

The Supremacy *of* Christ

a series from Paul's letter to the Colossians

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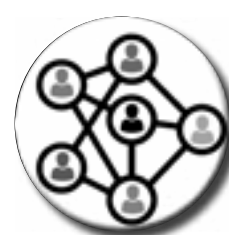
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Eastertide (also known as the Easter season) is a period of fifty days in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends with Pentecost Sunday.

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

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: 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

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

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

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: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

by Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

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

My comfort, my counselor
My shelter, my Savior

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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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:*  

Gloria Patri

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

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:5-11

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once

walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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 Christian Ethics

Rev. Jason Dorsey

3 The supremacy of Christ in Christian Theology
Ministry, Mind + Today in Christian Ethics

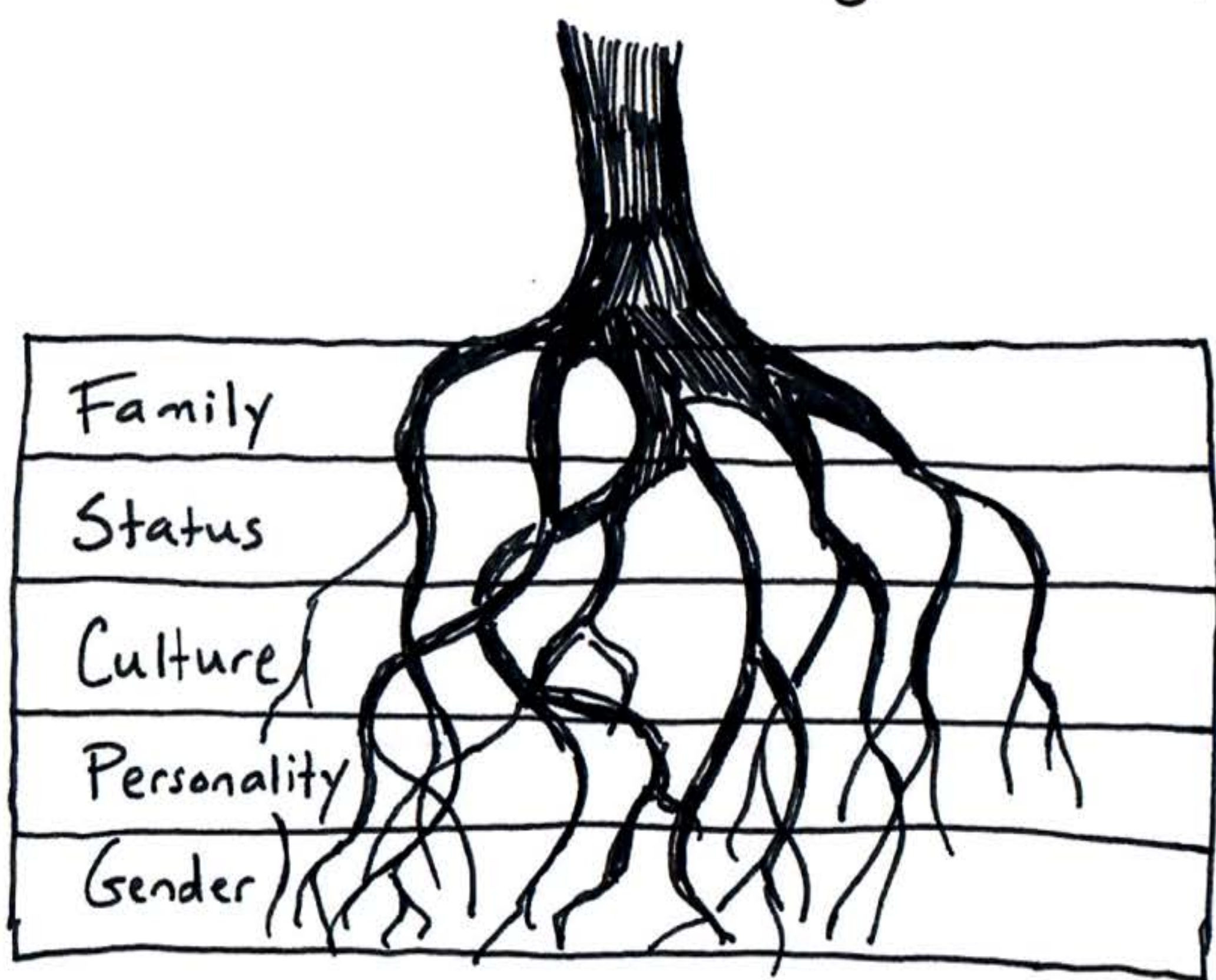
☑ Personal Ethic, Personal Holiness "Put to death therefore whatever is earthly in you" 3:10

☑ Corporate Ethic, "Beautiful Community" Irwyn Ince
"Here there is not Greek + Jew, circumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all." 3:11

People today - You! - want the Beautiful Community
But w/o Personal Holiness Critical Race Theory
Impossible! No Beautiful Community w/o
Personal Holiness, and neither are possible
w/o Jesus Christ! Gondor + King Aragorn

WHAT?

