

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 21, 2010

Reflection

Sometimes we can be deeply puzzled by the circumstances of our lives: what is God doing? Too frequently we focus attention on ourselves as though the answer lay within our individual lives — as if we were the central key to interpreting the plan of the God of the entire universe! God is intimately aware of us and deeply concerned for our welfare but his providential purposes, which include me, do not center on me...

— *Sinclair Ferguson*



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***In recognition of the reason and reverence of worship, please remember to turn off your cell phones. Also, if you need a drink, please bring only water into the worship service. Thank you.*

SONG OF ASCENTS

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

**Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.**

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise. **(Chorus)**

His love endures forever, His love endures forever.
His love endures forever, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,
Forever You are with us; forever, forever.
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,
Forever You are with us; forever, forever, forever.

Forever

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Words & Music:

Chris Tomlin

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2,6-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

People: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

ADORING GOD IN SONG

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457

*O Love That Will
Not Let Me Go*
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What is an Ebenezer?
Literally it is a "stone of
help", or a reminder of
God's real, Holy presence
and divine aid. See 1
Samuel 7:12.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, ¹ but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—² to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. ³ He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, ⁴ and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. ⁵ He also watches over me in such a way ⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: ⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. ⁸ Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life ⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. ¹⁰

The Heidelberg Catechism is a teaching tool, taking the form of a series of questions and answers, to instruct people in the basics of the Christian faith. It was written in 1563 at the request of Frederick III who ruled the Palatinate, an influential German Province. The catechism based each of its statements on the text of the Bible. It has been translated into many languages and is one of the most widely used catechisms of the Reformation period.

Scriptural reference footnotes:

Question 1:

¹ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

² Romans 14:7-9

³ 1 Corinthians 3:23; Titus 2:14

⁴ 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9;

2:2

⁵ John 8:34-36; Hebrews 2:14-15;

1 John 3:1-11

⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2

Thessalonians 3:3; 1 Peter 1:5

⁷ Matthew 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-

18

⁸ Romans 8:28

⁹ Romans 8:15-16; 2 Corinthians

1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14

¹⁰ Romans 8:1-17

CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE

Matthew 1:21-23

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We invite everyone to fill out the registry pad located on the end of the aisle.

If you are a visitor, we hope that you have been encouraged by the time that you have spent worshipping with us today.

Prayer requests can also be submitted online through our web site at any time. Private requests will only be seen by the church leadership.

Deacon's Prayer

Al Cadwell

The Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Please sign and pass the registers.

OFFERTORY SONG

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I fain would take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,
My eyes at times can see;
The very dying form of One,
Who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears,
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of His glorious love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, the shadow,
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

MINISTRY OF WORD & PRAYER

Ruth 4

page 260 in the pew Bibles

Prayer for the Kingdom of God on Earth

SONG OF PREPARATION

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came
And sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one over all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One Holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation,
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

*If you are able,
please stand
in honor of God's Word,
which is forever true.*

Children age 30 months through 1st grade are invited to go to Children's Church during this song.

Children's Church is an optional activity during the sermon to help young children prepare to sit through the service. There is singing and an explanation of this week's Scripture Passage by an Elder.

*This Month's Children's Church Workers:
2 1/2 & 3 years old -
Coyer
4 years old to 1st grade -
Dunn*

*Next Month's Children's Church Workers:
2 1/2 & 3 years old -
B. Moore
4 years old to 1st grade -
M. Newkirk*

*The Church's One Foundation
Lyrics: Samuel J. Stone, 1866;
Music: Brian Moss, 1996*

*Beneath the Cross
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Music

*Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane
Music: Christopher Miner*

For Further Discussion & Application:

Ruth 4 recalls some of the less savory incidents in the unfolding history of God's plan of redemption. Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1 similarly names Tamar, Ruth, and Uriah's wife (Bathsheba). Why do you suppose that the Bible seemingly goes out of its way to present its human characters in a dysfunctional and tarnished way?

In what ways is Naomi portrayed as "empty" in the book of Ruth? How is she made "full"? Make a list of all the ways God has provided.

How do you see the hand of God at work in the mundane affairs of your life? What does God's ordinary providence suggest about the look of your faithfulness?

What have you learned about God's sovereignty in the book of Ruth? What is your reaction to God as He is presented in this book?

Sunday Lunch Question:

Share one or two takeaways from our study of Ruth with your family or Community Group.

The Tapestry of Grace**Ruth 4**

Senior Pastor Dan Seale

SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

Trinity Hymnal #460 (verses 1,2,3,5,6)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

BENEDICTION

Amazing Grace
Words: John Newton
and John Rees (verse 5)
Music: American folk tune

THIS WEEK

Today

9:15 a.m. Adult & Children's Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Times vary: Community Groups
(see bulletin board or flyer on foyer table)

*Adult Sunday School Class:
 "Getting the Message: A Plan for
 Interpreting and Applying the Bible"*

Monday

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
(meets at church, Lorilynn Spronk, 789-4282)
 7:30 p.m. Middle School & High School Small Groups
(see web site for locations or contact Andy Wood)

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Saints Alive
 7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
(meets at church, Sally Narveson, 783-7582)
 7:15 p.m. Men's Leadership Training

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study & Fellowship
*(meets at Panera Bread, 6675 Falls of Neuse Road,
 Sook Cadwell, 846-7088)*
 7:45 p.m. Music Team Practice

Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
(meets at church, Dan Seale, 518-2370)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

See the bulletin board in the foyer or the weekly e-letter.

