

# *The* Supremacy *of* Christ

*a series from Paul's letter to the Colossians*

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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: Good Good Father

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*by Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett; 2014; CCLI # 7036612*

I've heard a thousand stories  
of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that you're pleased  
and that I'm never alone

*chorus:*

You're a good, good father  
It's who you are  
It's who you are  
It's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

I've seen many searching  
For answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
For answers only you provide  
Because you know just what we need  
Before we say a word

*chorus*

You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Love so undeniable  
I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still  
Into love love love

*chorus*

## 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: How Great Thou Art

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*Stuart Wesley Keene Hine, 1949; CCLI#14181*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

*Chorus*

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on a cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Chorus*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*Chorus*

# Hymn: All Creatures of Our God & King

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*Brent Milligan, David Crowder, St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper; © 2002 worshiptogether.com songs, Sixsteps Music, and Moon & Musky Music; CCLI # 3608102*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morning, praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Offering

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## 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 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup> and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 Identity

Rev. Jason Dorsey

🔪 Current debate about **White Supremacy**  
Colossian's doctrine of **Christ's Supremacy**  
"in everything he might be preeminent." 1:18

➡➡➡ Needed now more than ever!

Where? ↘

### ① The Problem of Identity

Identity is always in something/someone

📖 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae

Examples of what your identity can be in

Problem?

The thing our identity is in

- ☑ Divides us
- ☑ Doesn't have power to grow us

What is your identity in?

Consider putting your identity in Christ...



## ② The solution of Identity in Christ

### 1. The Risen LORD of creation + church unites

☰☰ To the saints [holy, set apart] and faithful brothers [God's family] in Christ vs 2

"Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all."  
3:11

See this global, international, diverse, human family united in Christ is fact?

How?

☰☰ Gospel of God's grace through Jesus comes to people who trust in Jesus and love Jesus' family and bear fruit 1:3-8

➡➡➡ The grace of Jesus unites us, not race, etc.

### 2. The Risen LORD of creation + church grows us

It's one thing to have a new identity, but another thing to grow more beautiful New Car

Where are areas you need to grow?

☰☰ Paul's Prayer 1:9-14 = Risen Jesus has the power to grow, transform, make beautiful your identity

"Knowledge of his will ... walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him ... May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might"



Wonderful? You're becoming a new car ►

"have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator [Christ]." 3:10

How?

✦ You are saints, brothers, delivered (1:13)  
= Irrevocable, forever status, identity

✦ You are becoming = growing, maturing

➡➡➡ Become what you are!

☐☐ The I Ams/I AM Becomings of 1:1-14  
Exhilarating, Transforming Identity

☑ I am a saint 1:2

☑ I am a faithful brother/sister 1:2

☑ I am one who has faith in LORD Jesus  
and love for all the saints 1:4

☑ I am one who has hope 1:4 ... Director's Mtg

☑ I am one who has love in the Spirit 1:8

☑ I am filled w. the knowledge of Jesus' will  
in all spiritual wisdom + understanding 1:9

☑ I am one who walks in a manner worthy  
of LORD Jesus 1:10

☑ I am fully pleasing to LORD, bearing fruit in  
every good work and increasing in kn. of Θ 1:10

☑ I am strengthened with all power... for all  
endurance + patience w. joy 1:11

☑ I am delivered from the domain of darkness +  
transferred into kingdom of Christ 1:13

Don't you want this identity?

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: 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 about 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: This Is Amazing Grace

*Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham, 2012; CCLI 6333821*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all Kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*chorus*

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That you would take my place  
That you would bear my cross  
You would lay down your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for  
All that you've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of it's brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

*chorus*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

*chorus*

## Benediction





# Announcements

## 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

You have heard about or participated in a Redeemer creation trek - a hike or snowshoeing adventure in the Cascades. While John assures us there is no one more refined than an ice climber, we are introducing Cultural Treks for the less austere among us. 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. Please RSVP with [Pastor Jason](#) or [Wenbo Wei](#). Space is limited to 10. UPDATE: WAITING LIST ONLY at this time.

## 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.

## **Deacon Fund Special Easter Offering**

It's not too late to give to the Deacon Fund. Share your blessings with others in need through special offerings to the Deacon Fund. Deacon Funds are 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 [Redeemer Redmond Subsplash](#) account where "Deacon's Fund" is designated to make your donation, or note "Deacon Fund" on your check.

## **Stoms Family Mission Update**

We received an update from Jay Stoms this week 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 Gibons](#) 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.

