

Jesus Made Known in Our Weakness

January 29, 2023



Fourth Sunday after
the Epiphany

WELCOME, GUESTS!!! We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS – The Savior's Sermon: Trust in God's strength! The Beatitudes are hard for us to swallow. Jesus seems to be espousing a Christianity imbued with fatalism at best or defeatism at worst. Look closer, however, and see what he says. The weaker you are, the stronger God is in your life. The weaker you are now, the more ready you are to trust in a future reward. Look at the past acts of God's grace and you will find many reasons to trust his strength in the face of adversity, persecution or sorrow.

MORNING PRAYER - Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION– CW, p.15



OPENING HYMN:

#223

AS WE BEGIN ANOTHER WEEK

****Please Stand for last verse****



1 As we be - gin an - oth - er week, In Je - sus'
2 Your gen - tle bless - ings, Lord, out - pour On all our
3 In ev - 'ry sea - son, ev - 'ry place, May we re -
4 And keep with an - gels in your rest The end - less



name your grace we seek. God, grant that through these
la - bors ev - er - more. Our hearts with your good
call your Word of grace Un - til, when life's brief
Sab - bath of the blest. Grant this to us through



sev - en days No e - vil may be - fall our ways.
Spir - it fill That we may glad - ly do your will.
day is past, We reach e - ter - nal joy at last
Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you up - on your throne.

Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608–68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

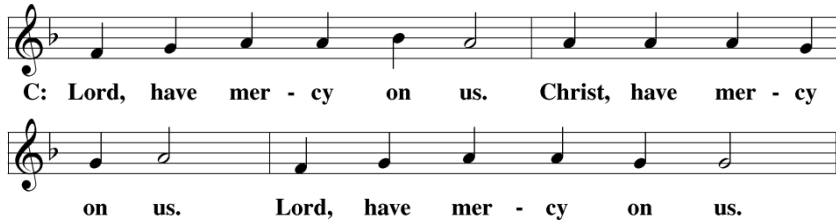
CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

FIRST LESSON:

Micah 6: 1 – 8

God builds a case against the people of Israel. He calls the mountains as witnesses and lodges a charge against the unfaithful people. Yet look at the grace when he still calls them, "My people!" This faithless and wayward group he still calls his own and reminds them of all his righteous acts from the Exodus until the crossing of the Jordan.

Listen now to what the Lord is saying! Get up. Plead your case to the mountains. Let the hills hear your voice. Listen, you mountains, to the accusation from the Lord. Pay attention, you enduring foundations of the earth, because the Lord is presenting a case against his people, and he is indicting Israel. My people, what have I done to you, and how have I made you weary? Answer me! I was the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt. I redeemed you from the place where you were slaves. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam ahead of you. My people, remember what Balak king of Moab planned, and how Balaam son of Beor responded to him when you were about to travel from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may acknowledge the Lord's righteous acts. With what am I to appear before the Lord?

How should I bow down to God on high? Should I appear before him with burnt offerings, with one-year-old calves? Will the Lord be delighted with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my rebellion, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, mankind, what is good. What does the Lord require from you, except to carry out justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 1

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Refrain

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment*,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous*,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning*,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 26 – 31

Paul points the Corinthians to themselves as an example of God's strength made perfect in weakness. The majority of them did not come from the upper crust of society or the ranks of the learned. God, however, chose them.

