

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*based on Isaiah 9:14-16*

*Leader* Shout for joy, you heavens;  
rejoice, you earth;  
burst into song, you mountains!  
For the Lord comforts his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

*All* **But it seems like the Lord has forsaken me,  
the Lord has forgotten me.**

*Leader* Hear the word of the Lord, O children,  
“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,  
I the Lord will not forget you!  
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your need for protection and healing,  
your helplessness and your need to be covered  
is always on my mind.”

# Opening Hymn

*“All You Do Is Good”*

*All*

**You are full of compassion and abounding in love,  
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.  
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.  
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
All you do is good.**

**You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves  
Those who hate you, you ransom, give your blood for their shame.  
With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame  
You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
All you do is good.**

**You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,  
You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,  
You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free, it's  
Who you are. It's who you were. It's who you will always be.**

**Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind  
Running over with healing, inexhaustible might  
You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.  
Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
All you do is good.**

*Nathan Partain, 2015*

# Prayer of Confession

*Leader* Father, you have proven your compassion for us over and over again.  
You have been patient and endured our waywardness while you called to us and held  
our your arms to receive us.

*All* **But Father, we are not patient with you.  
We are quick to abandon you when you don't meet our expectations.  
We are quick to accuse you when we don't understand our circumstances.  
We are quick to turn to other "gods" like self-reliance, codependency or money  
To give us the comfort and protection we want.**

*Leader* Father, your compassion is active in fighting to defend us, even at the cost of your Son, Jesus,  
Who, out of compassion, trudged upstream against the torrent of pain, humiliation,  
fear and confusion, to give himself to pay what we owed and set us free from our own  
doing.

*All* **But we consider most evil merely as the lesser of two option and we don't see if for  
what it is.**

**As a violent aggressor, a dangerous deceiver, a powerful spreading disease,  
tearing apart every soul and turning their desires against themselves.**

**Father, we depend on your compassion to be unbreakable.  
For your endurance to never wear out.  
For you to be the keeper of our souls.  
Please change us in our inner being, that we would know you  
and trust you  
and rejoice in you.**

**Through Jesus we ask these things.  
Amen.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13*

*Leader* If you have confessed your sins in Jesus' name, you are forgiven.

*People* **The Lord has forgiven us!**

*Leader* Our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ will direct our ways

*People* **He will make us increase and abound in love for one another.**

*Leader* He will establish our hearts blameless in holiness

*People* **So that we can tell the world of his love, goodness, and mercy.**

# 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

*“Rejoice the Lord is King”*

*All*

**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!  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

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

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

## Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

## Hinkle Interview

*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 22:16-31*

*Reader*

<sup>16</sup> “If a man seduces a virgin who is not pledged to be married and sleeps with her, he must pay the bride-price, and she shall be his wife. <sup>17</sup> If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he must still pay the bride-price for virgins.

<sup>18</sup> “Do not allow a sorceress to live.

<sup>19</sup> “Anyone who has sexual relations with an animal is to be put to death.

<sup>20</sup> “Whoever sacrifices to any god other than the Lord must be destroyed.

<sup>21</sup> “Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

<sup>22</sup> “Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. <sup>23</sup> If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. <sup>24</sup> My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.

<sup>25</sup> “If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest. <sup>26</sup> If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, <sup>27</sup> because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

<sup>28</sup> “Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people.

<sup>29</sup> “Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats.

“You must give me the firstborn of your sons. <sup>30</sup> Do the same with your cattle and your sheep. Let them stay with their mothers for seven days, but give them to me on the eighth day.

<sup>31</sup> “You are to be my holy people. So do not eat the meat of an animal torn by wild beasts; throw it to the dogs.

*Reader*  
*People*

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

# Sermon

*Lee Hinkle*

A Compassionate God?

## Notes

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# 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

*"I Am Trusting Thee"*

*Ensemble*

I am trusting thee, thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only thee;  
Trusting thee for full, full salvation,  
Great and free, great and free,  
Trusting only thee.

I am trusting thee, thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting thee to make, make me holy  
By thy blood, by thy blood,  
Trusting only thee.

I am trusting thee, thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shall lead;  
Thou provide and tend every day and hour  
All I need, all I need,  
Trusting only thee.

I am trusting thee, thee, Lord Jesus,  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting thee, thee forever  
And for all, and for all,  
Trusting only thee.

words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Nathan Partain, 2003

# Song of Celebration

*“My Lord’s a Desert Fountain”*

*Ensemble*

Yeah, my Lord’s a desert fountain,  
He is running o’er with peace,  
And he satisfies my thirsting,  
And he brings me to my knees.  
Now at last, I’ve known refreshing;  
Now I’ve drunk my fill of Truth.  
He is blessing, satisfying,  
I have tasted, he is good.

Yeah, my Lord’s a wild river,  
And he cuts a path so deep.  
He washes out my boundaries,  
And he uproots all my trees.  
No, I cannot fight his current,  
He never fails and never yields  
How he pushes, bends and breaks me,  
Until all my soul is healed.

