



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

September 20, 2020

Prelude — *Violin Sonata No. 4, I. Allegro* — Charles Ives

Welcome — Rev. Bijan Mirtolooi

Hymn — Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God
He whose word can not be broken formed thee for his own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may smile at all thy foes

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age

'Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day
Safe, they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray

Savior, if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasures, none but Zion's children know

Call to Worship — from Psalm 30

Leader: We will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted us out of the depths. O Lord, you brought us up from the grave.

All: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Leader: When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." O Lord, when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

All: But you turned our mourning into dancing; you removed our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, that our hearts may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord, our God, we will give thanks forever.

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*)

Pardon our sins, merciful Lord. We have been hasty and short in prayer, and this sin leads to so many others. Keep us from robbing you of the true worship which your glory requires and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe out our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered and forgotten. Enable us to remember the blood that cleanses from all sin, and the grace that overwhelms all evil. Amen.

Confessional Response — Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have one strong and perfect plea
A great high priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart
I know that while is heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the wrong within
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself, I can not die, my soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Words of Encouragement — Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Infant Baptisms

Scripture Reading — Acts 4:23-31

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

““Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.’

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Homily — *Remembering* — Rev. David Bisgrove

Offertory — *Violin Sonata No. 4, II. Largo* — Charles Ives

Final Song — God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free
O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began
Sent my Savior down from heaven, Perfect God and perfect man
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as his own
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on him alone

God of grace I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure
God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see your face
And forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace

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- Information for all upcoming events can be found at westside.redeemer.com/calendar

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 — *Violin Sonata No. 4, III. Allegro* — Charles Ives