

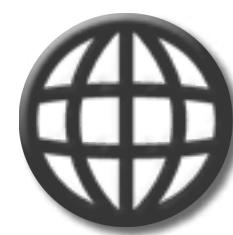


Seeking God

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Welcome

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.

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

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.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

From Psalm 27

Lord God, you invite us to seek your face,
but we have sought many things before you.

You are our light and salvation
and the stronghold of our life,
but we are afraid of so many things.

You are the Beauty of beauties,
**but we have not made gazing on your beauty
our one thing.**

You have promised that though our father and mother
forsake us you will take us in,
but still we are insecure.

Forgive us for not seeking you as we should.

**Renew our heart, will, strength, and soul
to seek you as our greatest good
and our true happiness and chief end.**

**And do this all for the glory
of the Great Name of Jesus
who sought and found us when we were lost. Amen**

Silent prayer

Receiving of Grace

From Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear.

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid.

Hymn: 10,000 Reasons

By Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul worship his holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
(chorus)

Hymn: My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff, 2017 Sovereign Grace Worship; CCLI#7096627

O Lord my Rock and my redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like you there is no other
True delight is found in you alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and Cross laid on your shoulders
In my place you suffered bled and died
You rose! The grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my rock and my redeemer
May all my days bring glory to your name
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Hymn: Give Me Jesus

*arrangement: Jeremy Camp, words: Public Domain, Music: 2006
Stolen Pride Music, Thirsty Moon River Publishing; CCLI 4874344*

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

chorus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

When I am alone
When I am alone
Oh when I am alone
Give me Jesus

chorus

When I come to die
When I come to die
Oh when I come to die
Give me Jesus

chorus

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

Psalm 27

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon
the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

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.

What "Seeking God" Is

Rev. Jason Dorsey

10 Ambitions... #1 SEEK Θ'S FACE

☞ Psalm 27

3 Qs

- ① What does it mean to seek Θ's Face?
 - ② What are challenges to seeking Θ?
 - ③ How do I take initiative in seeking Θ?
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- ① What does it mean to seek Θ's Face?

☞ "You have said, 'seek my face.'
Your face, LORD, do I seek," vs 8

1. It is to seek a personal relationship w. Θ

☑ Psalm of David... "I seek"

☑ Personal Θ LORD... Face

2. It is the lifelong pursuit of Θ

☑ From first Qs ► ✝ ► Old Age

☑ David as Shepherd ► King ► Dying

3. It is to know (taste) Θ 's love, favor, approval, delight, blessing, smile.

Ancient Priestly Blessing = "The LORD bless you + keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Cf. Psalm 44:3 "For not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them."

In contrast, to experience Θ 's disfavor and distance is referred to as Θ

"hiding his face" Psalm 27:9

4. It is to have full access + intimacy @ the throne of the King of Kings

Esther 1:13ff "...the seven princes of Persia + Media who saw the king's face + sat first in the kingdom"

→ For King David + You = The high honor of being insiders, confidants, friends of KING

This honor raises the Great External Challenge to a life spent seeking Θ 's Face ... What?

② What is the External Challenge to seeking Θ !
= Our Secular Age

Secular Society is the culture, world-view, lifestyle, milieu, values in which you live + move + have your being.

Like a River you are in a Canoe on 

What are some characteristics?

1. Humanity's growing dominion + mastery over nature by science + technology has resulted in less dependence on Θ .

Abraham Kuyper's Chapter "humanity is great" in Pro Rege

Today? Current Pandemic there is no reference to Θ or humbling before Θ only reference to Science, technology, vaccines + Political Power.

2. A focus on the material world and this earthly life

"The purposes of everyone are united and focused on this earthly life, and in this earthly life one person may work for money and possessions alone, another for art + beauty, a third person for academia, a fourth for sports, a fifth for pleasure ...

[a sixth for fame, a seventh for entertainment, an eight for political power] But despite their differences, all of them are united in that the thing they seek is to be found here on earth, in this world." A. Kuyper

3. Belief in Θ is no longer axiomatic

Charles Taylor, A Secular Age "Belief in Θ is no longer axiomatic. There are alternatives... there will be many... to whom faith never seems an eligible possibility... the presumption of unbelief has become dominant."

