

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*based on Matthew 11:28-29*

*Leader*

Hear your master Jesus calling to you:

“Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy leadened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and low in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

# Opening Hymn

*“Jesus I Come”*

*All*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of my sickness and into thy health,  
Out of my want and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of earth’s sorrows and into thy balm,  
Out of life’s storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.

*words: William T. Sleeper, 1887; music: Nathan Partain, 2000*

# Prayer of Confession

*based on Matthew 12:8; 11:28; Psalm 90:12*

*Leader* The Lord Jesus proclaims,  
“I am the Lord of the Sabbath,  
time is in my hands.”

*All* **We don’t structure our time with the Lord in mind.  
Our time is defined by  
when the school year starts and when it gets out,  
the vacation we’re longing for,  
the next holiday to shop for,  
the new season to binge on Netflix.  
We go through our days and seasons  
with God as an add-on.**

*Leader* Jesus invites us,  
“Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

*All* **Our calendars give little time for rest;  
Our relentless scheduling feels enslaving,  
the demands of work ever encroaching.  
We keep doing in order to justify ourselves,  
to make ourselves acceptable.**

*Leader* Lord, teach us to live and tell the story of our days  
in the story of the gospel.

*All* **LORD, teach us to number our days  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on Galatians 4:4, 7; Romans 5:6; Colossians 4:5; Zechariah 14:9; Revelation 22:20*

*Leader*      When the right time came,  
                    God sent his Son to redeem us and adopt us  
                    as his children and heirs.

*All*            **At just the right time,  
                    Christ came when we were helpless  
                    and died for us sinners.**

*Leader*      God has placed us between the times:  
                    the resurrection has begun,  
                    the Spirit has come,  
                    his promises are sure and true.

*All*            **As you have redeemed us, Jesus,  
                    enable us to redeem the time,  
                    making the most of every opportunity.**

*Leader*      We look forward to that time  
                    when Jesus will be king over the whole earth,  
                    when there will be one God,  
                    and his name the only name.

*All*            **Amen.  
                    Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

# Song in the Gospel

*"Nothing but the Blood"*

*All*

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Robert Lowry, 1876*

# Song in the Gospel

*“The Lord Will Provide”*

*All*

**The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;  
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied  
Just as long as it’s written, “The Lord will provide.”**

**Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail us and all foes unite,  
Just one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
His Spirit assures us, “The Lord will provide.”**

*Leader*

And this promise remains,

*People*

**Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide**

*Leader*

Through all ages unchanged,

*People*

**Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide**

*Leader*

In our want, in our pain,

*People*

**Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide**

*Leader*

Faithful all of our days.

**We’re told we are weak, and our hope is in vain,  
The good that we seek we never shall obtain,  
But when such suggestions, our graces have tried,  
This answers all questions, “The Lord will provide.”**

*[Refrain]*

**When life sinks apace, and death is in view,  
The word of His grace shall comfort us through,  
Not fearing or doubting, with Christ on our side,  
We hope to die shouting, “The Lord will provide.”**

*[Refrain]*

*words: John Newton, 1775, alt words and refrain by Nathan Partain; music: Nathan Partain, 2012*

# Prayer of Dependence

*Fifth Sundays, rather than dismissing our 3s through Kindergartners for Children’s Worship, we invite them to stay in the sanctuary and join us for worship! Find RedeemerKids worship guides, coloring pages, books, and crayons in the blue cart at the back of the sanctuary to help them stay engaged throughout the service.*

# Offering of Gifts and Service

## Mercy Month Introduction

### Scripture

*Exodus 23:14-17*

*Reader*

<sup>14</sup> “Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival to me.

<sup>15</sup> “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread; for seven days eat bread made without yeast, as I commanded you. Do this at the appointed time in the month of Aviv, for in that month you came out of Egypt.

“No one is to appear before me empty-handed.

<sup>16</sup> “Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field.

“Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

<sup>17</sup> “Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign LORD.

