

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 61:1-2

Leader Children of God,
Jesus has been anointed and set apart
to bring gladness to the helpless.

All **To remake those who have been shattered.**

Leader “Run free!” he calls to the kidnapped.
“The prison is opened!” he calls to those who are bound.

All **He is telling everyone that we are in the season of the LORD’s delight,
and that the time of our God’s vengeance is coming.**

Opening Hymn

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

All **Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice! Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

words: Charles Wesley, 1744; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Matthew 7:15; Ephesians 5:8-11; Hebrews 12:4

- Leader* Brothers and sisters,
God's love for you in Christ Jesus is so deep and so real
that it can make us safe to face unflinchingly
into the reality of evil and darkness.
Jesus warns us to watch out for wolves that come in sheep's clothing.
- All* **We are naïve about the evil that's really inside us,
both personally and corporately.
We think bad people look like bad people,
that we can see what the heart really is like.
Our ignorance and our arrogance blind us to reality.**
- Leader* As children of the light,
don't have anything to do with the worthless deeds of darkness;
instead, expose them.
- All* **We excuse and cover up the deeds of darkness,
because we fear that opposing them might cost us
valued relationships, respect, position, or resources.**
- Leader* In our struggle against sin,
we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our blood.
- All* **It seems like enough just to try to avoid evil.
We cross over to the other side of the street
when we should be barring the door and gearing up for a fight
to put to death all that is evil in us.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 53; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:25; Psalm 9:9

Leader The Son of God was plotted against in secret,
suffered abuse and betrayal.
They stripped him naked, shamed him, and disgraced him.

All **Jesus is the man of sorrows and familiar with pain.**

Leader He was numbered with the transgressors,
assigned a grave with the wicked;
Although he had done no violence,
nor had any deceit in his mouth.

All **He was pierced for our transgressions
and crushed for our iniquities.
The punishment that brought us peace was on him.
God made him who didn't know any sin
to be sin for us.**

Leader Hear this amazing, astounding, raise-the-dead kind of news:
The verdict has been overturned!
Jesus has been acquitted and now sees the light of life.

All **He was delivered over to death for our sins,
and raised to life for our justification.**

Leader Take heart, therefore, brothers and sisters—
The LORD is a refuge and stronghold for the oppressed.

Song in the Gospel

“Bring Your Sick”

All

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,
Who would kill for some relief from, all the itching in their bones.
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,
Some sweet drink to drive the poison, from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.
Yes, bring all those who could never, return any of their cost**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.
Those who live with their aggressor, whip’ring doubts into their ear,
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

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I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
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Nathan Partain, 2014

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus Paid it All”

All

**I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”**

**Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

**For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim,
I’ll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

**And now complete in Him, my robe His righteousness,
Close sheltered ’neath His side, I am divinely blest.**

**Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

**And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat**

**Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

words: Elvira M. Hall; music: John T. Grape

Children’s Worship is for ages 3 through kindergarten and is a time for children to worship through song, Bible stories, and response (art or story play). Children will return to the sanctuary before communion, and parents can pick them up at that time. Visitors are welcome, and parents are always invited to attend with their children.

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Scripture

Psalm 10

Reader

- ¹ Why, LORD, do you stand far off?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?
- ² In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,
who are caught in the schemes he devises.
- ³ He boasts about the cravings of his heart;
he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.
- ⁴ In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;
in all his thoughts there is no room for God.
- ⁵ His ways are always prosperous;
your laws are rejected by him;
he sneers at all his enemies.
- ⁶ He says to himself, "Nothing will ever shake me."
He swears, "No one will ever do me harm."
- ⁷ His mouth is full of lies and threats;
trouble and evil are under his tongue.
- ⁸ He lies in wait near the villages;
from ambush he murders the innocent.
His eyes watch in secret for his victims;
- ⁹ like a lion in cover he lies in wait.
He lies in wait to catch the helpless;
he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.
- ¹⁰ His victims are crushed, they collapse;
they fall under his strength.
- ¹¹ He says to himself, "God will never notice;
he covers his face and never sees."

