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Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer. We are a church where you can belong before you believe. We invite you into our joy through a personal and intimate relationship with God your Creator and Redeemer.

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio; CCLI #4768151

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, through Jesus you embraced us when we were rebels who hated you, sinners who vandalized your glory in ourselves and others, liars who spun webs of deceit, hypocrites who pretended we were righteous, prodigals who spent our inheritance in a far land.

We were wicked and you forgave us, transgressors and you washed us, adulterers and you restored us, murderers and you absolved us, enemies and you welcomed us in.

You embraced us, forgave us, washed us, restored us, absolved us, and welcomed us through the blameless life, substitutionary death, and victorious resurrection of our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Forgive us. Our hearts are not melted with joy and humility by Jesus' forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, you and good and your sovereign plan in our life is good. You even use hard things to work in and through us, conforming us to Jesus and bringing good into the world.

Forgive us. Our minds are not firm and settled in the conviction that you are sovereign over all things, that you love us personally and in the details of our story, and that you are working all things for our good.

Heavenly Father, even though we should trust your Word no matter what, in your kindness you let us see your good work of restoration and renewal in the world.

Forgive us. We doubt that you will provide. We don't believe you have the power to take bad and make beauty. We don't trust your work and instead take matters into our own hands.

Silent prayer

Receiving of Grace

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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: The Solid Rock

words: Edward Mote, 1834; music: William Bradbury, Charlie Hall, Trent Austin and Kendell Combes, 1863 ; CCLI # 4255633

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every rough and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus

Hymn: Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman and Matt Redman, 2002; CCLI # 3798438

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name

chorus

Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name

You give and take away, you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45

45 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of

famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck.¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶ When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, “Joseph's brothers have come,” it pleased Pharaoh and his servants.¹⁷ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: load your beasts and go back to the land of Canaan,¹⁸ and take your father and your households, and come to me, and I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land.’¹⁹ And you, Joseph, are commanded to say, ‘Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.²⁰ Have no concern for your goods, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’”

²¹ The sons of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.²² To each and all of them he gave a change of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five changes of clothes.²³ To his father he sent as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey.

²⁴ Then he sent his brothers away, and as they departed, he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the way.”

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.²⁶ And they told him, “Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt.” And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them.²⁷ But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him,

the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

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 Embrace

Rev. Jason Dorsey

🪝 Climax of Joseph's Story ▶ His embrace of his brothers ▶ beautiful beyond words!

What does this have to do with me?

= Forgiveness is essential to Christian faith

Miroslav Volf Exclusion + Embrace

➤ Essential but Hard... Rare... You?
How?

① A Heart melted by Jesus forgiveness

☰☰ Context ▶ Judah's Pledge +

Substitution ➡ Jesus' Pledge
+ Substitution



The heart of Forgiveness

1. A debt is incurred
2. A debt is paid

Is your heart melted by Jesus Forgiveness of You?

② A Mind convinced of Θ 's Sovereign Plan



Θ sent me before you to preserve life, 5

Θ sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, 7

So it was not you who sent me here, but Θ , 8

He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over the land of Egypt," 8

Thus says ~~to~~ your son Joseph, Θ has made me lord of all Egypt, 9

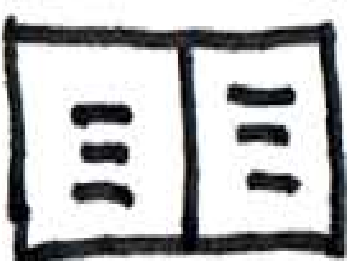
See Joseph's firm, settled conviction of Θ 's Sovereignty in his life?

Very troubling! Makes Θ the author of evil, allows bad, violence to touch me!

Mystery

- ✎ Humans, Not Θ , are responsible for evil
- ✎ Θ takes evil + bends it to good for His children

③ Eyes that See Θ 's Provision

 "Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen... But when they told him all the words of Joseph, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the Spirit of their father Jacob revived. And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go + see him before I die."
45:9-28

Beyond his wildest hopes + dreams Jacob sees:

- ☑ Provision of food + shelter
- ☑ Provision of a future
- ☑ Provision of family restoration
- ☑ Provision of a lie dismantled + truth won

Do you See Θ 's Provision in Such an electrifying + overwhelming way that your Spirit revives, you risk embrace, extend forgiveness, share in Θ 's joy

Miroslav Volf →  JESUS ↘
STORIES...

