



# REDEEMER REDMOND

October 15, 2023



# Before the Throne

## Call to Worship

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### From Revelation 7

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

**"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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*arrangement by Zach Bolen*

Praise to the Lord, the almighty the King of creation  
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shieldeth thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend thee

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

# Prayer of Adoration

## Confession of Sin

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From Joshua 4

LORD God, you have done mighty acts in history. The greatest of these is the incarnation, life, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And you call us to remember the stories of your salvation and share them with our children.

**Lord God, We have sinned against you.**

**We get caught up in our present situation and forget your mighty acts in the past, and so we despair and give up hoping in you. Forgive us for not remembering rightly.**

**We lose sight of your miracle-working power, and so we doubt that you can help us in our daily problems. Forgive us for not remembering rightly.**

**We don't tell the stories of your great salvation to our children, and so they don't trust in you as they should. Forgive us for not remembering rightly.**

**Most of all, forgive us for not rejoicing every day in your mighty work of salvation in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent prayer*

# Receiving of Grace

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## Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying,  
“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you  
ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation  
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

## Prayer & Sending of the Children

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*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.*

## This Is Amazing Grace

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*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

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

## **Be Thou My Vision**

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*Craig Duncan, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Michael Card; Public Domain; CCLI #2774972*

Be thou my Vision, oh Lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Son  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

## **Doxology**

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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**

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**Greet one another**

## Scripture Reading

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### Joshua 4

**4** When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup> “Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man, <sup>3</sup> and command them, saying, ‘Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests’ feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.’” <sup>4</sup> Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe. <sup>5</sup> And Joshua said to them, “Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, <sup>6</sup> that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ <sup>7</sup> then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”

<sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel did just as Joshua commanded and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, just as the Lord told Joshua. And they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged and laid them down there.

<sup>9</sup> And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood; and they are there to this day. <sup>10</sup> For the priests bearing the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to tell the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua.

The people passed over in haste. <sup>11</sup> And when all the people had finished passing over, the ark of the Lord and the priests passed over before the people. <sup>12</sup> The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the people of Israel, as Moses had told them. <sup>13</sup> About 40,000 ready for war passed over before the Lord for battle, to the plains of Jericho. <sup>14</sup> On that day the Lord exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel, and they stood in awe of him just as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life.

<sup>15</sup> And the Lord said to Joshua, <sup>16</sup> “Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan.” <sup>17</sup> So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” <sup>18</sup> And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

<sup>19</sup> The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. <sup>20</sup> And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. <sup>21</sup> And he said to the people of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>22</sup> then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup> For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, <sup>24</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.”

*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 Fight of Our Lives: Remembering Rightly

Rev. Jason Dorsey

### Community Group Questions

1. Describe the mighty act of God in bringing his people across the Jordan River. Why do you think God commanded that 12 stones be made into a memorial?
2. Why is it important to understand that the Bible is history, the history of God's mighty acts? In what way is the Bible's history "universal history" (Leslie Newbigin), that is relevant for every person.
3. Share stories of God's mighty works in your life? Praise God for his mighty salvation in each other's stories.

