

**Redeemer Presbyterian Church**  
**May 9, 2021 - Morning Worship**

**God's Word in the Call to Worship**

- † Salutation
- \* † Call to Worship: Psalm 109:30-31
- \* † Invocation
- \* † Hymn #62 "Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"

**God's Word and our Confessions**

- \* † OT Reading 1 Samuel 1:19-28
- † Confession of Sin See Facing Page
- † Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:1-2
- † Confession of Faith Nicene Creed
- \* † Psalm 55:1-11 Tune #470: "How Vast the Benefits Divine"

**God's Word and Our Prayer and Praise**

- \* † NT Reading: Romans 8:26-39
- † Congregational Prayer/Lord's Prayer
- \* † Hymn #38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**God's Word in Preaching**

- \* † Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4
- † Sermon: "Why This Evil, O Lord?"
- \* † Hymn #51 "O Jehovah, Hear My Words"

**God's Word and Our Thanks**

- † Tithes and Offerings
- † Prayer of Thanksgiving
- \* † Hymn #731 "Doxology"
- \* † Benediction

*\*Congregation please stand, if you are able*

**Confession of Sin**

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
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;  
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in Your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of Your Name.**

**Amen**

#62 Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples,  
new be your song as new honors you pay;  
sing of his majesty, bless him forever,  
show his salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory,  
till through the nations his name is revered;  
praise and exalt him, for he is almighty;  
God over all let the Lord be feared.

Vain are the heathen gods, idols and helpless;  
God made the heav'ns, and his glory they tell;  
honor and majesty shine out before him,  
beauty and strength in his temple dwell.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor,  
come with your off'rings and humbly draw near;  
in holy beauty now worship Jehovah,  
tremble before him with godly fear.

Make all the nations know God reigns forever;  
earth is established as he did decree;  
righteous and just is the king of the nations,  
judging the people with equity.

Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean,  
forest and field exultation express;  
for God is coming, the Judge of the nations,  
coming to judge in his righteousness.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic, and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Give ear to this my prayer, O God, nor hide Thee from my cry.  
Give answer, for I cannot rest but must complain and sigh,  
because I hear the voice of foes, because the wicked press;  
for they in anger bear a grudge and on me bring distress.

Deep anguish is within my heart; death's terrors o'er me roll.  
Great trembling, fearfulness, and dread have overwhelmed my soul.  
I cried, "O that I, like a dove, had wings to fly away.  
Then would I flee and try to find a restful place to stay.

"Lo, I would wander far and lodge in some lone desert waste;  
from stormy wind and tempest high I would escape in haste."  
O swallow up their tongues, O Lord; confuse them and divide;  
for in the city I've seen strife and violence abide.

For day and night upon her walls the city they surround,  
while mischief and iniquity inside of her is found.  
A realm of vast destruction thrives within her very heart,  
and from her streets oppression, fraud, and graft do not depart.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

#51 O Jehovah, Hear My Words

O Jehovah, hear my words, to my thoughts attentive be;  
hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.  
With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise,  
and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God who delightest not in sin;  
evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.  
Evildoers thou dost hate, lying tongues thou wilt defeat;  
God abhors the man who loves violence and base deceit.

In the fulness of thy grace to thy house I will repair;  
bowing toward thy holy place, in thy fear to worship there.  
Lead me in thy righteousness, let my foes assail in vain;  
lest my feet be turned aside, make thy way before me plain.

False and faithless are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;  
deadly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin abound.  
Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilty in thy sight,  
for against thee and thy law they have set themselves to fight.

O let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be;  
let them joy who love thy name, safely guarded, Lord, by thee.  
For a blessing from thy store to the righteous thou wilt yield;  
thou wilt compass him about with thy favor as a shield.

#731 Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **SERMON NOTES:**

### **“Why This Evil, O Lord?” Habakkuk 1:1-4**

Proposition: When the situation causes the Christian to complain, “Why this evil, O Lord?” he may look to God for the answer.

Introduction.

#### I. Habakkuk and the Situation.

A. Habakkuk’s Contemporary Situation.

B. Habakkuk’s Identity.

C. The Sure Guide of the Word.

#### II. Habakkuk’s Complaint.

A. The Basic Complaint.

B. Three Additional Expostulations.

#### C. Applications.

1. The Right Way to Complain to God.
2. The Right View of the Church and of Ourselves In It.
3. The Right Consideration of Ourselves in the Matter of Evil.