↗ Contrast this with Religious Societies Today (Muslim) or Ancient Israel w. King David leading Worship!

Have you felt the Current of our Secular Age?

☑ Θ seems "weightless" to you and your peers, his invitation insignificant

☑ There is no one cheering you on in seeking Θ , no social pressure, you are seen as "strange," odd, religious

☑ There are LOTS of distractions APPS, games, social media, sports, work, family, etc. None of which push you in seeking Θ 's Face

➡➡ Great Challenge is that You will have to turn the Canoe upstream and paddle against the Current!

In light of the GREAT CHALLENGE of Secularism, how will you take the initiative,

Say "My heart says to you, 'Your face, LORD, do I seek.'" 27:8

③ How do you take initiative to seek Θ



☰☰ = In Response to Θ 's Seeking You

- Θ takes initiative in inviting "You have said, 'seek my face'..."
- Θ promises seekers will find "seek + you will find"
- Θ seeks us by sending Son, Jesus, who came to seek + save the Lost
- Θ sends His Spirit to open our \heartsuit to him + seal our \heartsuit to him
- Θ makes a way "to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus."
- In Gospel of Jesus "you are my Son/ Daughter who I love. With you I am well pleased" we know the delight, smile, approval, pleasure of Θ

➔➔➔ Much More Than This Secular Age, the Θ you seek is the One in whom you live, move + have your being!

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:  

2 Corinthians 8:9

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

Lord Jesus Christ, though you were rich in heaven, for our sakes you became poor. You did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but you emptied yourself, by taking upon yourself the form of a servant and you humbled yourself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

You became poor for our sakes so that through you we might become rich as sons and daughters of God who have an eternal inheritance.

Help us now to respond to your grace by offering back to you our lives, our time, our talents and our treasures in cheerful generosity.

Help us give our lives, talents and treasures freely and joyfully in response to your grace and our riches.

Help us open our hearts, homes and lives to others as you opened yours to us.

Help us give of our financial resources generously and sacrificially to the work of your kingdom.

Help us do all of this from the deep security and vast riches of being sons and daughters of God, who are rich in God our portion and our salvation. 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.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

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)*

Hymn: I Saw the Light / I'll Fly Away

*Albert E. Brumley, Hank Williams, Zackery T. Shelton, 2018 CCLI
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I've wandered so aimless, my life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus1

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered alone
Worried and fear I claimed for my own
Then like a blind man, God gave me back my sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus1

Some bright morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

Chorus2

I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away
When I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

Chorus2

Benediction



Announcements

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

During Worship Service, at time of the sermon
beginning Sep 26th - please [register](#) your child

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"*)

Offering

Tithes and offerings can be made in person in the basket near the front of the room or [online here](#).

Grow in Community

Children's Sunday School, Fall 2021

Children's Sunday School for children age 3 to 5th grade will start on September 26th. It will be held in the fireplace room next to the sanctuary during the sermon. The curriculum is 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. Please register your children with the link below.

Volunteers also needed to teach our children about Jesus! Volunteers will serve once a month so 4 or 5 teams are needed. Volunteer positions are Opening and Bible Story (large group), Kids Teacher (small group), Preschool Teacher (small group), Preschool Helpers. Curriculum and training will be provided. Please register as a volunteer at the same link below.

[**Registration Link**](#)

Church Hike, Sep 25th

Join us on our monthly creation walk and fellowship time on Sep 25 (date changed due to weather). We will choose a location based upon the group. Meet at Redeemer Middle School parking lot at 7:30 am. Contact [Scott](#) or [John](#).

Annual Redeemer Chili Feed, Oct 17th

We are excited to resume our annual Chili Cook-off right after the service on Oct 17. Save the date and prep your winning recipe to unseat the reigning champion! Or just plan to taste and judge... Sign up coming soon. See [Andrew Wilder](#) for details.

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

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

