



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.

BY
FAITH
HEBREWS 11

March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent

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 59:16-17

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

Leader: I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

ALL: You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.

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.

Satisfied

Reading of the Law: Genesis 15:1

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.

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

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 "Self-Deprecation" 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, I scarce can open my eyes but I envy those above me or despise those below...

Am I strong and beautiful? What a fuel for pride!

Am I weak and needy? What an occasion for sadness!

Am I gifted? I lust after applause.

Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not!

Am I in authority? How prone to abuse my trust, make will my laws, exclude others' desires, and serve my own interests.

Am I inferior? How much I begrudge others' preeminence!

Am I rich? How exalted I become! O

God, you know, that all these are snares, but my greatest snare is myself.

I think too much of myself. I think of myself too much. Turn my gaze, instead, to You.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:18-21

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

...You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at 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.

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

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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.

In Christ Alone

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.

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17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

(Hebrews 11:17-19 ESV)

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

(Genesis 22:1-3, 9-14 ESV)

Sermon Series: By Faith
Sermon Title: The Lord Will Provide
Date: March 7, 2021

I. THE TEST

The lesson of the test: God is worthy!

II. THE LAMB

The lesson of the lamb: God will provide.

Lenten Devotional

WEEK 2: CONFUSION

SCRIPTURE: READ PSALM 77

This psalm is a prayer of questions to God where answers aren't necessarily expected: Will the Lord spurn forever and never again be favorable? Has His steadfast love forever ceased? Are His promises at an end for all time? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He angrily shut up His compassion?

These questions come from a life lived, experienced, and observed that differs from the promises and character of God. In other words, they come from a gap in what God says and what we see and experience. It's about the chasm between what we expect will happen and what actually happens.

Q: What questions do you have for God about your own life? Where are you confused about God's work?

Q: How do you remember the promises of God amidst pain, suffering, and hardship?

Q: What confusion did Jesus experience? What questions did He have for the Father?

PRAYER

Pray for God to clarify some questions about your own life: what it means, where His promise and plan don't seem to match what you observe, why He allowed certain things and denied you other things in your story.

Pray for family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to know Christ's compassionate presence in the midst of life circumstances they can't explain.

Thank Christ for the confusion He experienced on our behalf in the garden and on the cross, the comfort that comes from knowing He is present in our confusion, and the confidence that all will be restored in the resurrection.

MORE RESOURCES

Visit redeemerwh.org/lent for playlists and daily devotionals