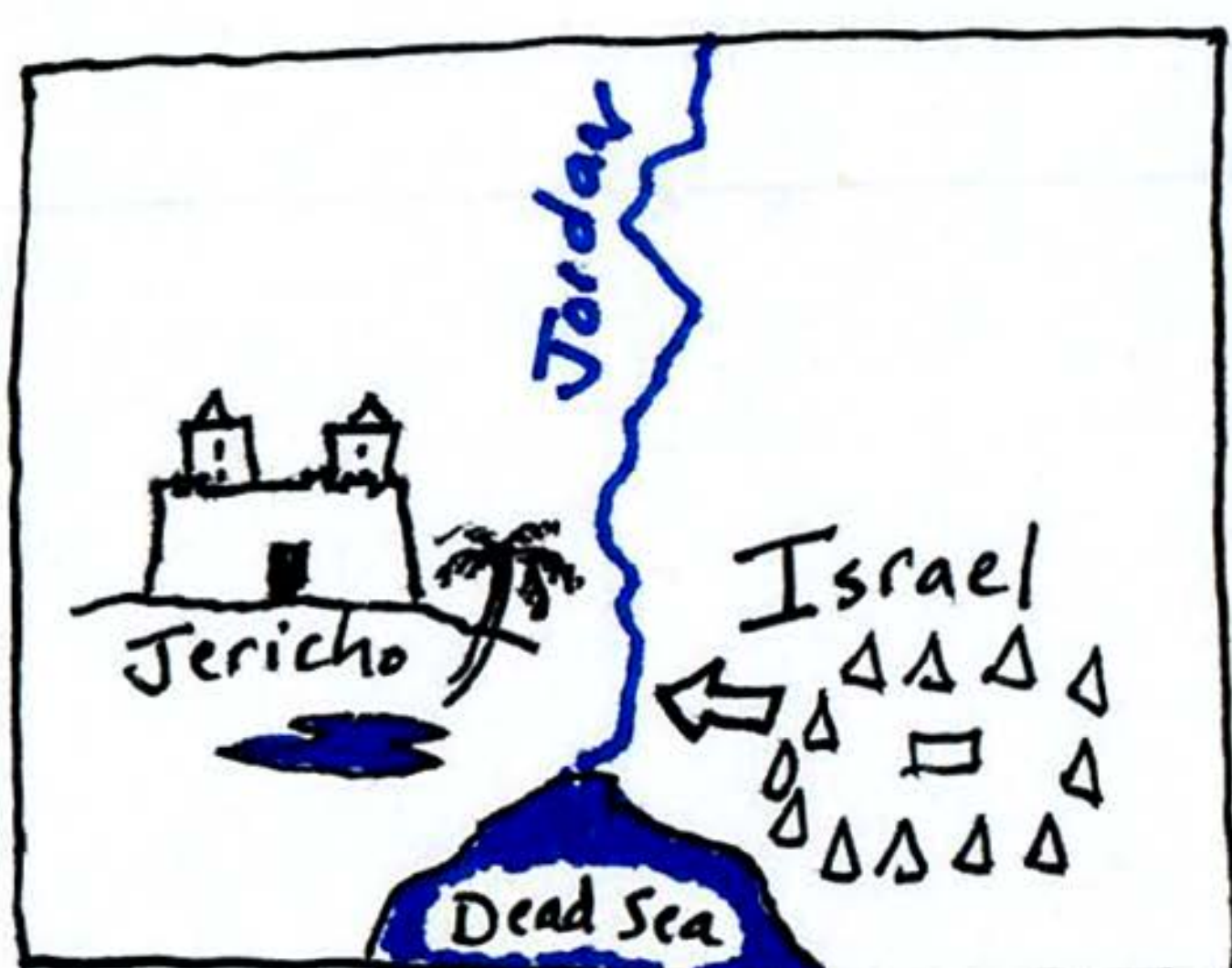
📖 The LORD your God, The LIVING God, The LORD of all the Earth works Wonders

"Sit down and let me tell you a story"  
Dr. Miller

➡ Christian faith is grounded in history ▶  
Mighty Acts of God, Wolfhart Pannenberg