Thesis The roots of the Sin Nature go deep into the soil of who we are as humans regardless of age, race, gender, culture, economic status, intertwining w. all we are and vandalizing and even destroying community.



The sinful roots must be uprooted, destroyed, "Mortified"... "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you" (3:5) and replaced with a whole new self (3:9)... after the image of its creator ► Christ, the image/icon of Θ and Creator (1:15-16)

➡➡➡ Personal Holiness [Christ likeness] is the only path to the Beautiful Community

① Put To DEATH

☰☰ Mortify

- ☑ Sexual Immorality
- ☑ Impurity
- ☑ Passion What's wrong w. passion?
 - Meaning = "shameful passion which leads to sexual excess" (O'Brien)
- ☑ Desire, can be good or bad, here bad evil desire, insatiable, overbearing, addictive.
- ☑ Covetousness GREED ► IDOLATRY



On account of these the wrath of Θ
[Divine Justice / Divine Retribution] is coming.
In these you too once walked, when you
were living in them. But now you must
put them all away:

- ☑ Anger
- ☑ Wrath
- ☑ Malice
- ☑ Slander
- ☑ and obscene talk from your mouth
- ☑ Do not lie to each other, seeing that
you have put off the old self with
its practices...

Reflections ... Common Ground

1. SIN [or whatever term you choose
to use for these vices] • vandalized +
even destroys people and community


Examples

2. SIN [or whatever term you choose to use for these vices] cuts across age, gender, culture, race, economics, status, etc.

"Dividing line of good + evil cuts through every human heart" Alexander Solzenitsyn

3. SIN is an overwhelming, insurmountable foe... How will you mortify?


② PUT ON NEW SELF

 ... Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 3:10

➡➡➡ MOST IMPORTANT POINT ! Christian Ethics Always follows God's Redemptive Act. GOD SAVES + WE RESPOND !

The ORDER OF COLOSSIANS

1. Jesus, Son of Θ , is CREATOR and Redeemer, Reconciler "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things ... making peace by the blood of his cross." 1:15

2. Jesus Christ makes you holy by 
"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him." 1:21-22

3. Jesus Christ canceled the debt of your sin by his death on the cross

"And you who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, 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." 2:13-14

4. You are safe "eternally secure," hid in Christ in God (3:3) and destined for glory "When Christ who is your life appears, then you will appear w. him in glory." (3:4)

↑ Mortification of Sin + Putting on Christ is by faith believing these truths, Gospel, preaching them to self unto they sink roots deep into the Soil of You, Transforming You "... Put on the new self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator ► Christ 3:10 *Like 1

Final Reflections

1. Christian ethics are fundamentally different from all other ethics, religions, ideologies, world-views

Non-Christian Ethics	Christian Ethic
Become what you should be	Become what you are
Become the person modeled by your holy leader, law,	Become the Person Jesus already made you to be

Mortification is a Mop Up Campaign
Hobbits in the Shire

2. There is absolutely no hope to create a Beautiful Community w/o Holy People fighting battles with their personal sin and sharing love for their Savior King

Prayer for Congregation

Apostle's Creed

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: What Wondrous Love

Alexander Means, William Walker, public domain; CCLI # 197297

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on and joyful be
And through eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

Hymn: Come Christians Join to Sing

words, Christian H. Bateman; music Sterling Procter; CCLI# 83253

Come Christians, join to sing, Alleluia, Amen
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia, Amen
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia Amen

Come lift your hearts on high, Alleluia, Amen
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia, Amen
He is our guide and friend, to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end, Alleluia, Amen

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia, Amen
Life shall not end the strain Alleluia, Amen
On heavens blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore
Singing forever more Alleluia, Amen

Benediction

Announcements

Gather for Worship

To Mask or Not to Mask

Currently Hilton Corporate is re-examining their mask policy and has not issued new guidance. To honor their current policy we should all wear masks while inside the hotel. We expect this may be the last Sunday where this is a requirement.

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

Financial Update

As of 31 Mar, our Year-to-Date financial figures:

Total Offering: \$53,371.49

Total Expenses: \$64,673.20

Difference: - \$ 11,301.71

Church Hike, May 22nd

Join us for another time of enjoying Creation and good fellowship on May 22nd to Middle Fork Snoqualmie. We will meet at 8 am at the Redmond Middle School parking lot. Contact [Scott](#) or [John](#) with questions..

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

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

Summer VBS for Kids

Come join us for VBS on Sunday mornings this summer! We need both participants and volunteers!

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 if we have enough volunteers (3-5 years)

Kids, let's have some fun digging about some truths about Jesus!

High schoolers and adults, let's bless our children by volunteering during VBS. We need teachers, helpers, planners and much more!

Both participants and volunteers can register here: [**VBS Registration**](#). Please register soon, as VBS starts just around the corner! See [**Linda**](#) for more info.

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**](#).

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](#).

RUF at UW Update

We received an update from Ali Gosselin at RUF UW this week that includes a glimpse into what the quarter has looked like so far as well as info on some time-sensitive fundraising needs. Read Ali's newsletter [HERE](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) to donate.

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.

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.