For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, so that no one may boast before God. But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.
(Luke 4:18)

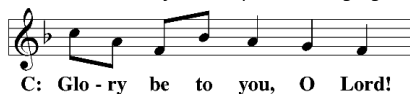


GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5: 1 – 12

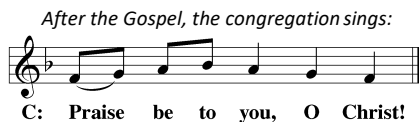
In the Beatitudes, our Savior turns the world upside down. He calls blessed the people this world never would. He calls blessed people that the world would use as doormats! The world praises the brash, the strong, and the self-sufficient. Jesus calls blessed what others see as weak or stupid. To live this kind of blessedness requires a deep trust in the Lord's strength and a long-term view of life. Jesus calls us blessed even in circumstances like mourning and persecution, because he is looking beyond the troubles of this world to the reward that is waiting for the people of God. Like reading the last chapter of a book, Jesus takes the mystery out of a life filled with sorrow by showing us the end, the outcome of life lived trusting in God's strength. All the weak children of God can rejoice and be glad—even now—because our reward will be great!

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see

God. Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*****Please Be Seated*****

HYMN OF THE DAY:

#395

SEEK WHERE YOU MAY TO FIND A WAY



1 Seek where you may To find a way
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;
3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is
None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers
Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him
Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the
failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,
first, All you who thirst For grace that
pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His
and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our
fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek
love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My
life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For
him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He
pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



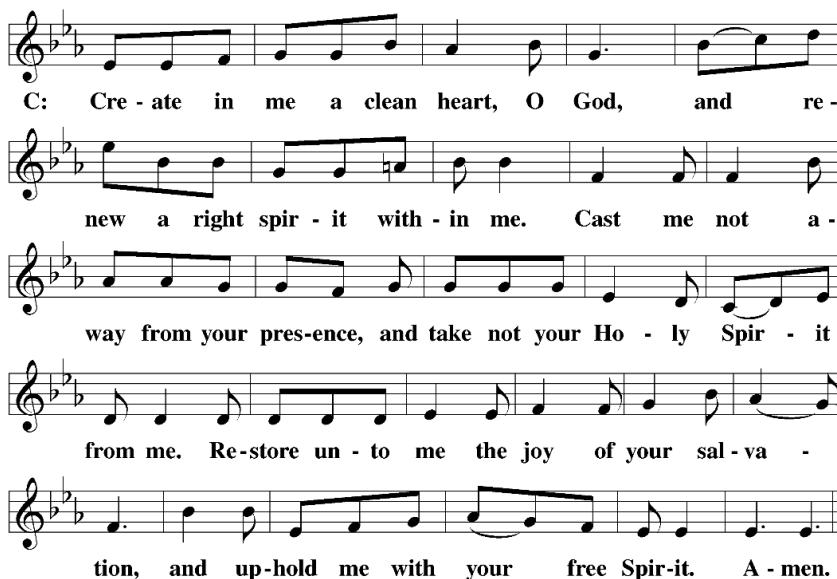
ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.
he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.
will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635, abr.; tr. Arthur P. Voss, 1899–1955, alt.
Tune: SUCH, WER DA WILL (447 447 44 447) Johann Stobäus, 1580–1646, alt.

SERMON:
SERMON TEXT

CHOOSING LESS TO BE MORE
1 CORINTHIANS 1: 26 – 31

CREATE IN ME



****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

THE PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

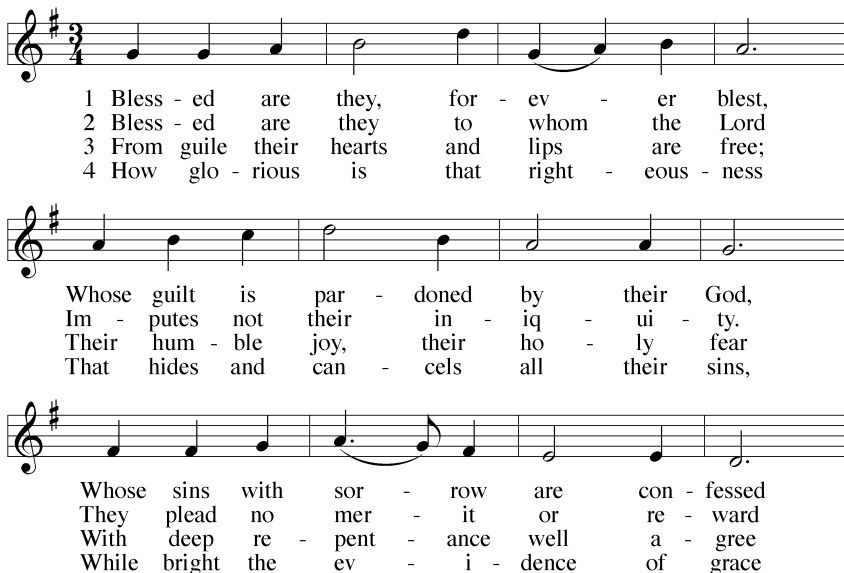
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Please Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#383

