



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**PALM SUNDAY** | APRIL 5

## Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 98*

Shout for joy to the LORD,  
all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
Make music to the LORD with the guitar,  
with the guitar and the sound of singing;  
With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**Let the sea resound,  
and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy.**

Let them sing before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.**

## Opening Hymn

*"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!  
God is good and therefore King!  
Praise him, all ye hosts above,  
Ever bright and fair in love,  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice,  
Night and stars in God rejoice,  
God rejoice, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Warriors fighting for the Lord, Alleluia!  
Prophets burning with his Word, Alleluia!  
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!  
Add their voices to the song.  
Men and women, young and old,  
Raise the anthem manifold,  
And let children's joyful hearts,  
In this worship shout their parts,  
Shout their parts, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!  
God is good and therefore King!  
From the earth to heavens shore,  
Let the mighty chorus roar,  
"Holy, holy, holy One;  
Glory be to God alone,  
God alone!" Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881; music: Bruce Benedict, 2006

## Prayer of Lament and Confession

Father, we lament that we are lonely.  
We ache to have someone be present with us  
to embrace one another  
and share our lives in person,  
to share a meal,  
even to share the silence with another.  
Isolation has become oppressive.

**Jesus, when will you come and reign?**

We confess that we are prone to bicker and quarrel;  
We are petty and resentful toward those we live with.  
We try to control the people in our lives,  
because everything else feels out of our control.  
We long to connect with others,  
yet we fail to love each other.

**Jesus, we forget that you reign.**

We lament that death is our enemy,  
and it rules with cruelty and impunity.  
It's a monstrous invader into God's creation.  
Thousands upon ten thousands  
will die from this virus.  
People we love will die from this virus.

**Jesus, when will you come and reign?**

We confess that in the midst of crisis,  
we doubt and mistrust you.  
We struggle to believe that you are good,  
that you are in control,  
that you love us and the world.

**Jesus, we forget that you reign.**

Lord, we are a broken people in a broken world.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear us and help us.**

# Song of Lament

*“Draw Near”*

**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!**

*Wendell Kimbrough, 2017*

## Assurance and Hope of the Gospel

*based on John 19; Matthew 26; Isaiah 53; Romans 5; John 3;  
Acts 2; Matthew 28; Hebrews 4; Revelation 11; 21; 22*

Take heart in this assurance and hope  
of the good news of the King:  
The King has been lifted up and reigned from the cross.  
Jesus commands the angels,  
yet became the man of sorrows,  
in order to die for us,  
the powerless, the ungodly.

**For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him  
should not perish but have eternal life.**

The King has ascended into heaven  
where he reigns over heaven and earth,  
at the right hand of his Father,  
from whom he has all authority.

**We can approach the throne, therefore,  
with confidence  
to receive mercy and find grace  
in our time of need.**

The King will reign—  
the kingdom of the world  
will become the kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah.  
Our triumphant, yet tender King Jesus  
will wipe away every tear from our eyes.  
There will be no more sickness or death  
or mourning or crying or pain.

**His words are trustworthy and true.  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Rejoice! The Lord is King”*

**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!**

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

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

# Preparation for the Word

*based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13*

Let us honor our Father together.

**Father, we receive your word, which we have heard  
through the prophets,  
the apostles  
and Jesus, your Son,  
And accept it not as a human word,  
but as it actually is,  
the word of God.**

Yes, for it is indeed at work  
in all who believe.

## Scripture

*Romans 4:16-25*

<sup>16</sup> Abraham is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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

# Homily

Charles Anderson

*Does the Word Really Give Life?*

## Prayer

## Life as Worship

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## Valediction

*John 14:5-9*

Let us remember these words together:

Thomas said to Jesus,

“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,  
so how can we know the way?”

**Jesus answered:**

**“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.  
If you really know me,  
you will know my Father as well.  
From now on, you do know him  
and have seen him.”**

Philip said,

“Lord, show us the Father  
and that will be enough for us.”

**Jesus answered:**

**“Don’t you know me, Philip,  
even after I have been among you  
such a long time?  
Anyone who has seen me  
has seen the Father.”**

## Closing Hymn

*“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”*

**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.**

**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 B. Bradbury, 1863

## Benediction

## Upcoming Events

**Women, register for this year’s OneRead!**

Redeemer Women invites you to join us for a Women’s OneRead. Grab a copy of *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren, read it, and join us as we look more closely at the small practices and habits that form our everyday life.

We will meet virtually Tuesday, 4/28, 7:30–8:30pm via a Zoom room. Books are available on Amazon (hard and electronic versions are available). There are a few hard copies still available for \$10. Email women@redeemindy.org to organize a porch pick up.

Please register online [redeemindy.org/events/oneread] to ensure you get the Zoom room invitation and so we can plan accordingly. We do hope you will join us! We are looking forward to a great night!

**Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?**

New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. We do not want finances to be a barrier. We provide scholarships as needed to all Redeemer and Fountain Square Pres attendees. We offer a full slate of telecounseling options via a secure provider on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. We all sense how disrupted life is right now. If you want to talk with a counselor, please contact us.

Email our Intake Coordinator, Liz Escoffery at [counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org] to ask questions about scheduling an appointment. If you need to come in for in-person sessions, we are still equipped for that as well and are following all relevant CDC guidelines.

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