



REDEEMER REDMOND

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Welcome

We are a people who live by a story,
the story of the Bible.

It is the story of God creating us in his image
and putting us in a beautiful world for us to care for
and to serve and glorify him.

It is the story of our sin, our rebellion from God,
and the destruction and death that came from that.

It is the story of the God who loved us so much
that he sent his only Son to save us from our sin.

It is the story of Jesus the Rescuer,
his incarnation, beautiful life, sacrificial death,
victorious resurrection and eternal reign.

It is the story of Jesus' healing kingdom that we
are called to be ambassadors and agents of.

And it is a story that we invite you to enter into
by faith. Come and see God's love for the world.

Call to Worship

From Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light

**Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness,
on us a light has shone.**

1st Sunday of Advent

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.
This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around
the world, we use this light to help us prepare our
hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our
Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we
hear the words of the prophet Isaiah

Advent Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Let us pray:

**Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus,
grant that the light of your love for us
will help us to become lights in the lives
of those around us.**

**Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness
of your coming, for Jesus is our hope.**

Amen

Confession of Sin

**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

Hymn of Waiting

O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide

Verse 1

O Savior, rend the heavens wide
Come down, come down with mighty stride
Unlock the gates, the doors break down
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

Receiving of Grace

From II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature. Behold, the old has passed away, the new has come.

Children's Sunday School

Jesus welcomes children into his church with open arms. Parents, your children are welcome to stay with you during the entire service. We also provide a Sunday School for kids (ages 1st-5th grade) and preschool (3 years to kindergarten). Children will return to their families before our last hymn to Christ (approximately 11:40am)

Hymn: Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, Public Domain, CCLI# 2648369

Joy to the world the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders of his love

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

words, Reginald Heber, 1826; music, John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; CCLI #1156

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see:
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn: I Will Sing of My Redeemer

words: Phillip Bliss, 1876; music: Luke Morton, 2005, UBP

I will sing of my Redeemer
And his wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross he suffered
From the curse to set me free

I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In his boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave

Refrain:

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer
With his blood, he purchased me
On the cross, he sealed my pardon
Paid the debt, and made me free

I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant power I'll tell
How the victory he giveth
Over sin, and death, and hell
(Refrain)

I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with him to be.

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

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1

1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and

they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰ She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

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.

Shattered Dreams & the Sovereignty of God

Rev. Jason Dorsey


Advent ▶ The Story of Jesus is your story!

How?



 Ruth

① UNIVERSAL HUMAN CONDITION

 Judges... Famine... Family of Naomi...
husband + sons die... "woman was left without her two sons + husband"

Condition? = Shattered Dreams Larry Crabb

traditional society = land + family

modern society = Examples

Naomi... "Do not call me Naomi;
Call me Mara [bitter]" 1:20

What dreams of yours have been shattered?

② Sovereign LORD

☰☰ Biblical Doctrine ▶ Sovereignty of Θ

"Lord had visited his people" (1:6)... "LORD deal kindly with you... LORD grant" (1:8-9)...
"hand of the LORD has gone out against me" (13)
"LORD has brought me back empty... LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me" (1:20-21)

Know this doctrine is not accepted by most, BUT if you don't accept it you can't be mad at Θ for bad things in your life! You can't have both ▼

OK, but if I go w. this doctrine what would it mean for me?

1. Story of Israel is "Universal History"
Leslie Newbigin

2. Almighty Θ is there and at work in your life! "Bitter" is legitimate

③ Bigger Story of Redemption

Your little story • BIBLE'S BIG STORY

Creation ▶ Fall ▶ Promise ▶ Abraham ▶ Israel ▶

JESUS



CONVERSION = Jesus' Story Your Story



Naomi



, bitter as she is, returns 1:6

Orpah + Ruth go w. her but Orpah returns to her people + her gods 1:15, but Ruth clings to Naomi 1:14

"Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people will be my people, and your Θ my Θ " 1:16ff

Both Naomi + Ruth have great problems + needs, Naomi, bitter, poor... But both cast themselves on Θ

Will LORD Θ Redeem? Provide? 1:22

Responding to God's Word

Offering & Deacon's Offering

Though he was rich in glory, Christ, for your sakes, humbled himself, was born into a poor family and died penniless on a cross.

By his death you have been made rich as sons and daughters of the Living God. Humble yourself!

You are saved by a poor man. Profane money.

Put it in its place, remembering that it is:

a gift from you to enjoy,



a tool to leverage for your kingdom,

and a created thing to let go of when we die.

