

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*based on Psalm 95:1-8*

*Leader* Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

*All* **Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**

*Leader* For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

*All* **In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.**

*Leader* Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

*All* **For he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**

*Leader* Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.

# Opening Hymn

*"Psalm 136"*

*All*

**The Lord is all that's good.  
He is the Power of powers.  
He is the Beauty of beauties.  
He is the Fear of fears.  
He alone is the Author of wonders.  
His thoughts are like the universe;  
His care spread the earth on the water.  
He's the truth of the day. He's the hope through the night.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us stand pure in his sight.**

**He crushed the head of death,  
Delivered us from the reach of his hand.  
With his mighty arm, he made us a path,  
A way through the deep, we walk on dry land.  
While Pharaoh is damned to darkness,  
He guides us through the wilderness.  
He breaks every scepter, makes low every name.  
In us, he has planted his kingdom, his flame.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us like stars in the night.**

**He never forgets our weakness.  
He spares us from the enemy.  
He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth.  
Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able,  
To raise us from death unto life.**

*Nathan Partain, 2001*

# Prayer of Confession

*based on the Confession of Sin in the Book of Common Prayer*

*Leader* Most merciful God,

*All* **I confess that I have raised myself above you  
in thought, word, and deed;**

*(pause)*

**By what I have done  
and by what I have ignored.**

*Leader* Most merciful God,

*All* **I have not loved you with my whole heart.**

*(pause)*

**I have not loved my neighbor as myself.**

*Leader* Most merciful God,

*All* **I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.**

*(pause)*

**For the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on me and forgive me;  
That I may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on Exod 19:4; John 14:16; Rom 8:33; Eph 5:26; Col 1:13, 2:14; Titus 3:5; 1 John 1:1; Heidelberg Catechism Q1*

*Leader* LORD, you are the only one  
who conquered our unseen enemies.  
You wiped away every wrong thing we would ever do.  
There is now no accusation against us.

*All* **Nothing can stand in the way of my salvation  
in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

*Leader* LORD, you are the only one  
who carried us out of darkness and into the light.  
You spoke your Word to us—  
we are your own children, and your word to us is the Word of life.

*All* **Not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Sovereign Lord.**

*Leader* LORD, you are the only one  
who washes us with your Spirit and your word.  
They cleanse us in Christ and guide us in godliness.

*All* **No one can take the Holy Spirit away from us, ever.  
All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall!**

# 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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I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

*Nathan Partain, 2014*

## Song in the Gospel

*“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*

## Prayer of Dependence

*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.*

# Offering of Gifts and Service

## Scripture

*Exodus 21:1-11*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> “These are the laws you are to set before them:

<sup>2</sup> “If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything. <sup>3</sup> If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. <sup>4</sup> If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free.

<sup>5</sup> “But if the servant declares, ‘I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,’ <sup>6</sup> then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

<sup>7</sup> “If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as male servants do.

<sup>8</sup> If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself, he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has broken faith with her. <sup>9</sup> If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter. <sup>10</sup> If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights. <sup>11</sup> If he does not provide her with these three things, she is to go free, without any payment of money.

*Reader*  
*People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Charles Anderson*

A Biblical Case for Pierced Ears





# 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

*“Anyone Who is in Christ”*

*Ensemble*

Anyone who is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
Anyone who is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
For God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us,  
That we might be the righteousness of God in him.

Live no longer for yourself but for him who died and rose again.  
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*words: Holly Dutton based on 2 Cor. 5; music: Holly Dutton, 2002*

# Song of Celebration

*“Be Still my Soul”*

*Ensemble*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend,  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake,  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know,  
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on,  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past.  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*music: Finlandia, Jean Sibelius, 1899*

## Life as Worship

*The Gray Havens Concert | Saturday, 7:30pm*

*Discovering Redeemer | September 20-21*

*Youth Fall Retreat | September 27-29*

# Valediction

*based on Galatians 2:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

*Leader* Dear children,  
your old self has been crucified with Christ.

*All* **It is no longer I who live,  
but Christ lives in me.**

*Leader* So you live in your earthly body  
by trusting in the Son of God,  
who loved you and gave himself for you.

*All* **Hallelujah!  
I am not my own.  
I was bought at a price.**

# Departing Hymn

*“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.**

*words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music: Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827*

# Benediction

# Fall Classes

Classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning between first and second services from 10-10:50am.

## Adults



Are you tired?

