



# Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

December 27, 2020

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**Prelude** — *You Called Me Friend* — Hammond/Rutherford/Crutcher

**Welcome** — Paul Yoo

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 8

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

**All:** **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**

Leader: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands. You put everything under their feet.

**All:** **Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Song of Praise** — Glory to Glory to Glory

Glory to glory, glory to glory, to glory to glory to God!

To the only God, my Savior, be majesty, dominion, and power  
Forever and ever and ever be glorified

Let the people praise him, rejoice in all his goodness, and be thankful for all he has done  
Tell the generations, from the mountain to the valley, by his Spirit the vict'ry is won

**Song of Praise** — Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Time is filled with swift transition, naught of earth unmoved can stand  
Build your hopes on things eternal; Hold to God's unchanging hand

*Hold to his hand, God's unchanging hand; Hold to his hand, God's unchanging hand  
Build your hopes on things eternal; Hold to God's unchanging hand*

Trust in him who will not leave you, whatsoever years may bring  
If your earthly friends forsake you, still more closely to him cling (*chorus*)

Don't you trust in this world's riches; They so rapidly decay  
Look to gain the heav'nly treasures; They will never pass away (*chorus*)

**Prayer of Adoration** (*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.**

**Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

**O Lord, you are our Creator, and we are the work of your hands. You are our Shepherd, and we are your flock. You are our Redeemer, and we are your inheritance. You are our God, and we are your children. Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your wrath. Do not recall our sin, to punish it, but chastise us gently in your kindness. Complete the work you have begun in us by your grace, that the whole earth may recognize that you are our God and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Words of Encouragement** — Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

### **Song of Praise** — What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading,  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

### **Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral update** | Officer nominations open January 1: [westside.redeemer.com/nominate](http://westside.redeemer.com/nominate)

### **Scripture Reading** — John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

**Homily** — *Friendship with God* — Paul Yoo

### **Closing Song** — Center of My Joy

Jesus, you're the center of my joy  
All that's good and perfect comes from you  
You're the heart of my contentment, hope for all I do  
Jesus, you're the center of my joy

### **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** — *Get Me Through December* — Lavery/Sampson/arr. Alison Krauss