

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Ephesians 2:1-5

Leader You were dead in your waywardness and rebellion
in which you previously walked
according to the ways of this world and the Evil One,
whose spirit is now working in the disobedient.

All **All of us lived among the disobedient at one time,
gratifying the cravings of our flesh
and following its desires and thoughts.
We were, by nature, deserving of wrath.**

Leader But because of his great love for us,
Women **because of his great love for us,**

Leader God, who is rich in mercy,
Men **who is rich in mercy**

Leader Made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead in transgressions.

All **It is by undeserved kindness that we have been saved.**

Opening Hymn

"Will You Send Us?"

Men All that I have, Child that I am,
Women All that I have, Child that I am
Men Is a gift of your grace,
Women An act of your praise,
All A boast in your name.

Men All of my breath, Sounding to bless.
Women All of my breath, Sounding to bless.
Men Is a gift of your grace,
Women An act of your praise,
All A boast in your name.

All Lord your mercy, living goodness, by your Spirit, giving through us,
In our hands your, loving kindness. Here we are Lord will you send us?

Men All of my wealth, Ready to help.
Women All of my wealth, Ready to help.
Men Is a gift of your grace,
Women An act of your praise,
All A boast in your name.

Men All of my strength, Spent for the weak.
Women All of my strength, Spent for the weak.
Men Is a gift of your grace,
Women An act of your praise,
All A boast in your name.

All From your throne, Lord, send your freedom, open floodgates, bring your kingdom.
Raining down is Heaven's justice. Here we are Lord, will you send us?

By your word, You, made a promise, to the needy, and the helpless,
You would come, defend their causes. Here we are Lord, Will you send us?
Here we are lord, Will you send us?

Nathan Partain, 2019

Prayer of Confession

based on Psalm 116:5; Matthew 18:21-35; John 7:37-39

Leader Father,
you brim with compassion
and overflow with unchanging love.
You do not grow weary or tired,
you do not grow irritable or impatient,
your face is turned toward us this moment
in full-strength kindness.

All **But we are so wanton,
we scarcely think of others.
We work only for our own happiness,
provision, and security.**

Leader You have forgiven us an unthinkable debt
that we add to daily.

All **But we exact revenge on others
for even the smallest of offenses.**

Leader You bless with constant joyful generosity toward us,

All **But we act as if every good thing we have
will run out before we have gotten to enjoy it,
so we are resentful of the needs of others
and see them as a threat to our comfort.**

Leader Father,
you are our God and we are your people.

All **Please give us again of your Spirit,
that we would share your heart and mind,
that we would join in with what you are doing all of our days,
following after you as you move
to give and give and give again.**

Leader Through the mercy secured by the cross of Jesus,
we come to you and ask.

All **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Romans 5:1-8

Leader Since we have been justified through our belief in the work of Jesus,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

All **Through whom we have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we now stand.**

Leader And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.
Not only so, but we also boast in our sufferings,

All **Because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
perseverance produces character,
and character produces hope.
And hope will be vindicated,
because God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

Leader You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless,
Christ died for the ungodly.
God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
If you have confessed your sins in his name, you are forgiven.

Song in the Gospel

“Rock of Ages”

All

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labor of my hands can fulfill thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know? Could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross, I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music: Thomas Hastings, 1830

Song in the Gospel

“The Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

All

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

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Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

words: Haldor Lillenas, 1918; chorus and music: Nathan Partain, 2011

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

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

Walker Ellis Christenberry, son of Andrew and Ellen Christenberry

2nd Service

Emmett Jethro and Lilah Jean Hern, children of Kevin and Amy Hern

Amira Jane Sturm, daughter of Greg and Shelby Sturm

Parents' Vows

Leader

1. Do you acknowledge Walker/Amira'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 his/her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his/her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Walker/Amira to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him/her a godly example, that you will pray with and for him/her, that you will teach him/her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him/her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Personal Vows

Leader

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

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.”

All **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 Walker Christenberry/Emmett
and Lilah Hern/Amira Sturm into this church as one whom God has called his own
according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround him/them with
Christian love, to pray for him/them, and to set an example of genuine faith and
virtue?

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

Scripture

Exodus 23:1-9

Reader ¹ “You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be
a malicious witness. ² You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear
witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, ³ nor shall you be
partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

⁴ “If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to
him. ⁵ If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall
refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

⁶ “You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his lawsuit. ⁷ Keep far from a false
charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked. ⁸ And
you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of
those who are in the right.

⁹ “You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were
sojourners in the land of Egypt.

