

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Leader

May you be blessed,
LORD God of our father Israel,
from eternity to eternity!

All

**Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the splendor and the majesty,
for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you.**

Leader

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom,
and you are exalted as head over all.

All

**Riches and honor come from you,
and you are the ruler of everything.
Power and might are in your hand,
to make great and to give strength to all.**

Leader

Now therefore, our God,
we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.

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

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

All

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

**Blessed Savior, thou hast promised, thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright unclouded, there will be no need for prayer;
Rapture, praise, and endless worship will be our sweet portion there.**

words: Joseph M. Scriven, 1855; music: Charles C. Converse, 1868

Song in the Gospel

“To God Be the Glory”

All

**To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

**Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be,
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; music: William H. Doane, 1875

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

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.

Mercy Month Spotlight

New Star Ministry

Scripture

Exodus 24

Reader

¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, ² but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.”

³ When Moses went and told the people all the LORD’s words and laws, they responded with one voice, “Everything the LORD has said we will do.” ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.”

⁸ Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

¹⁴ He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reader
People

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

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

“Maranatha”

Ensemble

Maranatha is a cry of the heart that’s hopeful yet weary of waiting,
While it may be joyful with the burdens it bears, it’s sick with anticipating.
To long for the Promised One day after day, and the promise that soon He’d return,
It’s certain that waiting’s the most bitter lesson a believing heart has to learn.

Maranatha—How many more moments must this waiting last?
Maranatha—We long for the time when all time is past.
A commotion, a call; then that will be all,
Though it’s not yet the hour, the minutes are ticking away.

Maranatha is the shout of the few, who for so long in history’ve been hiding,
Who truly believe that the sound of that call might actually hasten His coming.
For no eye has seen and no ear has yet heard, and no mind has ever conceived,
The joy of the moment when He will appear, to the wonder of all who believe.

Maranatha—How many more moments must this waiting last?
Maranatha—We long for the time when all time is past.
A commotion, a call; then that will be all,
Though it’s not yet the hour, the minutes are ticking away.

Maranatha—how hungry we are just to see Your face!
Parousia—to finally fall in one long embrace.
A commotion, a call, and that will be all,
Though it’s not yet the hour, the minutes are ticking away.

Michael Card, 1988

Maranatha = “Our Lord, come!” (1 Corinthians 16:22, Revelation 22:20)

Parousia = “coming” or “presence” i.e., Christ’s coming or return (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)

Song of Celebration

“Amazing Grace”

Ensemble

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

words: John Newton and John Rees (verse 5). music: American folk tune

Life as Worship

Hospitality Lunch | Today! 12:30pm

Evening of Prayer | Wednesday, October 23, 6:30pm

Operation Christmas Child & SweetWater Ministry | Donations accepted through October 27

Mercy Month | Unity Fund

Valediction

based on 1 Thessalonians 4

Leader The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout,
with the archangel's voice,
and with the trumpet of God,
and the dead in Christ will rise first.

All **Then we who are still alive, who are left,
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air,
and so we will always be with the Lord.**

Leader Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Departing Hymn

"With All of Our Strength"

All

Our life, no more owning, we were bought at a price;
Living not for our own will, but for you, our Lord Christ.
We renounce each allegiance, race and national pride.
We are now of the one true King, and His Kingdom of Light.

So now where we find violence, we are called to defend.
Where humiliation, we cover the offense.
Where there is injustice, the weak is our cause.
And wherever a debtor owes, we pay all of their cost.

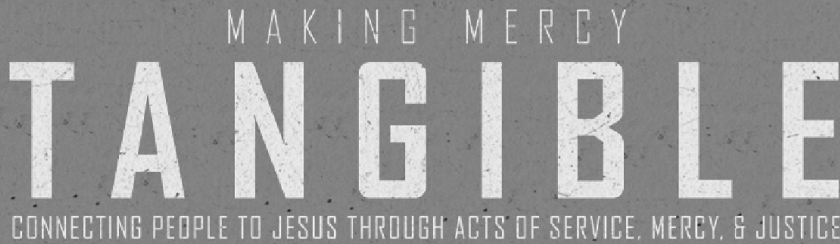
For to quench, in your name, those who thirst, is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you.

Where there are young ones, we protect and hold dear.
Where we have power, there we govern with fear.
Where there's need of labor, there the burdens we'll bear.
And where we find brokenness, we will work to repair.

For to quench, in your name, those who thirst, is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you.

So there is no effort, no errand too small.
Each action a moment to answer your call.
So in every mercy and in all that we do,
Is your love shown to others and our affections for you.

For to quench, in your name, those who thirst, is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
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MAKING MERCY
TANGIBLE
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE, MERCY, & JUSTICE

MERCY MONTH | OCTOBER 2019

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 Caroline Fridblom, New Star Coordinator, shares how support from the Deacon Team helps their ministry work, and opportunities to get involved.

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

- Do you have a heart for children in our community and free time on a weekday afternoon to volunteer at New Star?
- Would you like to know more about how you can support and encourage the kids and volunteers at New Star?
- Could you, your family, or your community group sponsor, help with, or attend one of New Star's monthly dinners?

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

Everyone is Invited to Lunch in the Gym

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

Wednesday
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 Harrison Gallery on Wednesday, 10/23 from 6:30-7:30pm. Supervised play for kids in the Children's Worship 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

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]. 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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