- ¹² Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God.
Do not forget the helpless.
- ¹³ Why does the wicked man revile God?
Why does he say to himself,
“He won’t call me to account”?
- ¹⁴ But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted;
you consider their grief and take it in hand.
The victims commit themselves to you;
you are the helper of the fatherless.
- ¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked man;
call the evildoer to account for his wickedness
that would not otherwise be found out.
- ¹⁶ The LORD is King for ever and ever;
the nations will perish from his land.
- ¹⁷ You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted;
you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,
¹⁸ defending the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that mere earthly mortals
will never again strike terror.

Reader
People

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson
Abuse and the Gospel

Testimony

Barb Knuckles

Notes:

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Community Group Questions

- 1. How do you see the privilege of innocence in you and around you? What are its effects? How can it inhibit us from protecting the vulnerable and caring for the hurting?*
- 2. Read Psalm 10:2-11. What are the characteristics of the kind of sin described here? How does such sin treat God? Other people?*
- 3. Read Psalm 10:1, 12-18. How is God described in these verses? How does that description answer (and respond to) verses 2-11? How is this description of God fulfilled in Christ?*
- 4. How can you, in light of the transforming safety of the gospel, face into the reality of evil and become more educated on how to protect the vulnerable? What might hold you back from attending the GRACE training on March 14?*

Children's Questions

Read Mark 10:13-16. How does Jesus feel about kids? Jesus wants to love and protect you. The basic message for you is this:

“God made all of you. Every part of your body is good, and some parts are private. He made the parts of your body that other people see every day, and he made your private parts. Every part is good because God made every part and called them all good.” (from Justin and Lindsey Holcomb, God Made All of Me)

Discuss what this means with the adults in your group. If you feel unsafe, whom could you talk to?

Call to Communion and Prayer

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please eat the bread privately, and then drink the cup together with us after everyone has returned to their seats. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to partake of Communion.

The ministry of prayer is one of the ways we live together as a community of believers and seekers. During Communion, members of our prayer team are available at the front of the sanctuary. It would be our privilege to pray with you as we walk together through the joys and struggles of life. We also encourage you to pray with one another in the pews during this time of movement in our service.

Prayers

Prayer for Guidance to Truth

God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.

Prayer of Belief and Repentance

Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Doubt and Faith

God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.

Song of Celebration

"He Bears My Soul"

Ensemble

The wolves outside are hunting and the dark of night is full,
And in my heart a wild fear that I cannot control.
I'm helpless to get out, I feel I'm drowning all alone,
Yet in my great distress I pray, and there He bears my soul.

This house was left abandoned, I sleep curled up on the floor,
My mind caves in with sorrows till I can't breathe anymore.
I see no hope tomorrow, the joy of life is cold,
By fingertips I hang from faith and there He bears my soul.

My Lord shall never cease to stand with blood to intercede,
His Spirit groans in patient love and ceaseless prays for me.
He knows my way of thinking, my inner man he wove.
See, I can't explain, I can't deny and yet somehow I know,
He bears my soul.

I call but there's no answer and my straining voice grows weak.
I'm sick of the hypocrisy of those who claim belief.
This sparrow seems forgotten,
My match is burning low,
In doubt and dissolution even there He bears my soul.

My Lord shall never cease to stand with blood to intercede,
His Spirit groans in patient love and ceaseless prays for me.
He knows my way of thinking, my inner man he wove.
See, I can't explain, I can't deny and yet somehow I know,
He bears my soul.

I stumble through the woods without a place to go, I roam.
I distrust all directions of what's right except my own.
I've given up at godliness,
I break each contrite oath,
I kick and hate and fall again and there He bears my soul.

My Lord shall never cease to stand with blood to intercede,
His Spirit groans in patient love and ceaseless prays for me.
He knows my way of thinking, my inner man he wove.
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Nathan Partain, 2014

Song of Celebration

“Jesus is Mine”

Ensemble

Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!
Dark is this wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!

Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay,
Born for but one brief day,
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!

Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried
Left but a dismal void;
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!

Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest,
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!

words: Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Life as Worship

Missions Month begins next week

GRACE Training | March 14

Valediction

based on Isaiah 61:3

Leader Dear Children,
your Savior groans with all who mourn,
and redresses his people.