- Tired of serving?
- Tired of the 9-5?
- Tired of being peculiar?
- Tired of the spiritual struggle?
- Tired even of Jesus?

Join us as we look at the book of Hebrews, which was written precisely to people weary in the Christian life. We'll see how Jesus really is greater and enables us to hope and press on.

Perhaps no other book in the Bible offers quite the mix of challenge and opportunity like Hebrews. It's long for a letter. It's complex. It draws heavily on the Old Testament and even ancient philosophy. We don't know who wrote it or to whom it was written. Bottom line — it's not easy to understand. But it's incredibly rich in what it tells us about Jesus, how God's story fits together, what salvation means, and how to keep going in our faith when we're tired. Join us on a pilgrimage through Hebrews this semester.

Hebrews is taught by Charles Anderson in the Underground Gallery.



Creatives Class is a place for creative souls to gather for prayer, encouragement, and exploration of how the gospel impacts an artist's life. The class is designed so that people can drop in and out as their schedule allows.

Kyle Ragsdale will lead this class in his studio.

## Students



The Middle School Class will be meeting in Room 141.

The High School Class will be meeting in the Underground for the Hebrews class.

## Kids



Preschool (3s-K)

3s-4s: 160A (Children's Worship room)

5s-K: 160B (adjacent to the Children's Worship room)

Elementary (1st-5th grades)

1st-4th Grades: Gospel Project

For these classes, we take a look at the narrative of the Bible by journeying through both the Old Testament and New Testament books. This year we pick up our journey by starting in Acts then finishing our study with an overview of the rest of the New Testament.

5th Grade: Project Launch

This class looks back on what has been learned in Gospel Project with an eye to understanding and applying what we believe about the scriptures. This year, students will be equipped for their faith journeys as members of the church and as those who are about to complete RedeemerKids and launch into RedeemerStudents.

1st & 2nd grades are starting in room 204. 2nd graders will be picked up from 205 across the hall.

3rd & 4th grades meet in 203.

5th grade is in 201.

# Upcoming Events

Today  
12:30pm

## **New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch!**

Today, after second 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).

Today  
12:30pm

## **Join us for today's Artist Talk**

Today, after second service, join us in the Harrison Gallery to hear Benny Sanders talk about the current exhibit, *Landscape Today*, up in the Harrison Gallery through September.

Today  
3-5pm

## **Open House for Shanda Eickelberger**

Our missions partner and Redeemer member, Shanda Eickelberger, has been serving with Cru for the last 20 years. She has supported the work of short term international teams serving on campuses around the world. This fall marks the end of her time with Cru, and to honor her, the Global Missions Team is hosting an open house today from 3-5pm. RSVP online [[redeemindy.org/events/shanda](https://redeemindy.org/events/shanda)] for location details.

Saturday  
7:30pm

## **Concert this Saturday! The Gray Havens with Wilder Adkins**

Come see The Gray Havens and Wilder Adkins, live in our sanctuary on Saturday, 9/14. Concert starts at 7:30pm. Admission: \$15 Advance, \$18 Door. Purchase tickets online [<https://www.redeemindy.org/events/grayhavens>].

September 20-21

## **Interested in membership?**

Dig deeper into what it means to be a part of the community here! Join us for Discovering Redeemer, Friday, 9/20 from 6-9pm and Saturday, 9/21 from 9-noon. Register online [[redeemindy.org/events/discoveringredeemer](https://redeemindy.org/events/discoveringredeemer)].

September 27-29

## **Students, it's time for the fall retreat!**

The annual youth fall retreat is 9/27-29! Register by 9/15 online [<https://www.redeemindy.org/events/fallretreat>]. Contact Caroline Fridblom [[caroline@redeemindy.org](mailto:caroline@redeemindy.org)] for more information.

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

Redeemer's counseling service, New Hope Counseling, is here to assist you [[newhopeindianapolis.org](https://newhopeindianapolis.org)]. Email [[counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org](mailto: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. Partial scholarships available if needed.



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year to date giving:

\$ 1,287,716.52

Jan-Sept budget:

\$ 1,344,560.00

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840.00

## Congregational Giving

September 1st .....	\$	59,693.84
September Total .....	\$	59,693.84
September Budget .....	\$	168,070.00

## Designated Giving

Mercy 2019 Total .....	\$	7,343.00
Missions Team 2019 Total .....	\$	20,426.21
Building Team 2019 Total .....	\$	3,103.14
Church Planting 2019 Total .....	\$	100.00

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