



The Gospel
According to

There was a man
sent from God,
whose name was

John.

He came as a witness, to
bear witness about the light,
that all might believe through him.

He was not the light,
but came to bear
witness about the light.

REDEEMER REDMOND

February 19, 2023

10:30 am



Welcome

Call to Worship

From Psalm 108:1-5

My heart is steadfast, O God!

I will sing and make melody with all my being!

Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

among the peoples;

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

Immortal Invisible

John Roberts and Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; CCLI# 124466

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life thou livest, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render, O help us to see:

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

From John 8

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Truth of God.
By your truth we have been set free
from our slavery to sin and being children of the Devil.
You have made us sons and daughters of God
and give us the eternal life of God.

But we still walk in our sinful ways.

We struggle with addictions:

- to food, sex and drink for comfort.**
- to fear and anxiety about the future.**
- to needing to control everything**
- to finding our approval from people.**

**We lie, gossip, flatter, and attack with our words,
which is the seed of murder.**

We are sinners, lost in ourselves.

Jesus, we need your grace, today and always.

Amen

Silent prayer

Receiving of Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Prayer & Sending of the Children

*Jesus welcomes children into his church with open arms. Parents,
your children are welcome to stay with you during the entire service,
but kids age 3 through 5th grade are also invited to attend Sunday
School during the sermon and they will return for the final hymn.*

Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander, PD; CCLI# 2648022

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation
Come all who hear now to his temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings and so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him
Let the Amen sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him

Hymn: As The Deer

Martin Nystrom, 1984; CCLI# 1431

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship thee

You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye

Doxology

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

Greet one another

Scripture Reading

John 8:31-50

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸ I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. ⁴¹ You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do you not understand

what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge.

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 Truth and Freedom of Grace

Rev. Jason Dorsey

✓ The Freedom of Jesus' grace + truth John 1

Freedom is one of the highest values today...

So this matters! "...the truth will set you free"

① THE SOURCE OF TRUTH

☞ Jesus = If you abide in my word you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free
vs. 31

☑ Christian source of truth = God's Word

☑ Abiding [existential experience of] in Jesus' Word is the source of truth

↗ Wait, this can't be proven, not empirical!

Answer = Everyone begins w. Faith assumptions

Tim Keller, The Reason for God

Why should I listen to Jesus?

Because He is the I AM! 8:46-59

② THE TRUTH THAT SETS YOU FREE

Very Hard Truth to Swallow, but it sets you free so please consider

1. You are born a slave to sin

☞ Jew's ethnic identity as Sons of Abraham
Jesus counters w. a deeper identity

☑ Practicing Sin → Slave to Sin

☑ "We are not sinners because we sin.
We sin because we are sinners."
R.C. Sproul

☑ Addictions Sin Nature

- Sex, Food, Drink
- Approval, Control
- Fear, Anxiety
- Gaming, Working

You Protest = Sin is Archaic Concept

Chesterton = "It is the only Christian doctrine that can ~~be~~ be empirically proven!"

↙ Even a harder Truth!

2. You are born a child of the Devil

☒☒ Jewish ethnic identity as children of Abraham
Jesus counters w. a deeper identity
"You are of your Father the Devil" vs 44

What?

Consider Jesus' Case ...

1. Our sinful thoughts, deeds, attitudes and actions prove it Murder, Lies, Envy, Lust, etc. "Your will is to do your Father's desires" vs 44

2. Our lack of honoring, loving, adoring the Son of Θ who glorifies the Father proves it 8:46-51

How do these "Hard Truths" set me free?
They drive me to Jesus as Savior!

③ Jesus sets us Free from Slavery to Sin
And the Devil's Spiritual DNA by making
us Sons/Daughters of Θ

☑ If the Son sets you free, you will be free
indeed

☑ Rebirth/Born Again John 1:11-13, Chapter 3

☑ Eternal Life of Θ 8:51ff

Rose Marie Miller From Fear to Freedom

Responding to God's Word

Hymn: You Are My All In All

Dennis Jernigan, 1991; CCLI# 825356

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

Taking my sin my cross my shame

Rising again I bless your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down you pick me up

When I am dry you fill my cup

You are my all in all

chorus

Jesus Lamb of God



Worthy is your name

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Offering

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

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus,
I believe that you are the Son of God,
the Savior of the world.
Help my unbelief.

Communion

Hymn: Still

Reuben Morgan, 2002; CCLI# 3940963

Hide me now
Under your wings
Cover me within
Your mighty hand

chorus

When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with you above the storm
Father you are King over the flood
I will be still and know you are God

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know his power
In quietness and trust

Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha Albright Hoffman, Anthony Johnson Showalter; CCLI #31779

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Benediction



Announcements

Gather for Worship

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

Sunday School

Ages 3 through 5th grade - During the sermon

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

Future Church Outings

Since March and April tend to be rain, mud, ice and wet snow in the mountains, yesterday's outing will be our last snowshoe for the season and our last outing in the mountains until May. Instead, we will have cultural outings in March and April. Details will follow. Meanwhile, God in his providential mercy will bring us more snow later in the year.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School will take place during the sermon for children from 3 years old to 5th grade. We are using The Gospel Project curriculum, starting this year in Joshua. The Gospel Project is a Christ-centered, chronological Bible study about God's plan to rescue his people through his Son, Jesus Christ. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! [Register Here!](#)

Contact [Linda Huston](#) at 425-894-3469 for details.

Upcoming Schedule:

2/19 - God Made a Covenant with David (2 Samuel 6-7)

2/26 - David Sinned and Was Forgiven (2 Samuel 11-12)

3/5 - (Big Truth) God is Good to Give Grace (Psalm 51)

Vacation Bible School, June 26-30

Save the Dates! We are planning a joint VBS with Meadowbrook Church this summer. It will be a traditional VBS style (5 days in 1 week). More details will follow as they become available. Please contact [Linda Huston](#) with questions.

Go in Mission

Safe Parking Program

We have an opportunity to provide needed items for people in transition who stay in their car overnight. Originally they needed blankets, bedding, gloves, etc. for the colder weather. Now their biggest needs are AA and AAA batteries, windshield screens, bottled water, deodorant, shampoo (travel size), and microwaveable meals. See their [Amazon Wish List](#) for more ideas. The Deacons will have a box at the back of our church to place donations in. See link for more information: [Safe Parking Program](#).

Counseling and Deaconal Support

Counseling scholarships from the Deacon Fund are available. If you have need of counseling or other deaconal support, please contact [Frank Huston](#) or one of the deacons.

Sacred Road Trip, July 1-8

We are excited to start planning for a Sacred Road mission trip this summer. In order to do that, we need to finalize the team that will be going. If you are interested, we would like a commitment by March 15th and will have our first pre-planning meeting shortly thereafter. The trip will be a work party the week of July 1st-8th at Sacred Road on White Swan Indian Reservation outside Yakima, WA. Transportation will be provided. The church has covered some costs. We are asking that you fundraise or contribute \$300 for your part of the funding. Please let either [Emily Huston](#) or [Jim Gibons](#) know if interested.

Emergency Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Our church is supporting [Mission Eurasia](https://missioneurasia.org) 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."

Pray for Ministries and Neighbors We Support

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF WWU and UW
- Northlake Young Life and Youth for Christ
- Redmond School Break Food Lunch Program
- Congregant ministries and outreach efforts
- Mission Eurasia
- Ministry to Tibetan Buddhists in the Diaspora