BLESSED ARE THEY, FOREVER BLEST



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,
 2 Bless - ed are they to whom the Lord
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness

Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,

Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.
And not on works but grace re - ly.
And join to prove their faith sin - cere.
Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.

****Please Stand****

THE SACRAMENT



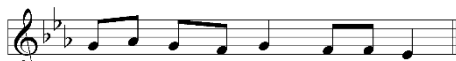
C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei




****Please Be Seated****

DISTRIBUTION

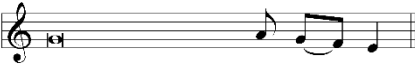
DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:**#499****O GOD OF MERCY, GOD OF MIGHT**

1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and
2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Je - sus
5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care May we each



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and
o - ther's bur - dens share; May we, where help is



in your sight, To live our lives to you.
you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.
word and thought May work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, To love them all in you.
need - ed, there Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love
Till you receive in heav'n above
All those who lived for you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
Tune: ISLEWORTH (888 6) Samuel Howard, 1710–82.

What We believe:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) copyright © 2017 The Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. www.wartburgproject.org

Refrain Tune: Robert J. Thompson. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL, www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Lectionary listings from Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Meeting – Our next council meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Friday, February 10, at Gene Baldwin's home. If members of the congregation have any concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the council: Mitch Brayton (president), Mike Hansen (vice-president), Charlie Vandelicht (secretary), Greg Port (treasurer), Gene Baldwin (elder).

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Bible study and Sunday School are from 9 to 10 am. We are studying Galatians and Paul's confrontation with false religions. Please feel free to come and go as you like; reading is always voluntary, bring your questions.

Ideas For Midweek Bible Study – Here is an opportunity for you to be in God's word. We have been studying Romans; however, if there are important subject matters which you would like to consider from a biblical perspective: How do the confession pertain to us in 2023? How do I live as a Christian in these modern times? Twenty first century spouses! Righteousness and righteous! Justification and sanctification. What is a church leader? Please share with pastor what is on your mind.

Midweek Bible Study – Here it is! Your opportunity for you to refresh yourself in God's Word. Paul wrote to the Romans about false religions, hear his words at 6 pm Tuesday, January 31, from your couch on zoom or in person at the Port's home, 1923 NW Nickernut Court, Redmond.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

Brad Kerkow – The Evangelism Mission Counselor for the Home Mission Board will be preaching Sunday February 5. If you have any questions for him, he will be available

Marriage Retreat – We will be holding a marriage retreat in the beginning of May date to be determined. Here is a great opportunity for you to share your talents. If you have planning, or hospitality skills and would like to help with this opportunity for outreach please let Pastor know.

LMSG Spiritual Retreat – June 1 – 4, 2023, LMSG is hosting a spiritual retreat for those suffering from PTSD. This event will be at Ft. Worden, Washington watch for more information to come.

Pastor: Roger Emmons

Email: Roger.emmons@graceredmond.com

Web Site: <https://graceredmond.com>

Church Phone: 541-844-7100

Cell Phone: 541-699-7643

Address: 945 SW Glacier Ave

Redmond, OR 97756

Mailing Address: P.O Box 2396

Redmond, OR 97756