

This week, we end our sermon series in the exact same place we started, in Genesis 1:1, ""In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Everything we've looked at since that point is the outworking of God redeeming his creation! It goes back to God. Back to his perfect creation. Back to perfect communion with God. Back to the way it was always supposed to be!

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

**Songs of Praise** 

Lamb of God Hallelujah Amen

### Announcements and Offering

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Please prayerfully consider an online offering

**Confession of Faith** 

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

### Song of Declaration

O Come to the Altar

### Sermon - The ONE Glorious Future

Sermon Scripture - Revelation 21:1-7

#### **Redeemed Creation**

- How is this a culmination of the promise made in Genesis 3:15?
  - Revelation 1:1
  - Revelation 21:1
- What two questions must be addressed?
- What do we learn in Romans 8:12 and Matthew 19:28?
  - "once more, but now in a surpassing way, the creation will be a temple fit for the dwelling of God with His people." – Cornel Venema

#### **Redeemed Relationship**

- What does Ezekiel 37:26-28 tell us?
- How does this passage tie back to Isaiah 7:14?

- What will this relationship be like for us?
  - Genesis 3:8
  - Revelation 21:4

# **Redeemed Reality**

- Why can we trust this good news?
  Revelation 21:5-7
- How is this passage similar to John 19:30 (It is finished)?
  - Isaiah 55:1
  - "The saints of God in every age have been men and women who drank of this fountain by faith and were relieved. They felt their guilt and emptiness, and thirsted for deliverance. They heard of a full supply of pardon, mercy, and grace in Christ crucified for all penitent believers. They believed the good news and acted upon." - J.C. Ryle
- How does this passage end? Why is that important?
  - Revelation 21:6
  - Genesis 1:1

## Song of Response

Resurrecting

# **Benediction**

- 1. What is the overarching narrative of scripture?
- 2. How is this passage the culmination of the rest of the biblical story of redemption?
- 3. What is the promise in Ezekiel 37:26-28? How does it tie into this passage?
- 4. Read Revelation 21:4. What would it be like to live in a world as described in this verse?
- 5. How would you respond to a person that says this story sounds too good to be true?
- 6. What have you learned during this series?