



*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.*



*March 8, 2020 – 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.

## Song of Gathering and Preparation

*We prepare our hearts and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

### King of Kings

#### Call to Worship: Worship Sourcebook

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

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

**All: Some with laughter and songs of joy.**

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

**All: Some from a sense of obligation and habit.**

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

**All: Some with heavy hearts and grief.**

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

**All: Some with distraction or exhaustion.**

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

**All: Some with eagerness and enthusiasm.**

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,

**All: Some with stress, loneliness, or depression.**

Leader: As God's dearly loved children,

**All: We bring all our joy and pain, hurt and longing into this place of Spirit-given grace, love and hope.**

#### Songs of Adoration

*We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.*

### Come Away From Rush and Hurry

#### Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:18-20

*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.*

Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

## 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: The Book of Common Prayer

**"Most holy and merciful Father: we confess to you, and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves... We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger pass from us. Accomplish in us the work of your salvation. By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord. Amen."**

### Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:3-4

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

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

## 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.*

## Songs 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*

Be Thou My Vision  
What A Beautiful Name

## Worship Through Giving: Beautiful Things

*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.*

## Sacrament of Baptism: 10:30am

*The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).*

George Samuel McAdams

## **Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal**

*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.*

Psalm 128

## **Sacrament of Communion**

*The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.*

Bread of the World In Mercy Broken

## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

Good and Gracious King

## **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:** See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers *A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

- 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
    who walks in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
    you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
    within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
    around your table.
- 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
    who fears the LORD.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion!  
    May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
    all the days of your life!
- 6 May you see your children's children!  
    Peace be upon Israel!

Pg. 518 (Psalm 128 ESV)

## **Quotes**

*"Ungodly fear flows from God wrongly perceived, whereas godly fear flows from God rightly perceived. Ungodly fear compels us to run from God, whereas godly fear compels us to run to God."* – Stephen Yuille

## **Resources**

*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Eugene Peterson  
*Longing for Home*, Stephen Yuille

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What makes for a happy life? How does our culture answer that question? How does Christianity? How are they different?
2. What is the wrong fear and the right fear of God? What's the difference between reverence and dread?
3. Talk about your relationships (especially family). Are you more prone to make yourself the center or to make your spouse/children the center? How does that lead to ruin?
4. What is one practical way living with the proper fear of the Lord would change the dynamics in your relationships?

**Sermon Series:** Psalms of Ascent: On the Way

**Sermon Title:** The Happy Life

**Date:** March 8, 2020

## **I. FEAR**

*Do not fear so that you might fear.*

## **II. BLESSING**

*Health and fruitfulness are the measure of God's blessing, not "success" or affluence.*

## **III. ZION**

*All of God's blessings come from Jesus.*

# Lenten Devotional

## WEEK 2: LAMENT

### SCRIPTURE

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.

**Read Psalm 88:**

**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

Greeting this morning is the **Reynolds** Community Group.

**Student Ministry Fundraiser:** Our student ministry is hosting a spaghetti lunch & dessert auction **NEXT SUNDAY, March 15** to raise money for camp. This will take place directly following the second worship service. A to-go option will be available after both services if you are unable to stay.

**Family Fest:** During the student ministry fundraiser **NEXT SUNDAY, March 15**, we will be having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, and face painting. You won't want to miss this! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend! Check with Tammy Henderson at [tammy@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:tammy@redeemerwinterhaven.org) if you have any questions.

**Holy Week Schedule:** During Holy Week we will be having daily Person of Jesus lessons at noon in Covenant Hall (lunch & childcare will be provided). We will also be having our annual **Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 6pm on April 9 & 10**. We do ask that you would RSVP for the Maundy Thursday service so that we can plan for food. RSVP: [redeemerwh.org/maundy](http://redeemerwh.org/maundy)

**Person of Jesus Study:** There are two opportunities to join us on Wednesdays for the Person of Jesus study. We have **a lunch-time group from 12-1pm and an evening group from 7-8pm**. Pizza will be provided for the lunch-time group or you can bring your own lunch. These groups will meet weekly until April 29.

**Women's Bible Study:** There are two opportunities to join us for our Women's Bible Study: **Mon. 6:30-8p, Thur. 9:30-11am**. Our Thursday morning study has childcare. See our website for more information.

**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](http://redeemerwh.org/directory) to access your profile.

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

**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](http://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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