



# REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

*To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*

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HEBREWS 11

*February 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent*

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## **Season of the Cross:** Purple for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days through Holy Week. It is a reminder of Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of preparation and penitence, as we look ahead with anticipation to His death and resurrection.

## Call to Worship: Psalm 113:1-3

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

**ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

## Song of Ascent

*The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.*

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

## Reading of the Law: Isaiah 30:15-18

*While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.*

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

*We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## Confession of Sin: From *The Valley of Vision*

*In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.*

**Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 4:13-25

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## **Greeting**

*In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.*

## **Song of Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder  
Build My Life

## **Worship Through Giving:** Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://redeemerwh.org/give)

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal:** 9am

*Children through fifth grade are dismissed for kids' worship.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

*We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.*

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

Heb. 11:11-12; Gen. 17:15-19; 18:10-14; 21:1-6

## **Song of Response & Sending**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

Jesus I Come

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Pg. 1008 (Hebrews 11:11-12 ESV)

15 And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" 18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" 19 God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.

Pg. 59 (Genesis 17:15-19 ESV)

10 The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Pg. 60 (Genesis 18:10-14 ESV)

1 The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me."

Pg. 62 (Genesis 21:1-6 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** By Faith

**Sermon Title:** God Gets the Last Laugh

**Date:** February 28, 2021

## **I. CRISIS OF FAITH**

*"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Gen 18:14)*

## **II. CONSIDERING FAITHFULNESS**

*"The LORD visited Sarah as he had said... He did as He had promised" (Gen 21:1).*

# Lenten Devotional

## WEEK 2: LAMENT

Lament is not about getting things off your chest. It's about casting your anxieties upon God and trusting Him with them. Mere complaining indicates a lack of intimacy with God. Because lament is a form of prayer, lament transforms our cries and complaints into worship.

Anyone can complain, and practically everyone does. Christians can lament because we have access to the creator of the world and author of our stories. Christians talk to God about their condition and ask Him to change things because they have a relationship with Him. To lament is to be utterly honest before a God whom our faith tells us we can trust. Biblical lament affirms that suffering is real and spiritually significant but not hopeless.

***Q: What breaks your heart? What about your own brokenness frustrates or grieves you? What breaks your heart about the brokenness of the city?***

***Q: How do you normally deal with these emotions?***

Lent is a season of sorrow. More than usual, we are aware of the frail and fallen condition of our world and certainly in our own body and soul. Our reflection during this season stirs a deep sense that something is wrong. The Psalms teach us how to lament.

### SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 88

*Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me. They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in on me together. You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness.*

***Q: What does this passages teach us about lament?***

***Q: Can you share your complaints and sorrow with God? What makes that difficult? What do we do instead of lamenting to God? What do we miss when we do these things?***

### PRAYER

*Pray for words, images, and details of your life's pain to come freely and pour out your anger, fear, confusion, sadness, desperation, disappointment, and weariness in complaint before God.*

*Pray that our knowledge of God's love in Christ's suffering would make us safe people to receive the laments of others without spiritually trying to correct, edit, or silence their expression of pain.*

*Thank Christ for hearing you and being with you in your soul's journey through death into life in Him (if you can't bring yourself to that, plead for Him to hear you).*

## Announcements

**Mask Only Service:** We are now offering a **mask only service at 8am** on Communion Sundays. *The next service will be March 7.*

**Men's Bible Study:** Guys, we'd love for you to join us for a weekly Men's Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am** in Covenant Hall. No RSVP or prep work necessary.

**Through Stained Glass:** Check out our new podcast **Through Stained Glass**. The first season is called **How to Disagree Well**. Visit [redeemerwh.org/podcast](https://redeemerwh.org/podcast) to find the podcast in your favorite podcasting apps or on the RedeemerWH app.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Online Directory:** Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit [redeemerwh.org/directory](https://redeemerwh.org/directory) to access your profile.

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: [redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic](https://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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