



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 24

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from Philippians 2:5-11*

See the Almighty God, your Father,  
in the face of Jesus Christ,

**Though he was equal in glory and power with God  
he left it all.**

He took on human nature and became finite,  
a creature, a human, a man.

**The almighty came as a servant  
in loving obedience to his Father  
all the way to the extreme of death.**

And now listen,  
He has been exalted, raised from the dead,  
seated at the right hand of God,  
reigning over the universe  
bringing his kingdom throughout this world  
and every realm that exists.

**So that when his name is spoken,  
every knee shall fall and every tongue admit  
the honor and authority that is due to him.**

How appropriate and fitting it is  
for Jesus, the savior, to rule all,

**Bringing ever expanding glory and vindication  
to his Father and ours, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*“The Lord is King”*

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,  
O earth and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!  
From world to world, the joy shall ring,  
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare  
Resist his will, distrust his care,  
Or murmur at his wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must;  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all his ways;  
Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

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Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.**

words: Josiah Conder, 1824; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

## Prayer of Confession

Redeemer family, we are called to seek  
the life-giving authority of Scripture,  
But Father, we do not think your word is life-giving.

**In fact, we accuse you of life-taking.  
Your words feel only like prohibitions,  
obstacles in the way of our happiness.  
Father, forgive us,  
we reject your means of giving us faith and life.**

Father, we do not want your authority.

**In fact, we don’t want any authority other than our own.  
We think freedom means self-rule,  
so we blame you for any guilt we feel,  
and our hard hearts resist like a stubborn horse,  
refusing to submit until we are broken by calamity.  
Father, forgive us,  
we reject your rule which leads to true freedom.**

Father, we do not believe in Scripture.

**In fact, we do not think that your very breath  
is in every word.  
We are sure it must be diluted and distorted  
by a human agenda.  
Your word is strange to us,  
from a distant time and place and culture,  
no longer relevant to speak into our evolved society.  
Father, forgive us,  
we deny that we are sheep who need a shepherd.**

Father, in your great mercy, forgive our rejection of you  
and the very food that we are desperate for.  
Be patient with our rebellion  
but active in your healing of our hearts,  
until we see you as you truly are:  
the source of all good,  
with no shifting shadow,  
in whose presence is a river of delights.

**For your glory and through Jesus we ask. Amen.**

# Assurance and Hope of the Gospel

*based on Isaiah 55:6-7; 59:16; Hebrews 12:2;  
Colossians 1:13-14*

The LORD saw that there was no one,  
so his own arm achieved salvation for him.

**God took the initiative  
by coming near in Jesus to seek us out,  
to become like us in order to save us.**

Jesus is God's king;  
through him, he is putting all things right.

**Jesus is God like us,  
who became fully human  
in order to take our sin upon himself.**

Jesus is God's faithful one,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith,  
through whom God has delivered  
us from the kingdom of darkness  
into the kingdom of his well-loved Son.

**In order that we may be  
well-loved sons and daughters in the Son,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.**

# Song in the Gospel

*"A Child of God"*

**I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;  
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;  
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,  
And I see just delight there in my Father's face.**

**I am last and low, cause I fight no longer,  
To be right or good or to prove my own worth;  
I'm not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty;  
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me.**

**I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.**

**I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,  
And I pray and wait for God to provide;  
I lean all of my weight on him who is able,  
And I set aside every effort of mine.**

**I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.**

**I know now, I'm safe, cause nothing can harm me  
Or break in and take what's stored up for me;  
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;  
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.**

**I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.**

*Nathan Partain, 2011*

# Song in the Gospel

*"Rise Up"*

**For the lonely and forgotten, for the weary and distressed,  
For the refugee and orphan, and for all who are oppressed,  
For the stranger who is pleading while insulted and despised,  
Will You rise? Will You rise?**

**Rise up! Rise up!  
The earth will fear the Lord when You avenge the poor.  
May Your kingdom come, O rise up!**

**Hear how Rachel, she is weeping. How she will not be consoled.  
And the children in our keeping, are their bodies bought and sold?  
And the watchmen, he is sleeping. Do You see them with Your eyes?  
Will You rise? Will You rise?**

**Rise up! Rise up!  
The earth will fear the Lord when You avenge the poor.  
May Your kingdom come, O rise up!**

**As Your will is done in heaven, let it now be done below  
Let Your daily bread be given, let Your kingdom come and grow  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, we cry  
Will You rise? Will You rise?**

**Rise up! Rise up!  
The earth will fear the Lord when You avenge the poor.  
And bare Your holy arm to keep them safe from harm,  
May Your kingdom come, O rise up!**

*Isaac Wardell, 2016; verse melody based on a melody by Evan Mazunik*

# Offering

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# Preparation for the Word

*based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13*

Let us honor our Father together.

**Father, we receive your word, which we have heard  
through the prophets, the apostles, and Jesus, your Son,  
And accept it not as a human word,  
but as it actually is, the word of God.**

Yes, for it is indeed at work  
in all who believe.

## Scripture

Matthew 3:13-4:11

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

<sup>41</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Anderson

*God's Word When Jesus is Tempted*

## Prayer

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## Valediction

*Colossians 1:15-20*

Who is the Son?

**The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.**

For in him all things were created:

**Things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers  
or rulers or authorities;  
all things have been created  
through him and for him.  
He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church;

**He is the beginning  
and the firstborn from among the dead,  
so that in everything  
he might have the supremacy.**

For God was pleased to have all his fullness  
dwell in him,

**And through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace through his blood,  
shed on the cross.**

## Closing Hymn

*“Abide in Me”*

**Abide in me, O Lord, and I in thee,  
From this good hour, O leave me nevermore;  
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,  
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o'er.  
Abide in me, o'ershadow by thy love  
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;  
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire,  
And keep my soul, as thine, calm and divine.**

**We raise our voices to the Father.  
He hears our prayers through his Son.  
We are enabled by his Spirit.  
Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,  
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,  
So, when thou dwellest in a mortal soul,  
All heav'n's own sweetness seems around it thrown.  
Abide in me; there have been moments blest  
When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow'r;  
Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed,  
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.**

**We raise our voices to the Father.  
He hears our prayers through his Son.  
We are enabled by his Spirit.  
Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**These were but seasons beautiful and rare;  
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;  
Fulfill at once thy precept and my prayer:  
Come and abide in me and I in thee.**

**We raise our voices to the Father.  
He hears our prayers through his Son.  
We are enabled by his Spirit.  
Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom...**

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He hears our prayers through his Son.  
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Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

*words: Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music: Nathan Partain, 2002*