



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

September 6, 2020

Prelude — *Tango Bittersweet* — Fred Hersch

Welcome — Rev. Joel Kady

Hymn — Come Christians Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ, our King. Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice before his throne rejoice
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high. Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend. His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Call to Worship — from Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord, his God, maker of Heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

Leader: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

All: The Lord reigns forever. Praise the Lord!

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*)

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Confessional Response — Center of My Joy

Jesus, you're the center of my joy; All that's good and perfect comes from you
You're the heart of my contentment, hope for all I do. Jesus, you're the center of my joy

Words of Encouragement — from Psalm 30

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and gave me joy.

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading — Romans 8:18-25; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

^{4:16} Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Homily — *Hope in Lament* — Paul Yoo

Offertory — *Salut d'Amour, Op. 12* — Edward Elgar

Hymn — Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my Rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes and I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to him who hears me

Chorus: *O praise him, hallelujah, My delight and my reward*
 Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven (*chorus*)

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely
With every day pour out my soul and he will prove his mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am his forever (*chorus*)

Pastoral Updates

- Rooted: In the gospel, in our neighborhoods, for the city | westside.redeemer.com/rooted
- Communion Service | Sep 13 at 5 p.m. via Zoom westside.redeemer.com/communion
- Stay up to date with what's going on 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 — *Aria for Violin* — Tom Jennings