Next Sunday:

Nurseries Team II (Judy Dunn, Coordinator)
 Greeters Archer & Laster

*For more information on all
 upcoming events, please check
 out the online events calendar.*

Hear Sunday's Sermons online @ www.redeempca.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saints Alive Luncheon

Anyone 60 or older is invited to join Saints Alive for their monthly luncheon to be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 12:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Smith (1018 North Bend Drive, Raleigh 27609). The food has been provided. Questions? Contact Judy Dunn at 847-4145.

Men's Leadership Training

All men, visitors and members, are invited to meet at the church on Wednesday nights, February 24 and March 10, 17, 24, 31, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for a time of teaching, equipping and mutual encouragement to grow in our ability to be gracious, godly, humble leaders in our homes, church, and community. Questions? See Dan or Andy.

Outreach Committee Needs Your Help

On Sunday, February 28, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., the Outreach Committee will meet at the church to assemble parachutes to be used for dropping New Testaments, Christian literature, and radios for people living in the jungles of Colombia. If you are interested in participating, if you have questions, or if you can provide and operate a sewing machine for this activity, please contact Josh Hurst at 467-7341. Donations of light-colored cotton fabric/linens (~2-foot diameter) will also be needed.

Change to Children's Church

Due to increased attendance and limited space, we are changing the cutoff age for Children's Church to age 6. Now Children's Church will be divided into ages 2 ½ - 3 and 4 - 5 years old. This will be effective Sunday, March 14.

Parenting in the Pew Workshop

Dan & Debbi Seale will lead a Parenting in the Pew Workshop on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. following the Fellowship Supper. The workshop will help parents ease the transition of having their 6 & 7 year old children in the worship service now. The book, Parenting in the Pew, is available on the book table.

Congratulations to Dan & Ali Barnes

on the birth of their daughter, Reagan Madeline, who greeted her parents at 5:06 a.m. on Friday, February 12 weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long. If you would like to make a meal for the Barnes family, please contact Tammy Boss at tam_boss@bellsouth.net or 786-9973.

2009 Giving Statements

were emailed on Tuesday, February 2. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Theresa in the church office at 518-2370.

*Need to contact Dan?
 Call anytime—
 518-2370 (office)
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 Cynthia Morris—845-9372
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*Church Office
 Theresa Curtis—518-2370
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Save the Date

for these upcoming events that you won't want to miss!

- February 23: Saints Alive Luncheon
- February 24: Men's Leadership Training
- February 28: Outreach Committee Ministry Project
- March 3: Fellowship Supper
- March 3: Parenting in the Pew Workshop
- March 7: New Sunday School Session Begins
- March 10, 17, 24, 31: Men's Leadership Training
- April 9-10: Women's Spring Conference
- June 21-26: Middle School EDGE Conference
- July 11-17: Senior High RYM Conference
- July 19-23: Vacation Bible School



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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

ELDERS:

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Dave Larsen

John Morris
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Tim Phillips
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David Walliser

SENIOR

PASTOR:
Dan Seale

ASSOCIATE

PASTOR:
Andy Wood

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Outside of Sunday Morning Worship, Community Groups are the main way to get plugged in here at Redeemer. As we continue to grow, these groups become more and more important in helping people connect and feel a part of our community. Groups of individuals and families meet in someone's home on the first and third Sundays of the month. It's in these smaller settings, also called shepherding groups, that we can be cared for and learn, serve, grow and pray together as a family.

North Raleigh (Creedmoor/I-540)

Leader: Ivan Spronk 789-4282
Time & Place: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
3108 Cranesbill Drive, 27613

North Raleigh (Baileywick)

Leader: Dave Larsen 345-3996
Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
816 Berwyn Way, 27615

Northwest Raleigh

Leader: Rob Helms 518-1271
Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
3405 1st Place, 27613

Northeast Raleigh (Durant Road)

Leader: Dan Kemp 848-9945
Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
9944 Koupela Drive, 27614

Lake Lynn Area

Leader: Mike Newkirk 412-0621
Time & Place: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
4208 Omni Place, 27613

Southwest Raleigh/Cary

Leader: Jeff Smith 949-9710
Time & Place: 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
108 Wilander Drive, 27511

Crabtree Area

Leader: Anthony Dunn 881-0478
Time & Place: 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.
1804 Kenwyck Manor Way, 27612

North Raleigh (Creedmoor/I-540)

Leader: Steve Welsh 676-1944
Time & Place: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
5217 Antherton Bridge Road, 27613