## ① The Crossing of the Jordan

📖 Joshua 4





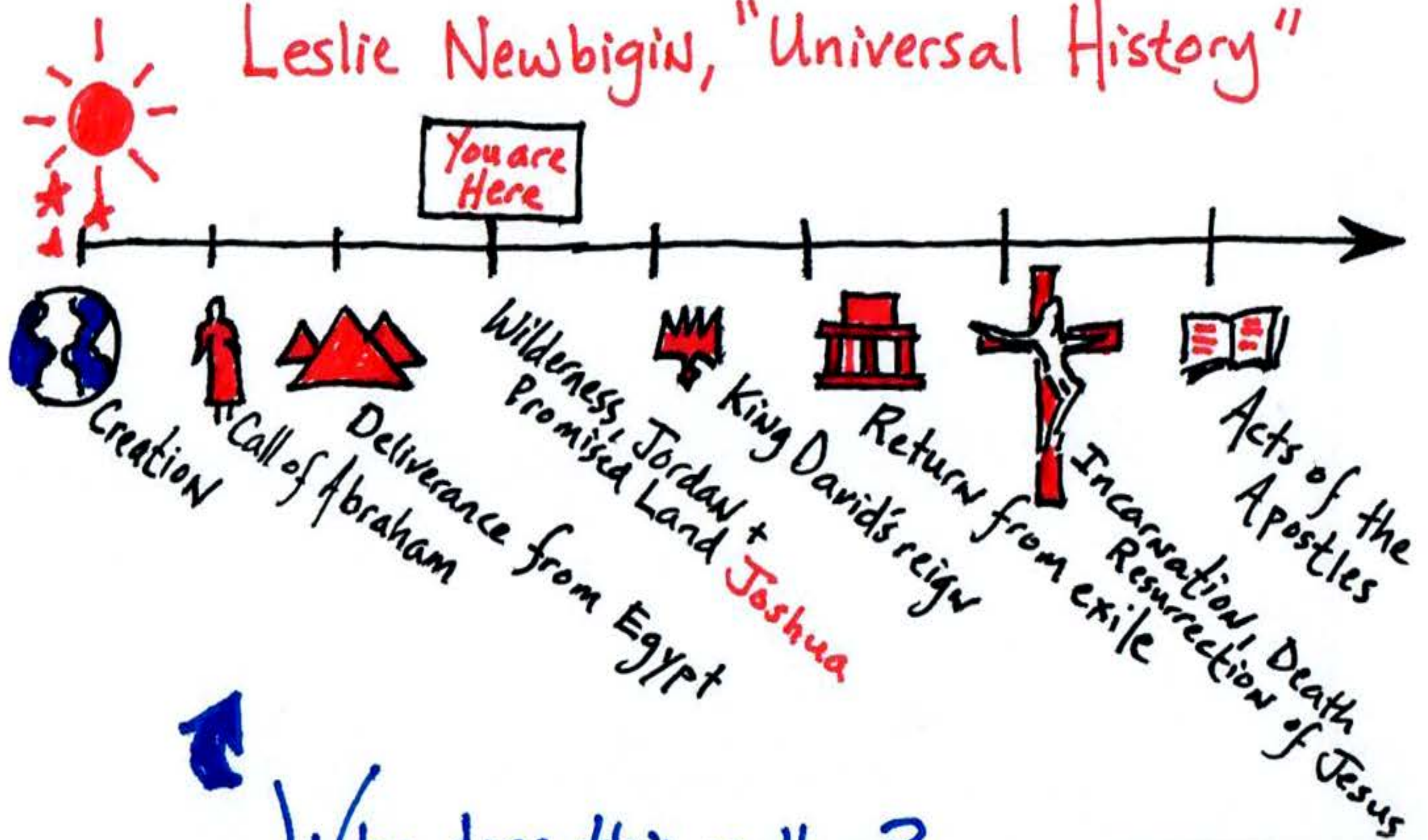
1. The Mighty Act of  $\Theta$  Crossing the Jordan

2. Memorializing w. the 12 stones

Sit down + let me tell you a story,  $\Psi 44$

## ② The Bible as History

Leslie Newbigin, "Universal History"



Why does this matter?

**Christian**

Your faith is grounded in  $\Theta$ 's Mighty Acts in History... time and place and people

Trip to Israel

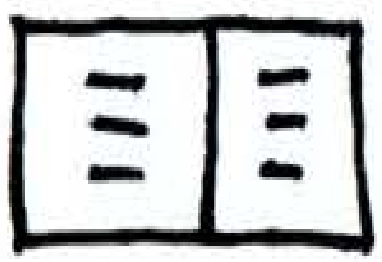
So... Sit down and let me tell you a story! be Storytellers 4:24

**Not a Christian**

I have other stories... My Indian Friends

The Bible's Claim to be "Universal History" Leslie Newbigin

# ③ The Memorial Stones



"... They are there to this day... When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry land'..."

"Sit down and let me tell you a story"



Andre + Heidi Lewis



Our Call to Redmond



Navigating Covid



Ms. Harriet's Homegoing



LORD OUR G'S MIGHTY ACTS  
IN THE FUTURE? *Global Missions  
Here!*

# Father in Heaven

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*Dave Irish, 2022*



Father in Heaven  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
Father in Heaven  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven

Give me today my daily bread  
Forgive me Lord my daily debts  
Help me to forgive  
As I have been forgiven  
Lead me not into temptation  
Father in Heaven

## Offering

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### Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

- *Write a check and drop it in the basket during communion, or mail it to PO Box 1482, Woodinville, WA 98072*
- *Go to [redeemerredmond.org](http://redeemerredmond.org) and click [Online Giving](#)*
- *Install our mobile app:*  

At the Table



## Communion

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### Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well  
refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,

**"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
that he might save us.**

**This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."**

## **Jesus Paid It All**

*words by Elvina Mabel Hall; music by John Thomas Grape, 1865;  
CCLI#22331*

I hear the savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness, watch and pray  
Find in me thine all in all

*chorus*

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

*chorus*

And when before the throne  
I stand in him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

*chorus*

Oh, praise the one who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead

# Blessed Quietness

*James Kirk, Manie Payne Ferguson, W.S. Marshall; PD; CCLI# 36413*

Joys are flowing like a river  
Since the Comforter has come  
Who abides with us forever  
Makes the trusting heart a home.

