

The **Supremacy** *of* **Christ**

a series from Paul's letter to the Colossians

REDEEMER REDMOND

June 6th, 2021

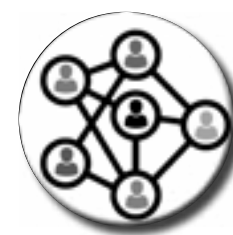
10:30 am



website



facebook



subscribe

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-4, Joel 2:28, and I Corinthians 12:13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak to each other in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The gift of the Spirit had been promised long before through the prophet Joel:

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

The gift of the Spirit makes us one body, the body of the LORD Jesus Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Hymn: O Worship the King (Tomlin)

Chris Tomlin, Johann Michael Haydn, Robert Grant, ©2004 sixsteps music; CCLI# 4255664

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
Dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Chorus

You alone are the matchless King,
To you alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite
You breathe in the air, you shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels
delight to worship above

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end

Our maker, defender, redeemer and friend

Chorus

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

From Colossians 4:2-18

Triune God, Father, Son and Spirit, you save us and
you call us to partner with you in advancing the good
news of your gospel.

We are your servants. Pastors and elders, church
leaders and church members, all of us are called by
your grace to put our shoulder to the plow to serve
your kingdom.

**We confess our prayerlessness. We do not pray for the
advance of your gospel in our own hearts,
or in the hearts of our family and friends,
neighbors and colleagues. Forgive us.**

**We confess our fearfulness. We do not preach
the gospel boldly in word and deed.**

**Our speech is not gracious, seasoned with salt to
outsiders. We do not know how we ought to answer
each person. Forgive us.**

**We confess our laziness. We are not throwing
all our energy and imagination, passions and
abilities, gifts and graces into the work of
sharing your gospel with the lost. Forgive us.**

**Lord Jesus, head of the church, revive us,
the members of your body. Help us to repent
of our lack of zeal for your name and your cause.
Help us to have great joy in working together
for your glory. Amen.**

Silent prayer

Receiving of Grace

From Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Hymn: O Breath of Life

E.A. "Bessie" Porter Head, Trevor Hodge, 2009, CCLI#5439290

O breath of life come sweeping through us
Revive your church with life and power
O breath of life come cleanse renew us
And fit your church to meet this hour

chorus

O breath of love come breathe within
Renewing thought and will and heart
Come love of Christ afresh to win
Revive your church in every part

O wind of God come bend us break us
Till humbly we confess our need
Then in your tenderness remake us
Revive restore for this we plead

chorus

Revive us Lord, is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and ripe
Revive us Lord, the world is waiting
Equip your church to spread the light

chorus

Hymn: Breath of Heaven

Dave Irish, UBP

Breath of heaven, holy fire, Promise of the Son
Purify my heart's desire in your mercy come

chorus



Spirit of love speak to me in your holiness
Come fill my life, mighty wind
Spirit of love, in your care my soul finds rest
Come fill my life, Breath of Heaven

Breath of heaven, holy fire fall afresh on me
Purify my desire in your mercy lead

chorus

Offering

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:  

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

Colossians 4:2-18

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

⁷ Tychicus will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, ⁹ and with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place here.

¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶ And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷ And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”

¹⁸ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

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 Gospel Advance

Rev. Jason Dorsey

🪝 King David's **Mighty Men** stirs ❤️

w. longing for epic deeds and band-of-brothers and Kingdom Advance

➡ Is coming true today in the advance of Gospel thru Redeemer Redmond

"... the gospel, 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."

☑ The Gospel = The Supremacy of Christ as Creator, Sustainer, Reconciler, Head of Church...

☑ The Advance = In ❤️s of people who are joined into diverse, global **Body of Jesus**

① The synergy of Gospel Work

☐☐ The synergy of Minister, Leaders + Saints is seamless + powerful

Synergy the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects

- ☑ Saints = continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray also for us...
- ☑ Paul + leaders = that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ
- ☑ Paul = on account of which I am in prison - that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak
- ☑ Saints = walk in wisdom [in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, 2:3] toward outsiders making the ~~best~~ use of the time.

[every hour, day, moment is a gift, use it as a witness to Jesus] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer each person



Not cookie cutter, but creative, deeply personal, borne of listening to a person's story + heart + longings and needs and applying the particular grace of the gospel to their ♥

➡➡➡ Great synergy of the Gospel Advance!
Jenny + my breakfast @ Cafe Patachu in 2010
Redeemers leaders + saints in 2021

② The Names of the Workers

≡	≡
≡	≡

 Each name a particular person with strengths + weaknesses, limited span of years, with a back-story, with joys + sorrows + struggles = Like You!

