

## REDEEMER REDMOND

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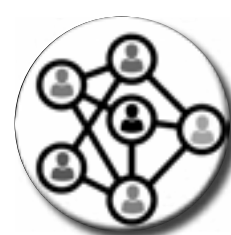
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*Eastertide (also known as the Easter season) is a period of fifty days in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends with Pentecost Sunday.*

*In our Colossians series we will be using icon imagery and ancient creeds and confessions in the liturgy to remind us that we are part of a global, international, diverse family of believers united by Christ.*



# Welcome & Call to Worship

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## Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities,  
all things were created through him and for him. And  
he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

**And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## Hymn: In Christ Alone

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*music: Keith Getty; words: Stuart Townend, 2001; © CCMG*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## **Confession of Sin**

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*From the Anglican Book of Prayer*

Let us confess our sins  
against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

*Silent prayer*

# Receiving of Grace

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## From Colossians 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Jesus Christ has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

## Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

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*Lyrics by Mary E Byrne, Modern English translation by Eleanor Hull, 1912; traditional Irish folk tune, 1919; CCLI #30639*

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 sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

## Hymn: My Rock and My Redeemer

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*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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## Offering

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### Methods of Giving to Redeemer Redmond

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

## Gloria Patri

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**Glory be to the Father  
To the Son and Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning  
Now and evermore shall be  
World without end. Amen.**



# Scripture Reading

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## Colossians 1:24-2:5

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**2** For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

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*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 Christian Ministry

Rev. Jason Dorsey



# ① The supremacy [thanks Xavier] of Christ in Christian Ministry

## So What?

Answer by contrast to Saturday's trip to the Jacob Lawrence show @ Seattle Art Museum

## ① Why it matters

### ☰☰ Context

1. By faith in the Gospel of Christ we are reconciled to God "holy + blameless and above reproach before him if indeed you continue in the faith, stable + steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard." 1:22-23

2. There is danger of being deluded... with plausible arguments. 2:4

Why? It is the GREAT THING, THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO OFFER WORLD Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

## ② What it is

### 1. OF CHRIST

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you..."

Reflecting on my ministry of Christ



## 2. ABOUT CHRIST

"...to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim..."

☑ Christ concealed in OT is revealed in NT Bible is about Jesus! So preaching must be too!

☑ The incalculable, inclusive cultural riches of the gospel *Christ in You ... John Calvin on icons*

## 3. FOR CHRISTLIKENESS

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

✦ So broad, inclusive the outreach everyone

✦ So focused on its goal mature in Christ

Wait ... creating a bunch of robots w. no uniqueness!

No, not at all. You can only become your true, particular, individual, unique self by becoming Christlike

## 4. BY CHRIST

"For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."



Paul writes from prison



Supremacy of Christ in Christian Ministry?

= The irrepressible joy of the message of the Risen Jesus by infatigable ministers of Jesus



What is its fruit?

③ How it looks

It looks like a community of diverse people  
Greek, Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian  
Scythian, slave, free (3:11), wives, husbands,  
children, singles, young, old, employees, employers  
(3:18-4:1) whose hearts are encouraged and  
knit together in love, who are growing in  
full assurance of their salvation, and finding  
in Christ all the treasures of wisdom and  
knowledge. (2:2-3)

This community is united by their shared  
faith in Christ [not other secondary identities]  
examples of secondary identities, including  
religious identities 2:20-23.

And they refuse to budge from their good  
order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Point?

The Church *Ecclesia* is our Great Cultural Exhibit

## Prayer for Congregation

### Apostle's Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,  
his only begotten Son, our Lord.  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,



born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Communion

### Hymn: All the Way to Calvary

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*Dave Irish, Mike Doran, CCLI # 7163575*

Did you think of me all the way to Calvary  
With an everlasting love  
Did you think of me in the pain and suffering  
When you drank that bitter cup

Was I in your heart when the night surrounded you  
And you hung upon that tree  
Was I in your heart did you think of me  
All the way to Calvary

*chorus*

And when all my sin pierced your side  
And the blood flowed rich and free.  
You knew me then and you loved me still  
All the way to Calvary

Did you think of me all the way to Calvary  
when you cried and breathed your last  
Did you think of me when you gained the victory  
and the sting of death had passed

*chorus*



# Hymn: My One Comfort

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My one comfort both in life and death  
Is that I am not my own  
I was bought with blood and I confess  
I belong to you alone

By the Father's good decree  
Jesus you've delivered me  
By your spirit set me free  
To follow you

Jesus you have taken hold of me  
And in your grip of grace I'm finally free

## Benediction





# Announcements

## Gather for Worship

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### Youth Group

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

### Sunday Worship Services

Worship Service and Live Broadcast at 10:30

RSVP is no longer required

### 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](#).

## Grow in Community

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### Cinco De Mayo

Pastor Jason and Jenny Dorsey are hosting a Cinco De Mayo Mexican Food Feast for Redeemer singles on Wednesday, May 5th. This will replace our normal "Second Sabbath Singles Supper." We will meet at 6:00pm at the Dorsey's home: 15788 NE 101st Ct. Park on on the street where 160th St. dead ends. Please RSVP with [Pastor Jason](#) or [Jenny](#).

### 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 is launching 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.



## **Thursday Walks with Jim and Jason**

Jason and Jim walk on Thursdays at noon. This is a great way to connect and get some exercise. If interested in joining them, contact [Jim Gibons](#) for details and he will send a reminder the day of. Hope to see you!

## **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. Details to follow.

## **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**

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### **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.



## **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](#).

## **Stoms Family Mission Update**

We recently received an update from Jay Stoms on his family and their mission, building and equipping the church in Stellenbosch, South Africa. [Read his letter here](#).

## **Emily Huston Summer Mission**

Emily is very thankful for all the support for her summer mission trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. She has asked for no additional funding but is eager to have her family at Redeemer Redmond to partner with her to pray for this trip. We will look for specific ways we can pray as she prepares for this trip, for now please pray for planning to go well as he prepares her heart to serve Him in mission.

## **Sacred Road Trip Canceled**

Due to a number of circumstances including uncertainty with Covid we have decided that Redeemer will not be going in mission this summer to Sacred Road in Yakima. This was a difficult and discerned decision starting with MOJ director and then approved through the Session. We are not abandoning the team at Sacred Road as we will donate the deposit which may have been forfeited and the Deacons will think about ways to support further financially. Also, we will look for a way over the summer to connect with the team that was going to go, and to pray for and support the folks at Sacred Road. Please pray for the staff and ministry leaders of Sacred Road and the peoples of Warm Springs and White Swan reservations. For wisdom and guidance as they continue to navigate a difficult time.



## **Faith of a Mustard Seed Trip Canceled**

The FOM Mission Trip for 2021 has been canceled. See Pastor Dorsey for details.

## **MOJ Transition**

MOJ is currently transitioning to the Deacon team and is set to fully transition by June 1 st . If you have any questions see any of our Deacons or [Jim Gibons](#).

## **A reminder of ministries and neighbors 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

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 during this time, and to maintain the hope they have in him.

## **Counseling and Deaconal Support**

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