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

Sermon

Irwyn Ince

A Caring Courtroom

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

"Have Mercy on Me"

Ensemble

The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord,
With ev'ry breath we take, the gift of life and grace.
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord
Who bore humanity with brave humility.

Let Your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.
Let Your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.

The beauty of the Lord is the suff'ring of the Lord,
Is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity.
The glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord,
gives life for us to see a new humanity:

Let Your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.
Let Your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.

When they see us, may they see your mercy, your mercy.
When they know us, may they know your mercy, your mercy.

Let Your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.
Let Your mercy flow through us, your mercy, your mercy.

David Gungor, Latifah Alattas, and Madison Cunningham, 2017

Song of Celebration

“Psalm 46”

Ensemble

God is the refuge of his saints, when storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints, behold him present with his aid.
Let mountains from their seats be hurled, down to the deep and buried there,
Convulsions shake the solid world; our faith shall never yield to fear.

“Be still and know that I am God, and know that I am near,
And soon I will be lifted high in all the earth.
Be still and know that I am God; the morning’s almost here.”

There is a stream whose gentle flow supplies the city of our God;
Life, love, and joy still gliding through and watering our divine abode.
That sacred stream, thy holy Word, our grief allays, our fear controls;
Sweet peace thy promises afford and give new strength to fainting souls.

“Be still and know that I am God, and know that I am near,
And soon I will be lifted high in all the earth.
Be still and know that I am God; the morning’s almost here.”

Zion enjoys her Monarch’s love, secure against a threat’ning hour;
Nor can her firm foundations move, built on his truth and armed with pow’r.

“Be still and know that I am God, and know that I am near,
And soon I will be lifted high in all the earth.
Be still and know that I am God; when justice does appear,
Yes, I will be your refuge from that dreadful fear.
Be still and know that I am God; the morning’s almost here.”

words: Isaac Watts, 1719; chorus and music: Nathan Partain, 2002

Life as Worship

Mercy Month

Evening of Prayer | October 23, 6:30pm

Valediction

based on Ephesians 2:6-10

Leader God has raised us up with Christ
and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
in order that in the coming ages
he might show the incomparable riches of his grace,
expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

All **For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from ourselves,
it is the gift of God—**

Leader It is not by our works, so that none of us can boast in ourselves.

All **For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

Departing Hymn

"Your Mercy, My God"

All **Your mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Your free grace alone from the first to the last,
Has won my affection and bound my soul fast.**

**Without your sweet mercy, I could not live here,
Soon sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through your free goodness my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Your mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by your goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.**

**Great Father of mercies! your goodness I own,
And the covenant love of your crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

words John Stocker, 1776; music Sandra McCracken; Same Old Dress Music, 2001

Benediction

MAKING MERCY
TANGIBLE
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE, MERCY, & JUSTICE

MERCY MONTH | OCTOBER 2019

SCHEDULE

Today // Irwyn Ince guest preaching

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

October 7-27 // Making Mercy Tangible

Community Groups serving a meal at Wheeler Mission's men or women and children's shelter.

October 23 // Evening of Prayer

We'll meet in the Speck Gallery from 6:30-7:30pm. Supervised play for kids in the youth room. We'll start and end promptly.

October 27 // Mercy Gift Packing

Join us in the gym from 10am-1:30pm as we pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child and birthday bags for SweetWater families.

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 booklet at the Welcome Table.

Upcoming Events

Today
12:30pm

Lunch with Grace Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission

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

Next Sunday
12:30pm

Join us for next Sunday’s Artist Talk

Next Sunday, after second service, join us in the Harrison Gallery to hear artist Alicia Zanoni talk about her current exhibit, *Nice weather we’re having*, up in the Harrison Gallery through October.

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.)

Donations Needed | Operation Christmas Child & SweetWater Ministries

The Deacon Team is leading our congregation in acts of service, mercy, and justice during Mercy Month. One tangible opportunity is to donate supplies that will be used to pack boxes for two organizations that seek to show the love of Christ to children: Operation Christmas Child and SweetWater. Place donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

What to Bring

Operation Christmas Child (children 2-14)

- Unwrapped Toys
- Clothing
- School Supplies
- Crafts
- Games

For a detailed list, visit redeemindy.org/mercymonth

SweetWater

- Birthday bags
- Cake mixes
- Tubs of icing
- Birthday candles
- Wrapping paper
- \$20 Wal-Mart gift card

Stuck in mental and relational cycles that you can’t get 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:

\$ 1,397,263.22

Jan-Sept budget:

\$ 1,512,630

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840.00

Congregational Giving

September 29th	\$	28,112.52
September Total	\$	169,240.54
September Budget	\$	168,070.00

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and following the instructions
to set up an account.