Responding to God's Word

Offertory: Lead Me to the Cross

Brooke Ligertwood, 2006; Hillsong, CCLI# 4785828

Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill where your blood was spilled
For my ransom

chorus

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost
Lead me to the cross, where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to you
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh, bore my sin in death
Now You're risen



chorus

To your heart... to your heart
Lead me to your heart, lead me to your heart

chorus

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:  

Prayers of the People

Heidelberg Catechism

Question #1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer

**That I am not my own,
but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together
for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for him.**

Communion

Hymn: He Will Hold Me Fast

Ada Ruth Habershon, Matthew Merker, 2013; CCLI #7016161

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold, he must hold me fast

chorus

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost, his promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied, he will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last

Prayer of Sending

Fabio and Debora Silva

Hymn: Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Brenton Brown, Jason Ingram; CCLI#5895580

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of eternal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

chorus

You are the one who saves
You are the one who saves
You are the one whose hands lift us from the grave
You are the light of life, the everlasting day
You are the one who takes all our sins away

You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Fountain of the joy of living,
Ocean depths of happy rest!

chorus

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

Church Directory Update

We are working on updating our church directory. If you would like to be added to the directory or have corrections to the present directory, contact [John](#).

Church Hike/Snowshoe, Nov 19th

Having been rained out in Oct we will try again on Nov 19th. With a later sunrise, we will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am. Whether we snowshoe or hike will depend upon the availability of snow. If you plan to attend, please let [John](#) or [Scott](#) know so we can plan on enough snowshoes if that is what we do. This is a great time to enjoy fellowship and Creation. You are encouraged to invite friends, family, and neighbors!

Hotel for the Holidays

Our gracious host, Hilton Garden Inn has offered us a discount for friends and family we may have travelling to the Northwest for the holidays. Please [click this link](#) to view availability and reserve rooms. Contact Hilton's [Tiffany Hing](#) with questions.

Pie Social, Nov 20th

Mark your calendar and start thinking about what pie you will make for the rest of us to enjoy. This will be held following the worship service. [SignUp Here](#).

Community Groups Underway

See our [information sheet](#) for more information on who leads a community group in your neighborhood and their contact details. An email went out recently inviting you to join our new Online Community group, which meets twice monthly on Wednesdays at 7pm and began Nov 2nd. It included this [Zoom link](#) for your convenience - Let Pastor Jason know if you have trouble with the link and he can send you a direct invitation. See [John Sanford](#) with further questions about any of our Community Groups.

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:

11/13 - God Provided for Ruth (Ruth 1-4)

11/20 - God Provided for Hannah (1 Samuel 1-3)

11/27 - No Sunday School (Thanksgiving weekend)

International Christmas Dinner, Dec 18th

Back by popular demand! Immediately following the Service on Sunday, December 18th, join us for an International Christmas Dinner. Bring a traditional dish from your culture to share. Remember to bring a serving utensil. Watch for a SignUp link soon.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24th at 7pm

Our traditional Lessons and Carols Service will be held at Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday, December 24 at 7:00-8:30pm. The story of our Lord's coming is shared through songs and scripture. Guests and friends are especially welcome to join in celebration of our Lord's coming.

No Worship Service on Christmas Day, Dec 25th

In order to give our volunteers and families a day of rest and feasting at home following the Christmas Eve service, there will be no service on Christmas morning.

Go in Mission

Thanksgiving Offering for the Deacon Fund

Coming later this month, we will have an opportunity to share our blessings with others in need through a special Deacon Fund offering this Thanksgiving. The Deacon Fund is available for our Church body and neighbors both near and far for a variety of human needs: food, furnishings, housing, counseling, campus ministries, and missions.

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.

Angel Tree Donations, Dec 11th

We are participating in the Angel Tree ministry as a church body to support children of parents who are incarcerated by providing their children with gifts for Christmas. [SignUp here](#) to volunteer to provide gifts. All gifts should be brought to church or the Huston home by Sunday, Dec 11th. See [Frank Huston](#) or another Deacon with questions.

Sacred Road Trip 2023

We have scheduled our next trip to Sacred Road on the Yakama Reservation July 1st-8th, 2023. We are looking for two people to fill roles of Team Leader and Worship Leader. Please see either [Emily Huston](#) or [Jim Gibons](#). We currently have space for 10 people on the team. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

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."

Ministries and Neighbors We Support

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, and to maintain the hope they have in him:

- Jay Stoms' Family mission in South Africa
- RUF Western Washington 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