All **He gives them a garland of beauty instead of ashes,**

Leader He anoints them with the oil of bounty,
in place of their despair and loss.

All **Instead of their spirit of hopelessness, he wraps them in song.**

Departing Hymn

“Hold Thou my Hand”

All

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

words: Fanny Crosby, 1879; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Benediction



GRACE

Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment

We are partnering with Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment (GRACE) to build a culture that connects our values to the need to protect the vulnerable. We want to educate and empower adults and children to protect others and themselves. GRACE will provide training on how better to prevent abuse and to respond appropriately and lovingly to victims and survivors.

WHY

One of the benefits of the Transforming Safety of the Gospel is that we are secure enough in Christ to look even at the darkest things in ourselves and in our community. Likewise, part of the responsibility of Creating Beauty Where We Are is to make a place that is truly safe for everyone, especially the vulnerable. We want to work together proactively to shift our culture from being well-intentioned to well-informed and equipped to act when necessary.

Our leadership decided to bring GRACE to Redeemer at this point in our story with the prayer that you will choose to bravely step forward and join us in this life-giving and healing work, trusting the Lord to use this for his glory and the protection and care of his children. This is a necessary first step on the path to becoming a truly safe community for the vulnerable and those who have been impacted by abuse.

WHEN

Saturday, March 14 from 8:30am-12:30pm in the sanctuary. We will have plenty of coffee, water and snacks! Childcare will be available on site, please stay tuned for the childcare sign-up.

WHO

Every adult should attend! A culture that cares for the vulnerable involves every single one of us, not just leaders or volunteers or parents. We all have a part to play. There is also something powerful about hearing an important message together—a bond is created when you know someone else heard the same impactful words.

Teenagers are welcome too at their parents' discretion; the material will be real but not graphic.

We know we are asking a lot for everyone to give up their Saturday morning to sit in our pews, but we wouldn't be asking it if we didn't believe it really matters.



With questions about GRACE or the March 14 training, contact Sarah Miller [sarah@redeemindy.org].

Upcoming Events

Today
12:30pm

New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch!

March 10, after the 11:00 service, join Redeemer staff and other people new to the community in the Speck Gallery for lunch. Newcomer's Lunches are a great opportunity to meet other new people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages are welcome (plus, we'll have supervised play for kids in the gym after we eat). Register online [redeemindy.org/events/newlunch].

Jan 31-Feb 1

Interested in learning more about membership at Redeemer?

Dig deeper into what it means to be a part of the community here! Join the next session Friday, January 31 from 6-9pm and Saturday, February 1 from 9-noon. Register online [redeemindy.org/events/discoveringredeemer].

Next Week

Missions Month | Fellow Citizens of the New City

Our annual Missions Month begins next week. Throughout the month of February, you'll have several opportunities to learn from our missions partners and connect with the work they're doing in the US and around the globe. You'll receive a Missions Month guide next week, and can find more information on the website.

Feb 9
10:00am

Calling all Community Group Leaders!

The Global Missions Team invites all Community Group leaders to a training to help our Community Groups care for the Mission Partners they adopt. Join us in Hank & Dolly's Gallery during the CT&T hour on 2/9 to learn practical ways to care for our Missions Partners at home and abroad! Contact the missions team [missions@redeemindy.org] with any questions.

Feb 20
6:30pm

Women, come have dinner with us!

Meet & Eat is for Redeemer women to eat and hang out in a smaller group setting in various homes. Registered women will be contacted about a week before by email with details on which home they are assigned. Sign-up online [redeemindy.org/events/meetandeat]. With questions, email [women@redeemindy.org].

Wanting to address abuse that is in some way part of your story?

Every New Hope counselor has walked with survivors of abuse. Redeemer's counseling service, New Hope Counseling, is here to assist you [newhopeindianapolis.org]. Email counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org and you'll be connected with the right counselor for you. Placement may take 1-2 weeks. Our team sees children, teens, couples, families, and individual clients.



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year to date giving

\$ 117,987.83



Jan budget:

\$ 198,333.83

2020 budget:

\$ 2,380,006

Congregational Giving

January 19th	\$	24,526.06
January Total	\$	117,987.83
January Budget	\$	198,333.83

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