

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on 1 Peter 2:4-6

Leader Dear children, let us come to Jesus,
who is like a living building Stone
for the construction of our Father's new temple.
He was rejected by humanity
but he was God's chosen one and was precious to him.

All **For as we come to him,
we also are like living stones,
and are being built into a spiritual house,
to be a new nation of God's ministers
set apart to do what is in his heart,
offering the words and actions of our lives as spiritual offerings
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Leader For your Father says:
"See, I lay a stone in my holy city,
a chosen and precious stone
that the whole temple will be built from,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."

Opening Hymn

“My Hope is Built”

All

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury, 1863

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Ephesians 2

Leader We have forgotten who we were.

All **We were outside the covenant, without hope,
enslaved to the lies of this world.**

Leader We have forgotten who you are.

All **We were once far away
but have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

Leader We have forgotten your work.

All **You created a new humanity out of people who were at war.
Your cross binds us together and makes us fellow citizens
and members of your household.**

Leader We have forgotten our brothers and sisters.

All **We ignore the global church.
We do not believe we can learn from them.
We look at Christians from other countries, cultures, and traditions,
and we only see our differences
instead of seeing the people you brought together through your son Jesus.**

Leader Father, help us remember the truth.

All **Father, help us walk in the truth.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2; the Kenyan Book of Common Prayer

Leader God demonstrated his love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

All **Because of his great love for us,
God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ
when we were dead in our transgression.
It is by grace we have been saved.**

Leader This is the truth we celebrate:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Leader We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

All **We have died together,
we will rise together,
we will live together.
Alleluia!**

Song in the Gospel

“Draw Near to My Soul”

All

**The flood around me is rising; the water’s up to my neck.
My voice is worn out from crying. O Lord, please send me your help!**

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

**My flesh and blood no more own me; my fam’ly’s no more my home.
They hide their eyes from my grieving; they stop their ears from my groans.**

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

**I asked them all for some comfort; I begged, but there was no bread.
They gave me food that was poison; with wine, they left me for dead.**

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

Draw near to my soul, O Lord!

Wendell Kimbrough, 2017

Song in the Gospel

“When I Survey”

All

**When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts, 1707; arr.: Lowell Mason, 1824

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Global Missions Interview

Matt and Esta Jesch, Guadalajara, Mexico

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.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-18

Reader

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Reader
People

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jeff Nottingham

This New House

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Community Group Questions

1. *When you perceive that a Christian friend of yours is on the wrong track about something important in their life, something that is a sin issue, what are some of the things that keep you from speaking against it in love to him or to her? How might considering who Jesus is, and who the both of you are to him, empower you to speak?*
2. *What sub-group of Christians do you find it especially difficult to connect with? All sorts of factors play into these divides: socio-economic background, denominational affiliation, even racial or national differences. Try being a safe spot for one another to discuss this. Then, discuss what are one or two practical steps you could take as a community group or as individuals to better bridge one or more of these gaps.*
3. *In a sociological sense, most of us have not been “foreigners” or “strangers” (Ephesians 2:19). We practice our faith in a nation that was founded on Judeo-Christian values and has historically been favorable towards the Church. In what ways do you think you run “the opposite risk” of being overly assimilated by your culture, of not being enough of a stranger in this world (Hebrews 11:13)?*

Children’s Questions

There are so many different types of people all around the world who are Christians. A lot of these people have nothing in common except that they love Jesus. In fact, before they found Jesus, a lot of these people hated each other. Together we are one spiritual family. We use words like brother and sister because God brought all of us into his family. That is amazing. What does it say about Jesus that he is able to make people stop hating each other and start loving each other?

It is Mission Month, and your parents should have gotten a prayer guide. Read about our different partners and take time praying for one of them.

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

"Your Beloved is Ready"

Ensemble

She has saved her whole heart for you Lord,
She has kept her eyes pure for you Lord,
She has waited and waited, while her hungers were raging,
To taste only the love of her Lord.

She has set her delight in you Lord,
She has stayed all her thoughts on you Lord,
She has stilled her desires, all her tossing and straying,
She has put all her hope in you Lord.

Refrain

You have washed her for the day of her wedding,
Promised yourself, by your Spirit abiding.
In the earthquakes and war, Lord, can you hear her singing?
Her arms are raised high, she is radiant and holy,
Your beloved is ready. Your beloved is ready for you.
Your beloved is ready.