Blessed quietness, holy quietness  
What assurance in my soul!  
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me  
How the billows cease to roll!

Like the rain that falls from heaven  
Like the sunlight from the sky,  
So the Holy Ghost is given  
Coming on us from on high.

See, a fruitful field is growing  
Blessed fruit of righteousness  
And the streams of life are flowing  
In the lonely wilderness.

What a wonderful salvation  
Where we always see God's face!  
What a perfect habitation  
What a quiet resting place!

## Benediction



# Announcements

## Gather for Worship

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### Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

### Sunday School

During sermon, children age 3 through 5th grade

### 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

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### Mealtrain for Huston Family

We have a meal train going to support Linda and Frank Huston in this time of grieving the loss of Linda's mother Donna Jean. Bringing a meal (or ordering one) for the Huston's is a very practical way that you can put the community we have in Jesus Christ as a priority! [Sign up here](#). See [Amberly Lin](#) with questions.

### Memorial Service for Donna Jean McGee, Oct 28

A memorial service for Donna Jean will be held Saturday, Oct 28th at Wesley Des Moines in the Memorial Gardens Chapel, 815 S 216th St, Des Moines, WA 98198. Service at 3pm. Reception to follow in the 5th floor Club Room. If you sang under Donna Jean or just enjoy singing, come to an impromptu choir rehearsal at 2pm to sing the anthem during the service. Contact [Linda Huston](#) with questions. 425-894-3469.

### Chili Feed, Oct 15

Join us for our annual chili cook-off after church on October 15th. Come challenge the defending champion, Dismas Smith, for the title of Best Overall Chili! Or wow us with your creativity, stun us with spiciness, or just plan to bring your favorite cornbread or a hearty appetite! [SignUp](#) here.

## **Men's Retreat - Mountain Springs Lodge, Oct 20-22**

Men, our retreat date rapidly approaches! You won't want to miss this rich time of fellowship and fun, worship and rest and feasting in beautiful Plain, Washington. Pray about bringing your sons (middle school and older are invited), a friend, colleague, or neighbor too! The cost is \$160 for the weekend. A Scholarship Fund has been established for people to contribute to, to defray the cost for others. Both funds are available on Subsplash. [Register and pay](#) here. Contact [Dave Lane](#) if you have questions.

## **Church Hike, Oct 28**

Our next church hike will be Sat, Oct 28th. This is a good opportunity to enjoy creation, and fellowship. Invite your friends to join us. We will meet at Redmond Middle School at 8am. If you have any questions, contact [John](#). You are also invited to join our WhatsApp group (Cascade Mountain Hikes).

## **Reformation Dinner, Oct 28**

We will be celebrating 506 years after the Reformation with a potluck dinner at the Clubhouse of Jason and Jenny Dorsey's Apartment Complex in Redmond. We will enjoy great food and drink, play Reformation Trivia, and reflect on the great truth of being "chosen of God," Watch for a SignUp Genius email soon.

## **Children's Sunday School**

Calling all children ages 3 through 5th grade to learn more about Jesus! Sunday School began Sep 10th and will take place during the sermon each Sunday. We are using the Gospel Project Curriculum, and are currently studying the divided kingdom. Invite your friends to join us! We still need one more preschool teacher and one more preschool helper. See [Linda Huston](#) with questions! Participants and Volunteers alike, please [Register Here!](#)

## **Upcoming Sunday School Schedule**

10/15 - Nahum Warned of God's Judgment (Nahum)  
10/22 - God's People Were Taken Captive (2 Chr 36)  
10/29 - No Sunday School (5th Sunday)

## Community Groups

Community Groups are small groups of Christians and seekers that meet in homes and apartments during the week. Through Bible Study, prayer, and mutual support people are encouraged and empowered for God's mission.

### Current groups:

Redmond community group (contact [Jim](#))

Online community group (contact [Jason](#))

Young Adults group (contact [Emily](#))

## Go in Mission

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### 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 any one of the deacons.

### 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

