

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on 1 John 3:18; Psalm 139:23-24

Leader We have come to worship the Almighty and only Living God,
who explained to us what love is
when his son, Jesus the Savior, gave his life for ours,
that by his Spirit we would then give up our lives for one another.

All **Let us not worship with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.**

Leader Search us, God, and know our hearts;
test us and know our conflicting thoughts.

All **See if there is any offensive way in us,
and lead us in the way everlasting.**

Opening Hymn

“Will You Send Us?”

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

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

**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.**
All **Is a gift of your grace,**
an act of your praise,
a boast in your name.

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

**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 Adoration

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 our 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

“Jesus is Mine”

All

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!
Dark is this wilderness,
Earth has no resting place,
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!
Perishing things of clay,
Born for but one brief day,
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!
All that my soul has tried
Left but a dismal void;
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!
Welcome, O loved and blest,
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!**

words: Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Song in the Gospel

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

All

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

words: Reginald Heber, 1826; music: John B. Dykes, 1860

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

Mercy Month Spotlight

Adoption Grants | Aaron, Hidi, Tinsley, Simon, and Maelyn Gardner

Scripture

Exodus 23:20-33

Reader

²⁰ “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. ²¹ Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. ²² If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. ²³ My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. ²⁴ Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. ²⁵ Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, ²⁶ and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

²⁷ “I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. ²⁸ I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. ²⁹ But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. ³⁰ Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

³¹ “I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the desert to the Euphrates River. I will give into your hands the people who live in the land, and you will drive them out before you. ³² Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods. ³³ Do not let them live in your land or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you.”

*Reader
People*

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

The Weight of (False) Worship

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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 Will Not Be Silent"

Ensemble

Amid the desperate hour, when earthly stores run out,
Caught up in snares where dark despairs flood through the doors of doubt.
Its there that Jesus issues, a power scarce believed,
It shakes the heart, it breaks the bonds and makes the soul to sing.

So many times I've witnessed, too many to ignore,
His Spirit, touch a vicious wound and call a garden forth.
So gather the assembly, as Jesus stirs my breath,
I'll shout and leap, rejoice and weep for he pulls me from death!

I will not be silent. I will not keep still.
I will not hold back my Lord, when his sweet Spirit fills.
I will not betray him, to serve some human will.
No, I will not be silent. No, I will not keep still.

This is not proud defiance; no self-reliant roar,
This is the sound of children freed from fear to love their Lord.
A boldness flows from Jesus, a calm and humble might.
That will withstand though hell or man, should try to choke their light.

I will not be silent. I will not keep still.
I will not hold back my Lord, when his sweet Spirit fills.
I will not betray him, to serve some human will.
No, I will not be silent. No, I will not keep still.

O may I not grow quiet or limply drag my faith,
Or be deceived that I'm naïve to be so full of praise.
O may I share the privilege of all who bear the scars,
From holding onto Christ through pain while singing in the dark.

I will not be silent. I will not keep still.
I will not hold back my Lord, when his sweet Spirit fills.
I will not betray him, to serve some human will.
No, I will not be silent. No, I will not keep still.

Nathan Partain, 2019

Song of Celebration

“We Shall Sing”

Ensemble

We shall sing with hearts on fire. Yes, we shall rise and not be ashamed.
O we shall look and all be radiant. For we shall see him face to face.

Though we wait, the garden groaning,
Cut down by greed, used up, bereft.
What death has taken, or curse has ruined,
Jesus has turned, upon its head.

We shall sing with hearts on fire. Yes, we shall rise and not be ashamed.
O we shall look and all be radiant. For we shall see him face to face.
The whole world of despair is not worth being compared to what we shall see.

Though we outwardly seem to be wasting away,
And yet inwardly, we are more new day by day.
Though we don't see now, yet our hearts believe
And our hope cannot die 'til our joy is complete.

And so we wait, the children hunger,
The weak enslaved, the voiceless poor.
Though weeping lasts, throughout this long night,
Jesus shall come, like joyous morn.

We shall sing with hearts on fire. Yes, we shall rise and not be ashamed.
O we shall look and all be radiant. For we shall see him face to face.
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Nathan Partain, 2016

Life as Worship

New Star Ministry

Mercy Month | Unity Fund

Artist Talk with Alicia Zanoni | Today, 12:30pm

Valediction

based on Revelation 21:1-5

Leader

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and there was no longer any sea.
I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

All

**“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people,
and he will dwell with them.
They will be his people,
and God himself will be with them and be their God.
He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning
or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away.”**

Leader

He who was seated on the throne said,
“I am making everything new!”

Departing Hymn

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

All

On Jordan’s stormy banks, I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

O’er all those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son, forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land;
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath,
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

When I shall reach that happy place,
I’ll be forever blest,
For I shall see my Father’s face,
And in his bosom rest.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

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words: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans.: John M. Neale, 1851; music: Chris Minor, 2003

Benediction



Celebrate

Caring for widows, orphans, and people in need is a significant part of our calling to mercy ministry. Over the next three weeks, we're celebrating stories of how God is bringing wholeness to our congregation individually and collectively through tangible acts of service, mercy, and justice.

This week Aaron and Hidi Gardner share how a Deacon Team Adoption Grant helped them fulfill their call to adopt.

Reflect

- How do these stories help us see the need in our own congregation with new eyes?
- How do these stories help us hear with fresh ears the ways God is moving in our midst?
- How do these stories move our hearts to help meet the needs of our congregation?

Engage

- Are you called to adopt, and/or foster a child, but lack the resources or information to begin?
- Would you like to know more about how you can support families who are called to adoption or foster care?
- Would you like to know more about how Redeemer's deacon team can support you in your calling through an adoption grant?

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

Join us for today’s Artist Talk

Today, 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.

Next Sunday
12:30pm

Everyone is Invited to Lunch in the Gym

Next Sunday after 2nd service, join us for our community lunch in the gym. You don’t have to bring anything, just yourself!

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.

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)

- Toys
- Clothing
- School Supplies
- Crafts
- Games

For a detailed list, visit redeemindy.org/mercymonth

SweetWater

- Birthday bags
- Birthday candles
- Wrapping paper
- \$20 Wal-Mart gift card

Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?

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:

\$ 1,467,857.86



Jan-Oct budget:

\$ 168,165.83

Congregational Giving

October 6th	\$	70,594.64
October Total	\$	70,594.64
October Budget	\$	168,070.00

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840.00

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