Yeah, my Lord’s a steadfast mountain,  
He does not move and cannot fall,  
In his strength I am so fragile,  
In his shadow I’m so small.  
I have hid in cracks and caverns,  
In his hands and in his side.  
All that power, rent to save me,  
Yes, I give him all my life.

*Nathan Partain, 2011*

# Life as Worship

*Pre-Enact Indy | October 5*

*Mercy Month | October*

# Valediction

*based on Psalm 40*

*Leader* I waited patiently for the Lord to help me,  
and he turned to me and heard my cry.

*All* **He lifted me out of my deep despair,  
stuck and unable to climb out.  
He set my feet on solid ground  
and steadied me as I walked along.  
He has given me a new song to sing,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see what he has done and be amazed.  
They will put their trust in the Lord.**

*Leader* Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord,  
who have no confidence in the proud  
or in those who worship idols.

## Departing Hymn

*"Tis So Sweet"*

*All*

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus and to take him at his Word;  
Just to rest upon his promise and to know, "Thus says the Lord!"**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!**

*words Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music William J. Kirkpatrick*

## Benediction

## Hinkles Return from Down Under!



Top: Shannon, Madison, Braden, Georgia, Lee, Rose, and Reagan Hinkle

We are excited to welcome Lee and Shannon Hinkle and their children to Redeemer as they return from Perth, Australia for their home mission assignment this fall. The Hinkles spent ten years at Redeemer before going to Perth, and Lee served on staff at Redeemer for the last two years they were in Indianapolis.

Since 2015, they have been part of a Mission to the World (MTW) team working at Fremantle Church with a vision for transparent gospel-centered community, a love for expressions of beauty, and authentic Christ-honoring worship. Fremantle Church is a delicate and beautiful combination of a long-standing congregation and church plant. Lee serves both as the pastor for Fremantle Church and as the team leader for MTW's Team West Australia.

In the last few months, their church has seen amazing growth. Their congregation includes people returning to church and those who belong before they believe. They have enjoyed hosting music events in the chapel and displaying local artists' work in the church hall, which have allowed

them to celebrate their community. They continue to see God bless their church each Sunday.

While they are here in Indianapolis, they are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends, making new ones, and sharing more about their life and work in Perth. Whether they're near or far, there are tangible ways to care for them: prayer, regular communication, and giving.

Your giving to Redeemer helps support the Hinkles as they seek to connect people to Jesus in Western Australia. In addition, if you have a passion for church planting and bringing beauty to the broken parts of the world, we encourage you to connect with the Hinkles and consider becoming a financial supporter. You can e-mail Lee [[preachers.son1@gmail.com](mailto:preachers.son1@gmail.com)] to find a time to connect and hear more about what God is doing in Western Australia.

This fall, look for information about how you can connect with the Hinkles, care for them during their time here, and continue your support when they return. They're excited to connect with as many of you as possible!

# Upcoming Events

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.

October 5

## **Pre-Enact Indy Volunteers Needed**

Pre-Enact Indy is an initiative of the Harrison Center. Actors, artists, and neighbors come together to transform three blocks of 16th Street into a vision of what it ought to be: just, equitable, and economically vibrant. The event takes place from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and volunteers are needed in a variety of areas. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Molly Kelley [[molly@harrisoncenter.org](mailto:molly@harrisoncenter.org), 317-396-3886].

## **October is Mercy Month**

October is Mercy Month and our Deacon Team has designed a range of activities around our theme "Making Mercy Tangible." You can see a full list of events on our web site at [[www.redeemindy.org/mercymonth](http://www.redeemindy.org/mercymonth)] or pick-up a handout at the Welcome Desk.

## **Step up and lead! Community Group Leader Trainings**

Feeling called to lead? We'd love to see new community groups form throughout Indianapolis, but we are especially in need of people interested in starting and leading new twenty/early thirty-somethings groups. Join this fall's new-leader training, every Sunday during the middle hour, 9/8 through 12/15. Contact Amanda Edgell [[amanda@redeemindy.org](mailto:amanda@redeemindy.org)] for more information.

## **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](http://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.

## **Volunteers Needed in the Kitchen**

Love coffee and donuts on Sunday morning? Looking for a way to serve? The kitchen crew is short-staffed and needs you to help keep the coffee coming! Sign up at the Welcome Table!



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year to date giving:

\$ 1,335,245.52

Jan-Sept budget:

\$ 1,512,630

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840.00

## Congregational Giving

September 15th .....	\$	24,004.42
September Total .....	\$	110,808.09
September Budget .....	\$	168,070.00

## Designated Giving

Mercy 2019 Total .....	\$	7,793.00
Missions Team 2019 Total .....	\$	20,946.21
Building Team 2019 Total .....	\$	3,103.4
Church Planting 2019 Total .....	\$	100.00

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