



# Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

January 24, 2021

---

**Prelude** | *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* arr. Jon Cowherd

**Welcome** | Milla Nieminen

**Call to Worship** | Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

**All: Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

**All: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

**Song of Praise** | Again I Say Rejoice

Come bless the Lord! Come bless the Lord! Draw near to worship Christ, the Lord  
And bless his name, his holy name, declaring He is good  
Come bless the Lord! Come bless the Lord! Draw near to worship Christ, the Lord  
And bless his name, his holy name, declaring He is good

O that men would praise Him, O that men would praise Him

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, and again I say rejoice!  
In the Lord always, and again I say, and again I say rejoice!

**Song of Praise** | How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold a Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin who held him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything - no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from his reward? I can not give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

**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**

Leader: Merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues —

**All: For deception and untruthfulness; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.**

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes —

**All: For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us.**

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts —

**All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, and self-pity. Holy Father, give us grace to be transformed into your likeness and to live wholly for your glory.**

**Words of Encouragement** | Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

**Song of Praise** | All Flesh is Like the Grass (Isaiah 40)

All flesh is like the grass; The grass withers and fades away

All flesh is like the grass; The grass withers and fades away

The glory of man like a flower that shrivels in the sun and falls

The glory of man like a flower that shrivels in the sun and falls

But the word of the Lord endures forever; The word of the Lord endures forever

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral update** | Last chance to submit nominations: [westside.redeemer.com/nominations](http://westside.redeemer.com/nominations)

**Scripture Reading** | Daniel 6:1-10, 16-28

<sup>1</sup> It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom,<sup>2</sup> with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.<sup>3</sup> Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.<sup>4</sup> At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.<sup>5</sup> Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

<sup>6</sup> So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever!<sup>7</sup> The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den.<sup>8</sup> Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”<sup>9</sup> So King Darius put the decree in writing.

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

<sup>16</sup> So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed.<sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

<sup>24</sup> At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

<sup>25</sup> Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

"May you prosper greatly!

<sup>26</sup> "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

"For he is the living God  
and he endures forever;  
his kingdom will not be destroyed,  
his dominion will never end.

<sup>27</sup> He rescues and he saves;  
he performs signs and wonders  
in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel  
from the power of the lions."

<sup>28</sup> So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

**Homily by Rev. David Bisgrove** | *You Serve Continually*

**Closing Song** | And Can it Be

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in my Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?

*Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?  
Amazing love, how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above, (so free, so infinite his grace!)  
Humbled himself (so great his love!) and bled for Adam's helpless race (*chorus*)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in him is mine  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine (*chorus*)

**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** | *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed* arr. Tom Jennings