



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

July 26, 2020

Reflection

Evangelism is witness. It is one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread.

— D.T. Niles

The church is to be a missionary community, and it would be a contradiction of its essence were it to stop growing.

— Ernst Haenchen

Prelude — *Aucassin et Nicolette (Medieval Canzonetta)* — Fritz Kreisler

Welcome — Rev. Bijan Mirtolooi

Call to Worship and Prayer — from 1 Chronicles 29

Leader: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

All: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Leader: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Hymn — Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore 'til moons shall wax and wane no more

To him shall endless prayer be made and praises throng to crown his head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice

Blessings abound where'er he reigns, the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest and all who suffer want are blessed

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the loud 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.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement — Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

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 — Isaiah 43:8-13

⁸ Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. ⁹ All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. ¹¹ I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. ¹² I have revealed and saved and proclaimed — I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God. ¹³ Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

Homily — *Witness to Real Power* — Rev. Bijan Mirtolooi

Closing Hymn — All for Jesus

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, all my being's ransomed pow'rs
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours

Let my hands perform his bidding, let my feet run in his ways
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth his praise

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I've lost sight of all beside
So enchained my Spirit's vision, looking at the Crucified

O what wonder, how amazing, Jesus, glorious King of Kings
Deigns to call me his beloved, lets me rest beneath his wings

Pastoral updates

- Disaster Relief Fund for healthcare workers | Contact Ellen at ellen.boker@redeemer.com
- Virtual Bible Study starts Aug 5 | westside.redeemer.com/biblestudy
- Virtual volunteer opportunities with HFNY | hfnny.org/virtualvolunteer
- 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 — *Berceuse* — Gabriel Fauré