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 Bob Brunson

**Prelude**

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This is a time when we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies to meet, and be met by God, the Creator and Redeemer of all things. It is often an instrumental piece played by the worship band; however, it is sometimes used to introduce new songs into corporate worship.

**Welcome**

Call to  
 Worship

We need to be called to worship God because our hearts and minds are not naturally focused on him, but on ourselves. The Call to Worship marks the official beginning of the corporate worship service and directs our hearts, minds, and volitions toward God.

**Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 36)*

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
 your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
 The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

**How Great Thou Art**

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O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
 consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
 thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,  
 how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
 he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
 and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

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 Adoration &  
 Invocation

This prayer addresses God in his triune nature as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise and adoration continue and we ask him to be present with us and usher our hearts into corporate worship as he has promised by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Call to Confession** *(Jeremiah 29:7)*

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People:** **We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**Leader:** We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**People:** **We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.**

**Leader:** You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

**All:** **Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

*Please use the words above in your silent confession.*

### Word of Absolution (*Jeremiah 29:11-14*)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

### There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

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There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;  
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away;  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,  
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

### Corporate and Silent Confession

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our sin and need for grace, asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness. Because the world around us is filled with so much noise, we take several moments of silence to meet with God individually about our sin and seek his forgiveness and grace.

### Word of Absolution

The Word of Absolution is the declaration of God's forgiveness and redemption spoken with joy. The liturgist is proclaiming what God has done through Jesus Christ. It is usually a passage of Scripture or a traditional text from a historical church resource such as the Westminster Confession or the Book of Common Prayer.

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer – Pastor Bob Brunson**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,  
and ever. Amen.**

**Dismissal to Children's Church (4-year-olds to 2nd graders)**

If you are visiting or this is your children's first time, please escort them to the foyer. You may pick them up from downstairs in room 104 after the service.

**The Offering**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise his name, I'm fixed upon it, name of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come,  
and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;  
let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;  
Clothèd then in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace;  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away;  
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

**Offering**

We display our dependency on God's provision by giving tithes and offerings. Because money is so powerfully tied to our hearts, we give in order to free our hearts from money's tyranny and in doing so, giving becomes a joyous response to God's grace received after the preaching of his Word.

## The People of God in the City of Man

Sermon: Rev. Jon Medlock

### JEREMIAH 29:4-14

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> “For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

### The Sermon

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters his people through his Word. Therefore, as you listen, pray to be open to what he is teaching. Pray for the person preaching. Pray to encounter the life-changing Christ as you listen. If you don't own a Bible, please feel free to take one from the shelves in the foyer.

### Preaching Today

**Reverend Jon Medlock** is the Vice President of People and Culture for Retirement & Benefits (RBI), an agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). His role is to cultivate a robust, healthy, and gospel-inflected organizational culture and communicate it externally. As such, he oversees Marketing, Development, RBI's Retirement Readiness team, and Ministerial Relief (RBI's effort to seek the health and wellbeing for pastors and their families). Jon is a member of the Northern California Presbytery, where he served as lead pastor for Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Luis Obispo, CA. Prior to pastoring, Jon was an attorney in the litigation group of a corporate and commercial law firm. He holds a B.A. in American Studies from Oglethorpe University, a J.D. from Samford, an M.Div. from Covenant Seminary, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Studies from Trinity International University. He and his wife Laurabeth have 6 kids, and we are delighted to have them as part of our church family.

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*Communion trays include both red wine and white grape juice. The bread is gluten-free.*

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN**

Lord Jesus, closely grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and author of my faith. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Blessed Be Your Name**

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Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful;  
where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place;  
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your name.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me;  
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;  
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

*You give and take away, you give and take away;  
my heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.*

## **Benediction**

*Pastor Bob will be available at the front of the sanctuary to meet you or answer any questions you might have. If you are new to Redeemer, please stop by.*



### **CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER'S VISION**

To be transformed by God's mercy and grace into a community of priests engaged in his redeeming work in Atlanta and the world.

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## **LITURGICAL DEFINITIONS**

### **The Lord's Supper**

In the Lord's Supper, Christ meets his people in spiritual communion with his strength, healing love and enabling grace that allows us to live as his disciples in the world. As we receive the elements, we lift our hearts up to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, when God renews his covenant with his people in corporate worship, he serves a meal as the pinnacle of that event. Jesus continues this pattern in the Lord's Supper with his disciples. Thus, the Lord's Supper is placed towards the end of the service after God has ministered to us through his Word.

