



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

August 9, 2020

Prelude — *Both Sides Now* — Joni Mitchell/arr. Herbie Hancock

Welcome — Milla Nieminen

Call to Worship and Prayer — from Psalm 65

Leader: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

All: O you who hear prayer, to you all people will come.

Leader: When we were overwhelmed by our sins, you forgave our transgressions.

All: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

Song of Praise — Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful

Where the streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name (*chorus*)

You give and take away, you give and take away

My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you are generous in abundance. You have given us gifts we do not deserve.

You have called us from death to life, granted us forgiveness through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, given us the Holy Spirit, and made us your children.

You have provided for us, spiritually and materially. Yet we have failed to be thankful and to rejoice in your goodness. We have ignored you and neglected to give you the praise due your name. Forgive us for our ingratitude. Give us eyes that see your hand at work in all areas of life. Enable us to realize that every good thing comes from you. And deepen our gratitude so that we might serve you with undivided and joyful hearts.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement — 2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 — Ezra 3:8-13

⁸ In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak and the rest of the people (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work. They appointed Levites twenty years old and older to supervise the building of the house of the Lord. ⁹ Joshua and his sons and brothers and Kadmiel and his sons (descendants of Hodaviah) and the sons of Henadad and their sons and brothers — all Levites — joined together in supervising those working on the house of God.

¹⁰ When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. ¹¹ With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: “He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.”

And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. ¹³ No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Homily — *Newness in Grief* — Rev. David Bisgrove

Offertory — *First Song* — Charlie Haden

Final Song — Beauty for Ashes

Come unto me, all ye who labor
Come and receive rest from your burdens
Come, find your tears drowning in mercy
Come, see your darkness dispelled by my light

Beauty for ashes, gladness for mourning
Anthems of joy in place of songs of loud despairing
Pleasure for sorrow, comfort for grieving
Covering brokenhearted souls in robes of splendor

Pastoral updates

- Completing the Fall Survey will help us serve you this fall. Survey closes tonight at midnight. | westside.redeemer.com/fallsurvey
- New WS Class — Racial Conversations: A Personal and Cultural Lense on Race, Thursday, Aug 13 | westside.redeemer.com/conversations
- Join Noonday Prayer, Mon-Fri, 12 to 12:30 p.m. | westside.redeemer.com/stayconnected
- Stay up to date with what’s going on at westside.redeemer.com/calendar

Benediction

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 — *Country* — Keith Jarrett