



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

January 3, 2021

Prelude — *Amanda* — Marcus Miller

Welcome — Rev. Joel Kady

Call to Worship — Psalm 92

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O most high. To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

All: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

Leader: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts! You, O Lord, are exalted forever.

All: The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.

Song of Praise — Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part. O praise him, Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care

O praise him. O praise him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless and worship him with humbleness. O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One

O praise him. O praise him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song of Praise — I Give You Glory/Te doy la gloria

I give you glory, I give you honor, I give you my life, I give you praise

I give you glory, I give you honor, I give you my life, I give you praise

For you are my sweet Salvation, You are my blessed Redeemer

You died for me and gave me your life. I give you my life, I give you praise

Te doy la gloria, te doy la honra, te doy mi vida, te alabaré

Te doy la gloria, te doy la honra, te doy mi vida, te alabaré

Eres mi dulce Salvador, y mi bendito Redentor

Por mi moriste, me diste vida, te doy mi vida, te alabaré

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*)

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have dishonored you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our strength, we have stumbled. Trusting in our goodness, we have become prideful. Confident in our plans, we have failed to seek your will. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins, to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you. We pray these things in the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Encouragement — I John 3:19-20

This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Song of Praise — Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above
And his peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee ever, all my days
Let me seek thy kingdom only and my life be to thy praise
Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, thou thyself hast set me free

Prayers of the People

Pastoral update | Nominate a member you know to serve as Elder or Deek: westside.redeemer.com/nominate

Scripture Reading — Daniel 2:24-49

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation."²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?"

²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanter, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked,²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

³¹ "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze,³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all — you are the head of gold.³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a

kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. ⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.” ⁴⁸ Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹ Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

Homily — *No Wise Men* — Rev. Joel Kady

Closing Song — Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea, creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring, every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming...

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name
You are amazing, God
All powerful, untameable, awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light, yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name
You are amazing, God
Incomparable, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same
You are amazing, God

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 — *Hope that We Can Be Together Soon* — Gamble/Huff