Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 130:5-8

Leader I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.

People My soul waits for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning—

Leader Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord;

All For with the Lord there is mercy,
and with Him is abundant redemption;
and He shall redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

Opening Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

All

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art

Thou my best thought by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou with me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Prayer of Confession

Leader Our Father loves us and remembers us, with our names engraved on the Son's hands.

People Dear God, sometimes we forget you are there, and ignore you altogether.

Leader The Spirit has poured out his goodness over us.

People Dear God, sometimes we are greedy, and forget to thank you;

Leader Jesus denied himself and took up his cross to save sinners.

People Dear God, sometimes we think only about ourselves, and treat others badly.

All
Please forgive us,
and help us to remember you,
to thank you for all things,
and to love you always.
For Jesus's sake,
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Hosea 11:1-4; Isaiah 49:13, 15

Leader Your God says,

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. It was I who taught my people to walk, taking them by the arms;

But they did not realize it was I who healed them."

All You have led us with cords of kindness, with ties of love.

LORD, you have been like one who lifts a child to your cheek, and you have bent down to feed us.

Leader Your God asks,

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?"

All "Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!"

Leader Shout for joy, you heavens; Rejoice, your earth;

Burst into song, you mountains!

All For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Song in the Gospel

"Just as I Am"

All Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
 And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb I come.
 Just as I am, and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, confused, conflicted, full of doubts, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb I come.
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all in Thee I need to find, O Lamb I come.

Just as I am I come, Receiving all you've done And covered in your blood, I'm held within your love.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown, hath broken every barrier down; Now, to be Thine and Thine alone, O Lamb I come. Just as I am, Thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb I come.

Just as I am I come, Receiving all you've done And covered in your blood, I'm held within your love.

You've won for me full forgiveness, just as I am O Lamb I come. Set free from fear, I can confess, just as I am O Lamb I come. I leave my rags of righteousness, just as I am O Lamb I come. For now I wear your Holiness, just as I am O Lamb I come.

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words: Charlotte Elliott, 1835/alt.lyrics: Nathan Partain, 2011; music: Nathan Partain, 2011

Song in the Gospel

"You have Redeemed Mv Soul"

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
 You have redeemed my soul from death.
 You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
 You have redeemed my soul from death.

I was a hungry child, a dried up river. I was a burned out forest, and no one could do anything for me.

But you put food in my body, water in my dry bed, And to my blackened branches, You brought the spring time green of a new life. And nothing is impossible for you.

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness, You have redeemed my soul from death. You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness, You have redeemed my soul from death.

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Don Chaffer (c) 1999 Blue Renaissance Music

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Remembering our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

Leader What is Baptism?

All Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Song of Baptism

"Baptized in Water"

Leader Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of Salvation, Trusting His promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

All Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King; One with His rising, Freed and forgiven, Looking to heaven now we sing.

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

words: Michael Saward; add. lyrics: Bruce Benedict, 1982; music: Traditional Gaelic Melody

Baptism

1st Service

Elise Marielle McIntyre, daughter of Nathan and Ally McIntyre

2nd Service

Anneliese May Tolly, daughter of Jeff and Caroline Tolly

Parents' Vows

Leader

- 1. Do you acknowledge Elise's/Anneliese's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly commit Elise/Anneliese to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

People

Peter preached the gospel to the church saying, "The promise is for you and your children. and for all who are far off for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Elise Marielle McIntyre/Anneliese May Tolly into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround her with Christian love, to pray for her, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

People

We do, for whoever welcomes this child in Christ's name, welcomes him. And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.

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

Exodus 13:1-16

Reader

- ¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal."
- ³ Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast. ⁴ Today, in the month of Aviv, you are leaving. ⁵ When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites—the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month: ⁶ For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the Lord. ⁷ Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. ⁸ On that day tell your son, ¹ do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt. ⁹ This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that this law of the Lord is to be on your lips. For the Lord brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand. ¹⁰ You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after year.
- ¹¹ "After the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, ¹² you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord. ¹² Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.
- ¹⁴ "In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.' ¹⁶ And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand."

Reader People This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson
In Praise of Ritual

Notes		

Community Group Questions

- 1) Take an "audit" of your "everyday environment." Each person in your group should have a piece of paper to write on. As a group, start calling out things you personally do, hear, or see, and the places/people you visit on a regular basis (e.g., eating, work [where, what, how, etc.], email, social media, kids' activities, homework, Netflix, exercise, etc.). Pick one day of the week and be as specific as possible. If you share something, or hear someone else share something you do regularly, write it down.
- 2) Once you're finished with your audit, look over your list. This is your environment. Share how the things you do/see/experience/visit on a regular basis shape who you are: your loves, desires, values, sense of purpose, beliefs, behavior, and relationships.
- 3) How can you intentional in habits that cultivate the story of the gospel in your life? Think of at least one "spiritual" habit (e.g., Bible reading, corporate worship, etc.) and one "non-spiritual" habit (e.g., making your bed, lunch at work, etc.).