➡➡➡ But they collectively put their shoulders to the plow and did a great work

Paul

 "Paul an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God (1:1)... I am in prison" (4:3) ▶ Author of letter

Tychicus

 Will tell you all about my activities. He is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the LORD. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts

Jesus And Jesus who is called Justus.

These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the Kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ▶ Diverse leadership team, Jew + Gentiles, Slave + Free...

Epaphras Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear ^{him} witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis ▶ Strong co-laborer, minister, mighty in prayer

Luke Luke the beloved physician greets you ▶ Professionals in vocation, Physician, helped advance the Gospel

Doc Dodgson

Onesimus "And with him Onesimus, our faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that has taken place here. ▶ backstory = Philemon

Aristarchus Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you

Mark

And Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions - if he comes to you welcome him), ► Backstory = Mark's desertion of Paul + Barnabas on 1st Missionary journey. Paul + Barnabas separate over Mark on 2nd Missionary Journey Acts 15:36ff, Paul is reconciled to Mark and asks him to join him in his last letter II Timothy 4:11

Some who today may have hard relationship w. me, church, mission will soften to each other and put the shoulder to the plow.

Demas

"...greet you, as does Demas."

But Demas will later Ditch Paul Ghost Paul... "Do your best to come to me soon [Timothy]. For Demas in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica." II Timothy 4:10

Nympha

Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ► The importance of women in the advance of the Gospel!

The Rise of Christianity, Rodney Stark

Archippus

And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, see that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the LORD.

Simple Application You need to get in the game as a Worker, You with your strengths, weaknesses and limits, need to put your shoulder to plow + serve!

So many Excuses... Hard Relationship with Pastor Jason but Mark, Coronavirus Pandemic but 1st Century mortality rate + plagues Stark, Young Children but Nympha, Woman but Phoebe Romans 16:1, Poor + a Nobody but Onesimus, I'm drifting, maybe deserting but Demas, I'm too busy w. work but Luke

➔ No excuses! You are either putting the shoulder to the plow or not

But I know Pastoral Guilt + Shame Doesn't work. But Love Does!

☰☰ Supremacy of Christ in Gospel Advance
So much could be said... 2 details

1. Jesus, who is called Justus = Speculate, but only ONE NAME all love + serve, the name of Jesus Me + Guest Preachers get out if you don't lift up Name of Jesus
2. Epaphras... a servant of Christ = there is only ONE LEADER we serve DAVID

Prayer for Congregation

Communion

Hymn: Lead Me to the Cross

Brooke Ligertwood, 2006; Hillsongs, 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

Decommissioning of Pastor Dorsey

Decommissioning is a formal way to release Pastor Dorsey from his pastoral duties during the sabbatical. While Pastor Dorsey remains the pastor at Redeemer, he is released from his pastoral duties for a three month season of rest and renewal. We look forward to his return and recommissioning on Sunday, September 12th.

Hymn: Spirit of Heaven

Dave Irish, UBP

Spirit of heaven, fall afresh on me
Spirit of heaven, I will follow your lead

chorus

Out into a fallen world
Sowing seeds in the harvest fields
Thank you Lord for the promised
Gift that you've given
The Spirit of heaven

Spirit of heaven, a still small voice
Help me to listen, midst all the chaos and noise

chorus

Benediction



Announcements

Gather for Worship

To Mask or Not to Mask

The Session will be establishing a church mask policy shortly. Meanwhile, we ask you to be considerate of others and to continue to wear masks in the Hilton indoor public spaces. Thank you!

Youth Group

Sundays at 9:00 am live and via Zoom | [Learn More](#)

Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

Chat and fellowship begins at 10:20

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](#).

Note about Icon Artwork

The Worship Guide cover art for the Colossians series depicts an icon by local artist Deborah Anderson.

Read about Deborah's iconographic journey and view her other icons at www.edensings.com.

Reproductions are available for purchase by contacting [Deborah](#) directly.

Grow in Community

Thursday Walks with Jim

Jim will continue to walk on Thursdays at noon through the summer. This is a great way to connect and get some exercise. Contact [Jim Gibons](#) for details and he will send a reminder the day of. Hope to see you join us!

