

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 52

Leader How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who brings good news—

All **The good news of peace and salvation,
the news that the God of Israel reigns!**

Leader The watchmen shout and sing with joy,
for before their very eyes
they see the LORD returning to Jerusalem.

All **Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song,
for the LORD has comforted his people.
He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

Leader The LORD has demonstrated his holy power
before the eyes of all the nations.

All **All the ends of the earth will see
the victory of our God!**

Opening Hymn

“Tell Out, My Soul”

All

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice,
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers, dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children’s children and forever more.**

words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982; music: Holly Dutton, 2004

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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

All **Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my king.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee;
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be, ever only all for thee;
Ever only all for thee.**

Song in the Gospel

“Beautiful Savior”

All

**All my days, I will sing this song of gladness.
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**I will trust in the cross of my redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.**

**Beautiful savior, wonderful counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You’re the way, the truth, the life;
Star of the morning, glorious holiness,
You’re the risen one, heaven’s champion,
And you reign, you reign, over all.**

**I long to be, where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
Where countless worshipers will share one song;
And cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!**

**Beautiful savior, wonderful counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You’re the way, the truth, the life;
Star of the morning, glorious holiness,
You’re the risen one, heaven’s champion,
And you reign, you reign, over all.**

Stuart Townend

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Installation Service

Charles Anderson

Vows of Installation as Assistant Pastor

Charles Anderson

Leader

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their assistant pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an assistant pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Vows of the Congregation

Charles Anderson

Leader

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Sam Haist, whom the session has called to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you promise to support him financially while he serves so that he is freed up to devote himself to ministry?

Laying on of Hands and Time of Prayer

Declaration of Installation

We give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part in this ministry with us.

I now pronounce and declare that Sam Haist has been regularly installed as an assistant pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Charge to the Pastor

Eric Whitley

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 3:1-6

Reader

¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Reader

This is the word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

God's Big Plan: Together

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Community Group Questions

1. In what ways do you approach the gospel as if it's just about Jesus and you? In what ways might you have an overly individualized understanding of the gospel? Consider too how we are shaped by a culture that prizes expressive individualism as one of the highest values.
2. What do the three "together" images in Ephesians 3:6 tell us about the church and God's work in the world? What dividing lines could those apply to for us (both locally and globally)? What could living into those gospel realities look like for Redeemer?
3. Read Ephesians 4:25-5:2, part of Paul's instructions on how to "live a life worthy of the calling" we have received through the gospel (Eph 4:1). What kind of reasons does he give for the commands? How do those reasons match up with and reflect his vision for the gospel in 3:6 and 2:11-22?

Children's Questions

Read Ephesians 3:6. God puts all different kinds of people together in the church and makes us body parts in the one body, heirs together, and sharers in the same promise. Talk with one of the adults in your group about what each of those descriptions means. What does it mean that all of this is true "through the gospel" and "in Christ Jesus"? How can those descriptions be true for you as a kid (and not just for big person church)?

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

"In the Secret of His Presence"

Ensemble

In the secret of His presence how my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares do ever vex me, and my trials lay me low;
but when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go,
To the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty, 'neath the shadow of His wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;
There my Savior rests beside me, and we hold communion sweet:
If I tried, I could not utter what He says when there we meet,
What He says when there we meet.

Only this I know: I tell Him all my doubts, my griefs and fears;
Oh, how patiently He listens! and my sorrowed soul He cheers:
Do you think He ne'er reproves me? What a false Friend He would be,
If He never, never told me of the sins which He must see,
Of the sins which He must see.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow: this shall then be your reward;
And whene'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,
You must surely bear the image of the Master in your face,
Of the Master in your face.

words: Ellen L. Goreh, 1883; music: Chris Minor, 2004

Song of Celebration

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ensemble

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

words: Reginald Heber 1783-1826; music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

Life as Worship

*Women’s Meet & Eat | This Thursday
Ash Wednesday Prayer | February 26, 6:30pm*

Valediction

Titus 3:4-7

Leader When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,
he saved us.

All **Not because of the righteous things we had done,
but because of his mercy.**

Leader He washed away our sins,
giving us a new birth and new life
through the Holy Spirit.

All **He generously poured out the Spirit upon us
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Because of his grace, he made us right in his sight
and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.**

Departing Hymn

“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

All **O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more.
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
’Tis an ocean full of blessing, ’tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ’tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!**

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875

Benediction

Thank you!

We are grateful for the way your giving continues to support the work of the Global Missions Team. A portion of what you give to Redeemer's general fund covers our monthly support for our partners, and each year you continue to go above and beyond in supporting the work of the team through our annual special offering and your additional gifts throughout the year. This additional giving covers unexpected expenses over the course of the year, and allows us to meet partner care needs as they arise. Last year, with your support, the Global Missions Team funded:

- Moving expenses for partners on home assignment
- Counseling for partners going through transition
- Meals for partners when visited by a Redeemer member
- Gift cards for local restaurants when partners were caring for relatives in the hospital
- Grants for Redeemer members to go on missions trips
- Tuition fees for partners pursuing advanced degrees



Supporting Haiti

This year we are directing our Missions Month special offering to the ministry of Natacha and Esaie Etienne, who support church-planting and mercy ministry in and around Gonaives, Haiti.

The past few months have been especially difficult for Haiti, particularly in Gonaives, where the Etiennes minister. Due to protests and instability, children were unable to go to school for four months. Businesses were paralyzed, some closing permanently. For Natacha and Esaie, the instability has meant uncertainty for their ministry and greater expenses for transportation and materials.

Special Ask

We're asking you to come alongside and help us raise \$15,000 to finish stalled construction work on the seminary in Dociné, Haiti, and \$5,000 to cover one month's shortfall in expenses for Dociné Christian Academy. Additional funds beyond \$20,000 will go to support additional partner care needs throughout the year.

Your generosity demonstrates our citizenship in the new city with the Etiennes in Haiti and our partners around the world.

The special offering will be at the end of next week's service. You can also give to the Missions Fund anytime by writing "missions" on the memo of your check, or by selecting "Missions Fund" when you give at [www.redeemindy.org/give].

Upcoming Events

This Month

Missions Month | Fellow Citizens of the New City

February is our annual Missions Month! Throughout the month, 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're encouraged to pick up a Missions Month guide at the Welcome Table that will outline what you can expect this month. Interested in getting involved in the team? Email [missions@redeemindy.org].

*Thursday
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] or at the table in the foyer. Registration closes tonight. With questions, email [women@redeemindy.org].

*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. Childcare provided for ages 0-3.

*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].

Living with past wounds that are affecting your present 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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\$ 199,316.26



Congregational Giving

February 9th	\$	24,834.00
February Total	\$	52,064.31
February Budget	\$	198,333.83

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