



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

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Prelude | *Redemption Song* by Stevie Wonder

Welcome | Paul Yoo

Call to Worship | Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

All: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in tents of the wicked.

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

All: O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you!

Song of Praise | Here I Am to Worship

Light of the World, you stepped down into darkness; Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you; Hope of a life spent with you

*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, O so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created; All for love's sake became poor (*chorus*)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross (*chorus*)

Song of Praise | Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King throughout eternity

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end, and 'round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity

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)*

Holy Lord, we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but have you rule over us in liberty and power. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you. Amen.

Words of Encouragement | Psalm 32:1, 5

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" — and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Song of Praise | Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my Rock and my Salvation
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness. I'll look to him who hears me

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God*

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven (*chorus*)

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in him completely
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever (*chorus*)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral update | Sign up for the Philippians Bible Study at westside.redeemer.com/biblestudy

Scripture Reading | Daniel 5:1-6, 13-31

¹ King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶ His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

¹³ So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?" ¹⁴ I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. ¹⁵ The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. ¹⁶ Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

¹⁸ “Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. ¹⁹ Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. ²¹ He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.

²² “But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. ²³ Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. ²⁴ Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

²⁵ “This is the inscription that was written: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin

²⁶ “Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷ Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸ Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

²⁹ Then at Belshazzar’s command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹ and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

Homily from Rev. David Bisgrove | *The Writing on the Wall*

Closing Song | Give Me Jesus

O when I am alone, O when I am alone, O when I am alone, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus

O when I come to die, O when I come to die, O when I come to die, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus

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 | *Have a Talk with God* by Stevie Wonder