political Tribes by Amy Chua

📖 Joseph's Story is our Story!  
Your + my family story!



① It is a Story of Sin

☰☰ A Whole tangle of Sin



1. Cycles of Sin in Jacob's family  
"generations" Generational Sin, 37:2
2. Joseph's telling on his brothers  
"bad report," 37:2
3. Jacob's favoritism 37:3 Coat of many colors
4. Brothers' bitterness, jealousy "hated him," 4

Doesn't Stop There!

5. Joseph's naivety + foolishness  
Robert Alter
6. Brothers' conspiracy to kill Joseph  
37:18-20 in spite of Reuben
7. Brothers' sale of Joseph + Slave Trade of Ishmaelites, 37:25-28
8. Brothers' deceit of Jacob their father  
"refused to be comforted" 37:35

~~What a twisted, tangled up, dysfunctional family...~~ What a twisted, tangled up, dysfunctional family...

Honest like your family right?

- ☑ Generational Cycles of Sin
- ☑ Sibling conflict, rivalry, jealousy
- ☑ LACK OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE

Reuben's rescue ineffectual

Joseph self-absorbed

You?

② It is a Story of God

Wait!  $\Theta$  is not even mentioned

You are right but...

1. LORD looms above this Story as Sovereign +  $\Theta$  who has made a covenant w. this family **LAND OF CANAAN**
2. LORD will be Jacob's shepherd (48:25) and will "redeem me from all evil" (48:16)
3. Ugly Nature of Sin = SIN IS GODLESSNESS, The absence of  $\Theta$  ▶ A God who Untangles Sin, Forgives, Heals... **Fisherman, Julian + I, Cluxewe**

Your family needs this  $\Theta$ ... But You Ask How?

③ It is a Story of a Brother-Savior

☑ Reuben's failed attempt → JESUS  
☑ Joseph's future rescue →



Brother Jesus ▶ Jed's Anniversary

## Responding to God's Word

### 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:  

### Hymn of Response: Speak O Lord

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Words and Music, Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend, 2005; CCLI# 4615235

Speak O Lord as we come to you  
To receive the food of your holy word  
Take your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us  
Speak O Lord till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory

## Prayers of the People

## Heidelberg Catechism

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### Question 26

What do you believe when you say: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth?"

*Answer:*

**That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who created out of nothing the heaven and the earth, with all things in them, who also upholds and governs the same by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father, in whom I so trust that I do not doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul; and further, that whatever evil He sends upon me in this miserable life, He will turn to my good; for He is able to do it, as Almighty God, and He is willing to do it, as a faithful Father.**

## Communion

# Hymn: There Is a Redeemer

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*Keith Green, 1982*

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus God's own Son  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One

*chorus*

Thank you, oh my Father,  
For giving us your son  
And leaving your Spirit til  
The work on earth is done

Jesus my redeemer,  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain

*chorus*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

*chorus*

# Hymn: He Reigns

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*Peter Furler, Steve Taylor, 2003; CCLI# 4026635*

It's the song of the redeemed  
Rising from the African plain  
It's the song of the forgiven  
Drowning out the Amazon rain  
The song of Asian believers  
Filled with God's holy fire  
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

*chorus*

It's all God's children singing glory, glory  
Hallelujah, he reigns, he reigns  
It's all God's children singing glory, glory  
Hallelujah, he reigns

Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound  
Let praises echo from the towers  
Of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation  
Some were meant to persist  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples  
None rings truer than this  
*chorus*

All the powers of darkness tremble  
At what they've just heard  
'Cause all the powers of darkness  
Can't drown out a single word  
*chorus*

## **Benediction**



# Announcements

## Gather for Worship

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### Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

### Sunday School

After a brief break, Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade will start up again September 18th

### Connect

Get on our [mailing list](#) for latest news in your inbox.

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

## Grow in Community

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### Children's Sunday School Registration

### Calling for Volunteers and Participants

Children's Sunday School starts on September 18th!

It will take place on Sunday mornings during the sermon for children from 3 years old to 5th grade..

We will continue with The Gospel Project from where we stopped last spring. [Register Here!](#) Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Wow! Thank you to the many volunteers who signed up to teach and help with Sunday School! God has richly provided! All we still need for Sunday School are 1 preschool teacher and 2 preschool helpers. If you are interested in these positions or to sign up as a substitute teacher/helper, please [Register to Volunteer!](#) Contact [Linda Huston](#) at 425-894-3469 for more details.

### Sunday School Training, Sept 16th

There will be Sunday School training for all volunteers on Friday, September 16th at either 7:30 pm or 8 pm on Zoom. Please join us!

## Young Adult Bible Study

If you missed the kickoff, reach out to [Emily](#) with any questions on the YA Bible Study of the Book of John. It will be on the first and third Thursdays at 7pm and started Sept 1st. If you want to pick up a copy of the guide we are using for the study, click here for a link to Josh Moody's [John 1-12 For You](#).

## Community Groups

If you aren't already part of a Community Group, see our [information sheet](#) for more information on who leads one in your neighborhood and their contact details. See [John Sanford](#) with further questions.

## Go in Mission

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### Sacred Road Trip 2023

We are excited to announce next year's Sacred Road trip is reserved! We will travel to the Yakama Reservation July 1st-8th, 2023. We are looking to add a team member to handle worship time while on the trip. If you need more information on this role, or want to sign up for this trip, please see either [Emily Huston](#) or [Jim Gibbons](#). We currently have space for 10 people. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

### Counseling and Deaconal Support

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

### Emergency Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Our church is supporting [Mission Eurasia](#) to provide food packages for Ukrainian refugees streaming into Poland, Moldova, Romania, and Hungary. Pastor Jason has been a board member of Mission Eurasia for over 10 years. If you would like to donate funds, goto <https://missioneurasia.org/donate> and select "Ukraine Emergency Relief Fund."

