



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

November 8, 2020

Prelude — *Beatitudes Song* — Tommy Walker

Welcome — Ellen Boker

Call to Worship — Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his love endures forever. Let those who fear the LORD say "His love endures forever."

All: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

All: You are our God, and we will give you thanks: you are our God, and we will exalt you.

Song of Praise — O For a Thousand

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumph of his grace
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name

O for a thousand, O for a thousand, O for a thousand tongues to sing

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace
He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin; He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me (*chorus*)

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe
Hear him you deaf, you voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ
You blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, you lame, for joy (*chorus*)

Song of Praise — Good Good Father

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a good, good Father; It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You; It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am*

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word (*chorus*)

'Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love (*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*)

God of love, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our relationships and serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be dwelling places for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, and are unwilling to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look on us with kindness and grace. Rule in our lives and in all the world. Show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior.

Words of Encouragement — Heidelberg Catechism 18

And who is this mediator — true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous? Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

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

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Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:1-10, 17-20

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Homily — *The Message of Jesus* — Rev. David Bisgrove

Closing Song — Amazing Grace

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!) that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun

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 — *Forgiveness* — Gregory Tardy