Children's Question

Kids, the "adult" questions are your questions too this week. Have an adult help you brainstorm what you do during the day and then think about what those activities say about who you are. How can you have gospel habits in your life?

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

"Jesus I My Cross Have Taken"

Ensemble

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.

Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.

Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.

Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too. Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue. O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast. Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest. Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me; Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn, and pain. In thy service, pain is pleasure, with thy favor, loss is gain. I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee; Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care, Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine, Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days, Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

words: Henry F. Lyte, 1824; music: Bill Moore

Song of Celebration

"Nearer Mv God to Thee"

Ensemble

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down, Darkness be over me, my rest a stone. Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to Thee.

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n; All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given; Jesus, you beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee.

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Then, with Thy Spirit's thoughts bright with Thy praise, Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise; So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest, There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest; Age after age to be, nearer my God to Thee.

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! words: Sarah F. Adams, 1805:1848 music: Lowell Mason, 1792:1872

Life as Worship

Valediction

based on Ephesians 1:3-6

Leader Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—

People Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Leader Even as He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

All
In love He called us to adoption in Himself
as His children through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with His pleasure and will—
to the praise of His glorious grace,
which He has freely given us in the One He loves.

Departing Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

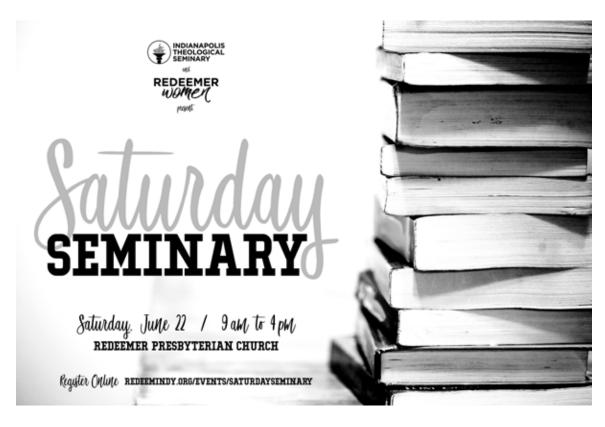
All The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav'n, he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood, he bought her and, for her life, he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope, she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, we see her sore oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed; Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music: Brian Moss; Parson John Publishing, 1996



Redeemer Women, meet Saturday Seminary!

On Saturday, June 22nd, Indianapolis Theological Seminary President Nicholas Piotrowski will provide Redeemer Women with a day of seminary teaching on the storyline of the Bible. Between 9 am and 4 pm, we will gather for both lectures and smaller group discussions on how this material impacts our everyday life.

Cost will be \$20 and will include a catered lunch.
Please register online by June 18th or at the table in the courtyard entrance this Sunday or next.

Questions? Email [women@redeemindy.org].

Upcoming Events

Tonight 7:30pm

Coach Reich is coming to Redeemer!

Indianapolis Theological Seminary is hosting a symposium here at Redeemer with Indianapolis Colts coach, Frank Reich, tonight at 7:30pm. His talk is titled "Created to Compete: A Theology of Competition." Reich is a former president of Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. Tickets are \$5 each, and are available online [indysem.org/news-events].

May 19 12:30pm

New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch!

May 19, 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].

May 22 6:30-7:30pm

All-Church Prayer Meeting

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. 5/22, 6:30–7:30 in the Underground Gallery. We'll start and end promptly. Supervised play in the gym available for kids over age 4.

June 25 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 6/18. With questions, email [women@redeemindy.org].

July 29-Aug 2

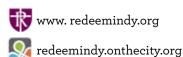
Kids, Save the Date! Music Camp is coming to Redeemer!

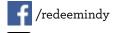
In place of our typical VBS, we are excited to announce that Redeemer and Harrison Center are partnering as part of the Convertible Project to bring the Expression Engine Music Camp to our building July 29-August 2 for kids entering 1st through 6th grades. Throughout the week, they will participate in classes for choir, bucket band, and musicianship, and then end their week by performing at the Harrison Center's monthly First Friday. This event similarly purposes to further connect Redeemer and Harrison Center to our neighborhood. Further details are soon to follow.

Sundays 10-10:50am

Sunday Morning Classes

The spring semester of Sunday classes is underway. Classes meet from 10–10:50am, between the two worship services, with classes offered for all ages, including three classes for adults: the book of Daniel in the Speck Gallery, church history in the Underground Gallery, and the creatives class in Kyle Ragsdale's studio. Find more information at the Welcome Table or on the blog [redeemindy.org/news].









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year to date giving: \$ 558,013.95

Jan-April budget: \$ 672,663.33

2019 budget: \$2,016,840.00

Congregational Giving

April 28th	\$ 16.603.59
April Total	\$ 89.716.99
April Budget	\$ 168,070.00
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Designated Giving

Mercy 2019 Total	\$ 5.073.00
Missions Team 2019 Total	\$ 18,560.65
Building Team 2019 Total	\$ 3,103.14
Church Planting 2019 Total	\$ 100.00