That letting go of money we might

grasp you, our true and real portion. Amen.

Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

- 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:  
- Please use the envelope on your chair for “Deacon’s Fund” giving or using the designation online via one of the links above.

Prayer of Belief

Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

Set up your kingdom in our midst.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:

Have mercy on me, a sinner.

Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:

Renew me and all the world. Amen

Communion

Hymn: Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

words: Robert Lowry. Public Domain; music Nathan Partain, 2004, UBP

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

Oh! precious is the flow,

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

This is all my righteousness,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Now by this I'll overcome,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Now by this I'll reach my home,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

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Benediction



Announcements

End of Year Giving

We praise God for the strong giving of Redeemer's congregation so far in 2021. We anticipate hitting our goals for projected giving! We encourage you to continue to give generously to help us finish 2021 well. This enables us to push forward the mission that God has given us in 2022 and beyond. Once again, thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving out of love for Jesus and the desire to advance his kingdom. Let's finish 2021 strong.

Gather for Worship

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30
Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

Children's Sunday School, age 3 to 5th grade

In the fireplace room 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

Redeemer Church Directory

An updated Church Directory was recently published and a link sent to you for download. If you did not receive this and would like a copy, see [John](#).

Men's Prayer

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

Children's Sunday School, Fall 2021

The curriculum for Sunday School is following the new cycle of The Gospel Project, a 3 year curriculum covering the entire Bible, which helps kids dive deep into the big story of the Bible—God's plan to rescue his people through his Son, Jesus Christ. Register below.

Upcoming schedule:

Nov 28 – Melchizedek Blessed Abraham (Gen 14, Heb 5, 7)

Dec 5 – God Provided Isaac (Gen 21-22)

Dec 12 – God Changed Jacob (Gen 25-33)

Dec 19 – Christmas Story and Crafts

Dec 26 – No Sunday School (Merry Christmas!)

[Registration Link](#)

Christmas Dinner on Camano, Dec 11th

You are invited to Pastor Jason and Jenny Dorsey's annual Christmas Dinner with the Redeemer family and artists at Sunnyside Studio (2803 S.E. Camano Drive, Camano Island) on Saturday, December 11th. Come early and enjoy the art! We'll eat dinner at 5 pm.

Church Snowshoe Hike, Dec 18th

Assuming La Nina stays strong we will have a time of enjoying God's gift of snow Sat, Dec 18th. Location TBD. Please let [Scott](#) or [John](#) know if you will be attending so we can ensure we have enough snowshoes. We will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am.

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.

Identity Mapping Discipleship Course, Jan - Apr '22

Want to know who God crafted you to be? Desire to step into your calling with more joy and boldness? Do you need to work through wounds in your past? Do you want clarity on your focus, priorities and goals in your future? Pastor Dorsey is leading two virtual cohorts through his Identity Mapping discipleship

curriculum. The cohorts will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan 4th, 2022 through end of April. Each cohort will meet 16 times, 1.5 hrs per session. Curriculum cost: \$125. Scholarships available for Redeemerites. Learn more [HERE](#). Reserve a spot on the cohort [HERE](#).

Go in Mission

Sacred Road Trip, Jul 2-9

We have secured the week of July 2nd to go in mission to Sacred Road in Yakima. All that are interested in serving the church are welcome. Right now we have 3 confirmed with room for 6 more. If interested please reach out to either Emily Huston or Christopher Maffucci for more info. We will plan on setting up team meetings in the Spring. Prayerfully consider serving this partner ministry with us and bringing the light of Christ's love to our neighbor. Also Sacred Road is currently asking for donations to raise \$30,000 for 2 new vans. [Click here to donate](#).

Thanksgiving Deacon Fund Offering, Nov 28th

We will have an opportunity to share our blessings with others in need through a special Deacon Fund offering. The Deacon Fund is used for helping our Church body and neighbors both near and far for a variety of human needs: food, furnishings, housing, counseling, campus ministries, and missions. Please use the envelope on your chair this morning, or use the Church Subsplash account ("giving" page on web or app) where "Deacon's Fund" is designated to make your donation. Thank you from the Deacons!

Angel Tree Ministry, Dec 12th

We are participating in this ministry as a church body to support children of parents who are incarcerated by providing their children with gifts for the holiday season. Please go to [this link](#) to sign-up to purchase gifts for children this Christmas. Bring gifts with the child's name and number to Church on Sunday, December 12th or to Frank and Linda Huston's home. More information at 425-894-3470.

Counseling and Deaconal Support

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

Remember to pray for those we support:

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