The Lord's Supper is for those who know their need for Jesus and cling to him as their only hope for salvation. If you wish to refrain from partaking in the Lord's Supper, prayers are printed in the Worship Guide to help you put words to where you are in relation to God.

### **The Benediction**

At the conclusion of the final song, the Benediction is given. It is a reminder that Christ has ordained his people with a blessing that equips us to serve and honor him with our lives as we proceed from corporate worship. The Benediction serves to end corporate worship and to send God's people out into the world.

**TODAY****Welcome to Church of the Redeemer!**

We are delighted to welcome you to worship this morning and pray that God will richly bless you through today's service. We especially want to welcome those who are visiting as our guests this morning. To learn more about the church, visit our website, [www.redeemeratlanta.org](http://www.redeemeratlanta.org) or contact Pastor Bob at 678-928-1150 and we'll be glad to help!

**Children's Church Today**

Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Children's Church today. Prior to the sermon, they will be dismissed to meet Ms. Jamie in the foyer and be escorted to Children's Church in room 104 in the Children's Center. You can pick them up there immediately after the conclusion of the service.

**Sunday Communities**

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am for the Sunday Community Hour for children, youth, and adults when we gather with our peers to study and learn the Bible in community with one another. To make sure we have plenty of time together, gathering for each Community begins at 9:15 am, with Bible study to follow at 9:30. Join us next Sunday!

**Sunday Night Refuge (6th-12th grades) Not Meeting Tonight**

Since many of our students and leaders are away for Winter Retreat this weekend, Refuge will not be meeting tonight. Plan to join us next Sunday night, January 23, from 5 to 7 pm here on the church campus for food, games, and small group discussion. Questions? Email Pastor Ewan at [ewan@redeemeratlanta.org](mailto:ewan@redeemeratlanta.org) for more.

**Giving at Redeemer**

To give in support of the ministry of Church of the Redeemer, you can do so in worship when the offering is received, by mail, by scheduled giving through your bank, or online using the link on the church's website at [www.redeemeratlanta.org/giving](http://www.redeemeratlanta.org/giving).

**THIS WEEK****Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting Online at 8 pm**

Each week we gather online to pray for the needs of the church family and the work of the gospel in our community. We begin at 8 pm, finish promptly at 8:45, and welcome anyone who wants to join us. The link and the Weekly Prayer Guide go out by email each Wednesday. You can submit a prayer request or a praise report for inclusion in this week's guide on today's blue sheet or by emailing office manager Seya de Lastic at [seya@redeemeratlanta.org](mailto:seya@redeemeratlanta.org).

**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study**

The Thursday Morning Women's Study meets weekly from 9:45 am to noon in the Chapel (office building). Childcare is offered, and the study is open all, so you're invited to join anytime. For more information about the study, contact leader Jeanne Henry at [henry.jeanne@gmail.com](mailto:henry.jeanne@gmail.com).

**Groups & Studies Starting Up Again**

Many of Redeemer's small groups for men, women, and mixed groups of adults are starting back up this month after the holiday break. Several of our groups have room to grow. For help finding a group that's right for you, email Pastor Bob at [bob@redeemeratlanta.org](mailto:bob@redeemeratlanta.org).

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE****Volunteer with Redeemer's Kids This Semester**

Teachers are needed for our Sunday Community hour Pre-Kindergarten class to serve for six Sundays during the winter/spring semester. We are also in need of additional nursery volunteers to serve once a month during the worship service. Interested? Sign up on Sunday's blue sheet or email director Jamie Turner at [jamie@redeemeratlanta.org](mailto:jamie@redeemeratlanta.org).

**Chinese New Year Party for International Students**

Imagine being halfway around the globe, far from home, when you long to be with family and friends during your country's most treasured holiday. Redeemer is inviting over 100 Emory and Georgia Tech international students and scholars for food and fireworks to celebrate Chinese New Year Saturday, February 5, 2022, 6:30-8:30 pm. Sign up on today's blue sheet or email [heathercossar@gmail.com](mailto:heathercossar@gmail.com) if you would like to serve food, decorate, or host a table on the night of the party.

**SAVE THE DATE****Planning Ahead**

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and join us!

- Women of Redeemer Midwinter Gathering, Saturday, February 9
- Vacation Bible School, June 5-10
- Cherokee Mission Trip, June 18-25