



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

August 30, 2020

Prelude — *Blessings* — Jon Cowherd

Welcome — Rev. Joe Moon

Call to Worship and Prayer — from Psalm 86

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

All: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

All: Great is your love toward me; You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

Song of Praise – Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory
Pout out your power and love, as we sing "Holy, holy, holy!"

Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy holy! I want to see you.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive them, O Lord, because of your great goodness. Amen.

Confessional Response — Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb (*chorus*)

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete
I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet (*chorus*)

Words of Encouragement — Luke 4:18-19

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Prayers of the People (*concluded by the Lord's Prayer*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we

forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 5:1-13

¹ Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers.

² For there were those who said, “With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive.” ³ There were also those who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine.” ⁴ And there were those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards.

⁵ Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards.”

⁶ I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. ⁷ I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, “You are exacting interest, each from his brother.” And I held a great assembly against them ⁸ and said to them, “We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!” They were silent and could not find a word to say. ⁹ So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? ¹⁰ Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest.

¹¹ Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.”

¹² Then they said, “We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say.” And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. ¹³ I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, “So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied.” And all the assembly said “Amen” and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised. (ESV)

Homily — *Justice in Hardship* — Rev. Joel Kady

Offertory — *You Know I Care* — Duke Pearson

Final Song — Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught 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, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

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

Pastoral Updates

- Disaster Relief Fund for healthcare workers | Contact Ellen, ellen.boker@redeemer.com
- New Women's Bible Study, Sep 24 | westside.redeemer.com/womensbiblestudy
- Love your neighbors through Noonday Prayer | westside.redeemer.com/stayconnected
- Stay up to date with what's going on at westside.redeemer.com/calendar

Benediction and Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude — *Greatest Love* — Abraham Laboriel