*Reader*  
*People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Charles Anderson*

A Gospel Year

# Notes

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## Community Group Questions

- 1) *What are the big things that you structure your year around? What are the events and rhythms for you that define how the year goes?*
- 2) *How do the three festivals of Exodus 23 tell the story of God as creator and redeemer? Read a portion of the article “Is the Christian Calendar a Biblical Idea” (which your leader will have). How does Christ fulfill the festivals of Exodus 23 so that they point to the story of the gospel?*
- 3) *Think back to how you answered question #1. How could you keep some of those same rhythms but consciously do so for the Lord? How could you as an individual, a small group, we as a church, re-define those practices so that we are taking account of God in relation to them?*

### *Children’s Question*

*Your day and your year is mostly defined by school: making it through another grade from August to June. It’s easy to lose sight of God in the day-to-day but also in how our whole year goes. Jesus loves you and is king over our time. How can you remember him in your school year?*



# 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'm Gonna Trust in God"*

*Ensemble*

Now that I have been set free, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Now that I have been set free, I'm gonna trust in God.  
All my life is dead to me, not I live but Christ in me,  
Now that I have been set free, I'm gonna trust in God.

When there's naught but toil and grief, I'm gonna trust in God.  
When there's naught but toil and grief, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Amid the flames of trial is he, who faithful will hold fast to me.  
When there's naught but toil and grief, I'm gonna trust in God.

I'm gonna trust in God, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Made a promise with his blood.  
I'm gonna trust in God.

When his healing blocks my way, I'm gonna trust in God.  
When his healing blocks my way, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Though he leaves me in my pain, though he makes my hunger wait  
When his healing blocks my way, I'm gonna trust in God.

I'm gonna trust in God, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Made a promise with his blood.  
I'm gonna trust in God.

Until his plan for me is done, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Until his plan for me is done, I'm gonna trust in God.  
Until my race of faith is won, until Christ in his kingdom comes,  
Until his plan for me is done, I'm gonna trust in God.

*Nathan Partain, 2019*

# Song of Celebration

*“For His Own Sake”*

*Ensemble*

I have seen the bright birth of the morning,  
I have worked through the sweat of the day,  
I have laughed as the summer rains poured down from heaven and  
I’ve harvested oceans of grain.  
I have worked and I’ve worked and had nothing.  
I have prayed and I’ve prayed with no rain.  
I have lost to the fire, storm and locust and  
Woke up to find all my land left in shame.  
Still each morning and noon and in evening,  
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.  
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,  
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake.

I have made the mistake that my blessing,  
Means the favor of God on my ways,  
And thought every hardship, his anger against me and  
Cried out in darkness for grace.  
Now I know that his favor is steadfast,  
He has anchored my soul in his peace,  
So that suffering is now just the pangs of my hunger,  
To know the embrace of my King.  
Still each morning and noon and in evening,  
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.  
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,  
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake,

I have learned that this world is not truest.  
That there’s hope held securely beyond and  
Since Jesus has suffered through my own destruction,  
I entrust my all to my God.  
I have seen deepest loss bring rejoicing,  
Seen a mother with her stillborn sing praise,  
I have seen those abused and those ravaged by sickness,  
Through tears and in anguish give thanks.  
Still each morning and noon and in evening,  
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.  
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,  
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake.

*Nathan Partain, 2014*

# Life as Worship

*Pre-Enact Indy | Saturday, 10am-5pm*

*Lunch with Irwyn Ince | Next Sunday, 12:30pm*

## Valediction

*based on Romans 8:14-17*

*Leader*

Because of what Jesus has done,  
there is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
because through Christ Jesus  
the law of the Spirit who gives life  
has set you free from the law of sin and death.

*All*

**Those who are led by the Spirit of God  
are the children of God.**

*Leader*

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves,  
so that you live in fear again;  
rather, the Spirit you received  
brought about your adoption to sonship.

*All*

**And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”**

# Departing Hymn

*“A Child of God”*

*All*

I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;  
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;  
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,  
And I see just delight there in my Father’s face.