She has shut out the greed of her soul.
Scoffs at scarcity, rotting and mold.
She has given so freely, to the mean and unworthy,
She's so loved that she cannot withhold

She surrendered her war for control,
She has waived every right that she holds,
She wiped out all the debts she demanded from others,
Cause she knew that she owed so much more. *(Refrain)*

She has torn up her murderous laws,
Her comparing and searching for flaws,
But you've made her so humble, holding others more highly,
For her joy has been filled to the full.

She took off her pretense for you Lord,
She confessed all her shame to you Lord,
She came out of her hiding, to be know so profoundly,
And so free she can dance for you Lord. *(Refrain)*

Nathan Partain, 2013

Song of Celebration

“The Family of God”

Ensemble

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God,
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I’m part of the family, the family of God.

Well, we call one another “brother”, “sister” ‘round here,
It’s because we’re a family and these are so near;
When one has a heartache, we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God,
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I’m part of the family, the family of God.

From the door of an orphanage to the house of the King,
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I’m not worthy to be here, but praise God I belong!

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God,
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I’m part of the family, the family of God.

Ensemble

words: Bill and Gloria Gaither; music: Bill Gaither, 1970

Life as Worship

Women's Meet & Eat | February 20

Community Group Leader Commissioning

Valediction

based on 1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader Brothers and sisters,
you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood,
a new nation set apart,
God's special possession,

All **For the purpose that we would declare
the excellencies of him
who called us out of our darkened minds
and into his light
so that we are filled with wonder and awe.**

Leader There was a time where you were alone and lost,
not belonging to a community,

All **But now we are a part of the household of God;**

Leader There was a time when no one considered your hopeless suffering,
no one you could call for rescue.

All **But now, out of his own tender compassion,
God himself has healed our souls.**

Departing Hymn

“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

All

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’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 have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**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.**

**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.**

by William Cowper

Benediction



The Redeemer Women's Meet & Eat will be a night of good food, new connections, and real conversations. You will be assigned a home where you will gather with others for an evening of dinner and conversation. The night will have no agenda other than to eat and hang out with other Redeemer women whom you might not have met yet.

Register online [redeemindy.org/events/meetandeat].

Email women@redeemindy.org with any questions.

Upcoming Events

This Month

Missions Month | Fellow Citizens of the New City

Our annual Missions Month begins today! 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 should have received a Missions Month guide when you came in today that will outline what you can expect this month. Interested in getting involved in the team? Email [missions@redeemindy.org].

*Today
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 today during the 10:00 hour to learn practical ways to care for our Missions Partners at home and abroad! Contact the missions team [missions@redeemindy.org] with any questions.

*Wednesday
6:30-7:30pm*

Evening of Prayer

Desperate dependence on Jesus—it's a core value for us. Praying together as a church is a great way to live out and grow in that value. It doesn't matter if you've never prayed out loud or with other people before—everyone is invited, and you won't be put on the spot. We'll meet in the Harrison Gallery this Wednesday from 6:30-7:30. Supervised play for kids in the nursery. We'll start and end promptly.

*February 26
6:30-8:30pm*

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service - February 26th

One of our Redeemer family special services each year is our Ash Wednesday Prayer service. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent, a time of sober evaluation of our lives before God. For this reason, we gather and have a time of song, confession, and teaching, followed by a time of prayer. Our elders, pastors, and prayer team pray for each person who comes, in order to seek the Lord as we begin this season of devotion, and mark each forehead with ashes in the form of a cross: a sign showing our humility and creaturely nature before God. The service is from 6:30-8:30pm. Please enter through the Sanctuary doors on Delaware Street.

*March 14
8:30am-12:30pm*

All-Adult GRACE Training

We've partnered with GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) to help us create a culture that better prevents abuse and provides appropriate and loving care to victims and survivors. The gospel calls us to a culture that cares for the vulnerable, and that involves every single one of us, not just leaders, volunteers, and parents. Plan to attend this training on 3/14 from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the sanctuary. Teenagers are welcome at their parents' discretion. Childcare is provided. No need to register as an adult attendee, but register your child(ren) at [redeemindy.org/events/grace].

Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?

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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