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. Please [sign up here](#) for a box lunch.

June Creation Trek, Jun 19th

Our next church hike will be June 19th, probably up (or part way up) Mt Teneriffe, near North Bend. As usual we will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8 am. For information contact [Scott](#) or [John](#).

Camano Art Association's Studio Tour, Jun 26th

Redeemer's next Cultural Trek is on Saturday, June 26. We are going to enjoy the popular [Camano Art Association's Studio Tour](#) on Camano Island, WA.

Experience the beauty of Camano and the creativity of her colony of artists. More than 30 artists at 16 studios and four galleries are participating in this year's tour - representing diverse talent and mediums, from ceramics and glass to paintings, photography and sculpture.

A digital brochure and map will help Cultural Trek participants plan their Saturday itinerary. The final destination will be Pastor Jason and Jenny's Sunnyside Studio, Studio #3. Pastor Jason and Jenny will be hosting a BBQ dinner for Cultural Trek participants. We will share the stories of our experience of the Studio Tour and enjoy each other's company at an outdoor picnic.

Please contact [Wenbo Wei](#) if you would like to carpool.

Ersek Backyard Bonfire, July 17th

The Ersek family is hosting a backyard bonfire at their house on Saturday, July 17th at 7:00pm. Bring a dessert to share if you'd like, or just bring yourselves, your family, and friends! We have several lawn chairs but you might want to bring your own just in case there's a larger turnout. 21305 NE 101st Ct., Redmond WA 98053. Questions? Call (425) 868-5210.

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.

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 has launched 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.

Go in Mission

Summer VBS for Kids

Come join us for VBS on Sunday mornings this summer! VBS Starts this week and continues each Sunday through the summer!

Theme: Destination Dig:

Unearthing the Truth about Jesus

Dates: June 6th – August 15th (except July 4th)

Time: Sunday mornings during the sermon

Place: The outside patio next to our worship service.

Ages: Kids (1st – 4th grade) and Preschool (age 3-5)

Kids, let's have some fun digging about some truths about Jesus! If you haven't registered yet, or know a friend who would like to join you, please register soon!

Thank you so much for all those who have volunteered! Here is what we still need:

- 1 kids teacher for August 8 and 15

Both participants and volunteers can register at our church website or church app or here: [VBS Registration](#). See [Linda](#) for more info.

Donations for Yakima Flea Market/Bookmobile

The deacons are asking for donations to help Chris Granberry of Sacred Road with his church's flea market and bookmobile. The flea market is the 3rd weekend of June, and pickup of donations will probably be a week or so prior.

The bookmobile needs children's books and Christian children's books and beanie babies. The beanie babies are given away to children as a reading buddy. For the flea market he is asking for toys, Hello Kitty items, Avengers/super hero items, nail polish, stickers, books, clothes, kitchenware, and any other flea market items. Large items may be picked up when they come with a trailer. We can pick up anything that fits in a sedan. Please contact deacon Gerald Sakuda (425 883-4576, geralsakuda@yahoo.com) for pickup of donations. Small items can be given to the deacons at church. Thank you for your consideration.

Pastor Dorsey on Sabbatical

On Sunday June 6th we will be sending Pastor Dorsey on a three months sabbatical. Redeemer's elders believe that Pastoral sabbaticals are vital to the ministry of the pastor and life of the congregation. They implement the rhythms of work and rest God modeled at creation, in the weekly sabbath, and the future rest of the saints in God's presence. They provide time and space for rest and renewal, imagination and creativity, and for new leaders to step up and serve. Redeemer's elders believe that the 2021 sabbatical for Pastor Dorsey and the Redeemer congregation, will be a season of fruitfulness, and strengthen and prepare us for the Kingdom work that we have before us in the decades to come. Pastoral support will be provided by [Rev Hans Stout](#).

2021: Sabbatical It Up!

Please read the attached [guide for this sabbatical season](#), including ideas for how you can get involved and a handy Prayer Calendar! Let's work together to make this a Summer of renewal for our congregation!

Counseling and Deaconal Support

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

Set-up Team Help Needed

We are looking for 2-4 more people to join this team, including a team leader. Start would be June 1st, for a year commitment. We are hoping to get enough team members that we can have this as a once every 6 week commitment. Please prayerfully consider this important need for the church. Contact [Jim Gibons](#).

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 School Break Food Lunch Program
- Congregant ministries and outreach efforts