I am last and low, cause I fight no longer,  
To be right or good or to prove my own worth;  
I’m not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty;  
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,  
And I pray and wait for God to provide;  
I lean all of my weight on him who is able,  
And I set aside every effort of mine.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I know now, I’m safe, cause nothing can harm me  
Or break in and take what’s stored up for me;  
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;  
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

*Nathan Partain, 2011*

# Benediction



## **For one day, imagine an equitable and culturally diverse future for Indy**

PreEnact Indy is a professional theater event which feels a bit like a street festival with the goal of envisioning the neighborhood as a just, equitable and economically healthy place. The script for performances is based on the history of the community; it is “a way to understand both the pain of the neighborhood’s past and what its dreams are, to build hope for the future,” says Joanna Taft, executive director of the Harrison Center. “It’s not meant to be just a band-aid or a temporary prettying-up of buildings.” The stage is an entire three blocks of 16th Street. From the Monon to Andrew J. Brown, every vacant lot and building, existing business, street lane, and sidewalk is part of the stage.

- See a more diverse neighborhood economy—Set designers will build temporary facades on the vacant lots and spruce up the abandoned buildings.
- Engage with actors—Actors will perform an equitable way of living and model a neighborhood that is revitalized, but is also inclusive.
- Support diversity in film—The Harlem film festival ImageNation will operate 3 “movie theaters” screening films by black directors about the global black experience.
- Watch professional performers—7 theater groups (Act A Foo Improv Crew, Asante Children’s Theater, Sapphire, Freetown Village, etc) are partners.
- Meet local change makers—3 schools and 20 neighborhood groups are also participating.

PreEnact Indy will take place this Saturday, October 5th from 10-am-5 pm, on 16th Street from the Monon Trail to Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. In addition to the many dramatic arts and music performances, activities for the day will include: interactive workshops, a pop-up cafe, artisan market, food trucks, a pop-up roller rink, building tours, and a chance to meet members of the Association of Black Cowboys. Explore tiny homes, listen to spoken word performances, and visit Gospelfest and the Jazz Center.

For more information, visit [[harrisoncenter.org/preenact-indy](http://harrisoncenter.org/preenact-indy)].

# Upcoming Events

Friday  
6-10pm

## First Friday at the Harrison Center

Join the Harrison Center this Friday from 6-10pm for the opening of the October art exhibits. See new shows up around the building, including *Historicity* by Kipp Normand in the Harrison Gallery, *Head in the Clouds* by Alicia Zanoni in the City Gallery, and *Rituals* by Caleb Stoltzfus in the Speck Gallery.

Saturday  
10am-5pm

## Volunteers Needed! Pre-Enact Indy

Volunteers are still needed for Pre-Enact Indy this weekend. The event takes place from 10am-5pm, and volunteers are needed in a variety of areas. For more information or to volunteer, contact Molly Kelley [molly@harrisoncenter.org].

Saturday  
12-1pm

## Seminar on Bridging Cultural Perspectives with Rev. Irwyn Ince

How do we bridge different cultural perspectives in order to build an inclusive community? The Bible envisions that God's big story is to create a diverse people who together worship Jesus in beautifully different ways. This Saturday from 12-1pm in the Dunbar Library at the Oaks Middle School, join Reverend Irwyn Ince, a key leader in our denomination, for a seminar on how the Bible builds a foundation for us to create a place of belonging for all peoples.

Next Sunday  
12:30pm

## Lunch with Irwyn Ince

Next Sunday, join us for lunch after second service in the Underground Gallery to hear more about the work of Irwyn Ince and the Grace Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission, and what they do to help churches grow towards healthy cross-cultural living and ministry.

October 23  
6:30-7:30pm

## Evening of Prayer

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. We'll meet in the Speck Gallery on Wednesday, 10/23 from 6:30-7:30. Supervised play for kids in the youth room. We'll start and end promptly. (Note the change in date from this week's email.)

## 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 [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] for more information.

## Living with secret addictions and habits that you can't break out of?

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. Partial scholarships available if needed.

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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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