



Seeking God

REDEEMER REDMOND

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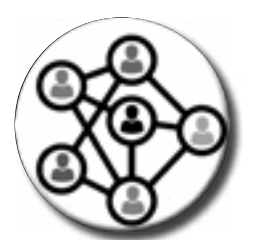
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Welcome

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 105

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God & King

Brent Milligan, David Crowder, St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper; 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!

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: 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: Build My Life

Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Elizabeth Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett, CCLI# 7070345

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you, we live for you

Chorus

Holy there is no one like you
There is none besides you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are
And fill me with your heart
And lead me in your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in you alone
And I will not be shaken

Hymn: Kingdom of God

Dave Irish, UBP

Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Lord you know my need
And how to set me free
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

I see the flowers flourish in the meadow
I see the swallows frolic in the air
Earthly kings and queens
Can't compare with one of these
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

chorus

You remind me not to worry about tomorrow
You remind me Lord to trust you more today
Your peace is always found
When I lay my burdens down
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven
Where thieves cannot break in and steal away
Where my treasure is there my heart will live
Seek ye first the kingdom of God

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

Children's Sunday School

Jesus welcomes children into his church with open arms. Parents, your children are welcome to stay with you during the entire service. We also provide a Sunday School for kids (age 1st–5th grade) and preschool (3 years to kindergarten). Children will return to their families before our last hymn to Christ (approximately 11:40am)

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.

Why Seek God

Rev. Jason Dorsey

My pastoral plea = That you respond to Θ 's
Invitation **SEEK MY FACE** w "My heart
says to you, 'Your face, LORD, do I seek.'"
Psalm 27:8

LAST WEEK looked at the great
external challenge to seeking Θ = SECULAR AGE




THIS WEEK look at the great internal
Challenge to seeking Θ = Your \heartsuit , desires

Your \heartsuit is seeking something! Why Seek Θ ?

4 REAL WORLD 
KEYS TO UNLOCK YOUR HEART

Ask for TRUST that I care for you as
Pastor, Ask for soft-heart vs. closed \heartsuit ,
and to listen w. an open mind

1  CONFIDENCE IN THE
RESCUE OF Θ



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?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

1. David speaks of real world situations... His Life
2. Θ 's Rescue is potent + sure enough to make him unafraid + confident



LOTR... Gandalf

What are your enemies?

Do you have this exulting confidence?

2 DELIGHT IN THE BEAUTY OF Θ



One thing I have 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.

1. Though David was a great king his chief end and ultimate goal was to be in Θ 's Tent gazing on Beauty of Θ + praying

2. Not abstract "disembodied beauty" but very physical, Temple, Tabernacle, Priests, Sacrifices, Songs, Candles, etc.
- LORD as Holy, Awesome, Forgiving...

You Seek Beauty for its own sake
National Gallery of Art

Could LORD be the Beauty of beauties, the Beauty behind all beauties? Beauty you need? Cf 27:5-6 "shouts of joy"

3 HOPE IN THE FAITHFULNESS OF Θ

- ☞☞ To "hear when I cry aloud" (7)
- To "be gracious to me and answer me" (7)
- To "hide not your face from me" (9)
- To "Turn not your servant away in anger" (9)
- To "Cast me not off; forsake me not" (9)

David exults in Θ 's Past Faithfulness

"Oh you who have been my help" and "O God of my salvation." (9)

And hopes in Θ 's Future Faithfulness

"For my father + mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in." (10)

A Father + Mother are the last ones who will stop loving us, give up on us, cast us off!

But even if they do forsake you, the LORD will not!

Do you know/have/hope in this level of faithfulness? Who? Really?

4 GUIDANCE IN THE WAY OF Θ

☞☞ "Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence."

1. Θ 's Way is his LAW, commands, teaching for our moral, ethical, communal life.
2. Not seeking revenge but forgiving our enemies, for example.
3. Following Θ 's Will vs. our own is especially difficult when under attack.

See David not only asks for Θ 's Way/Will to be shown but leading/guidance of Θ on it! ▼

That's too much... Just Pastor talk
I want to believe this, I tried to have a soft heart and open mind But...


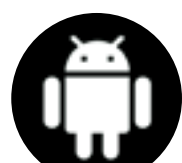
Where is Θ 's Help when I need Rescue?
Where do I gaze on Θ 's beauty w/o Temple?
Why should I hope in Faithfulness of Θ ?
How does Θ Guide Me in His Way?

=  JESUS

- 1** JESUS is and will be Θ 's Rescue of you when you were surrounded by enemies
- 2** JESUS reveals the Beauty of Θ
- 3** JESUS displays the Faithfulness of Θ
... He was cast off so that Θ could take you in
- 4** JESUS kept Θ 's WAY and made a Way for you to keep it ... Your Guide

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: 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

Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

words: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1892); alternate words and music: Vikki Cook, 2006; CCLI# 2306412

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Prayer of Sending

Ryan & Emily Holden

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](#)

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

