

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 145:13-21

Leader The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.
The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

All **The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

Leader The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

All **The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.**

Leader The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

All **My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

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

“Psalm 62 (Only in God is my soul at Rest)”

All

**Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation;
He only is my rock, my strength, and my salvation.**

**My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all;
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.**

**Only in God is found safety, when my enemy pursues me.
Only in God is found glory, when I am found weak and found lowly.**

**My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all;
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.**

**My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all;
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.**

Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.

John Michael Talbot, 1980

Song in the Gospel

“Bring Your Sick”

All

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,
Who would kill for some relief from, all the itching in their bones.
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,
Some sweet drink to drive the poison, from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.
Yes, bring all those who could never, return any of their cost**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.
Those who live with their aggressor, whisp’ring doubts into their ear,
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

Nathan Partain, 2014

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.

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Mercy Month Spotlight

Deacon Team Development Grant | Foster and Stephanie Pilcher

Scripture

James 1:19-27

Reader

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Phil Edwards

Worthless Religion

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

"Your Labor is Not in Vain"

Ensemble

Your labor is not in vain,
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
but your labor is not unknown.

I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit,
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

The houses you labored to build,
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed.

I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.

Wendell Kimbrough, Isaac Wardell, and Paul Zach, 2018

Song of Celebration

“Dear Refuge of my Weary Soul”

Ensemble

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee when sorrows rise,
On thee when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel.

But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail and all my hopes decline.
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to thee,
Though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner’s prayer.
O may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still;
Here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend thy will and wait beneath thy feet.
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Here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend thy will and wait beneath thy feet.

words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778; music: Kevin Twit, 1998

Life as Worship

Operation Christmas Child & SweetWater Ministry | Packing Party today! 10am-1:30pm
First Friday | This Friday, 6pm
Missions Lunch with the Hinkles | Next Sunday, 12:30pm

Special Offering

Unity Fund

Scan this QR code with your phone's camera app to give to the Unity Fund online.



Prayer of Sending

2nd Service

Josh and Maria Moes

Valediction

based on Matthew 5:14-17

Leader

Hear your friend, your Savior, and your King, Jesus:
“You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp
 but then cover the light with a bowl.
Instead, they lift it up to its stand,
 and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

All

**In the same way,
 may we let our light shine before others,
 that they may see your good deeds
 and glorify our Father in heaven.**

Leader

For Jesus did not come to abolish what was written in the Law or the Prophets;

All

**He came that they would be completed through his work on the cross
 and through us, his reborn ambassadors.**

Departing Hymn

“Father Long Before Creation”

All

**Father long before creation,
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us,
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and his cov'nant,
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children,
Must forever praise his name.**

**God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing,
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before thee,
We will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing,
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb;**

**Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.**

words: from a Chinese Hymn; trans.: Francis Jones; Andrew Osenga, 2005

Benediction



Celebrate

Caring for widows, orphans, and people in need is a significant part of our calling to mercy ministry. This month, we're celebrating stories of how God is bringing wholeness to our congregation individually and collectively through tangible acts of service, mercy, and justice. Two Sundays ago, we heard from Aaron and Hidi Gardner about their adoption grant. Last week, we heard from Caroline and Keegan Fridblom about their work with the New Star ministry.

This week, Foster and Stephanie Pilcher share how a Deacon Team Development Grant enabled them to begin the process of acquiring a service dog for their son Zac.

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 facing a need or obstacle that keeps you from flourishing spiritually or materially?
- Would you be willing to come alongside an individual or family that needs help or support?
- Would you like to know more about Redeemer's development grants?

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
10am-1:30pm

Packing Party Today | Operation Christmas Child & SweetWater Ministries

The Deacon Team is leading our congregation in acts of service, mercy, and justice during Mercy Month. All month long, we’ve been collecting items to place in boxes to send with Operation Christmas Child and in birthday bags for SweetWater Ministries. Join us today in the gym from 10am-1:30pm with your family to pack the boxes and bags.

Friday
6-9pm

First Friday at the Harrison Center

Join the Harrison Center this Friday from 6-9pm for the opening of the November art exhibits. See the new shows up around the building, including Kyle Ragsdale’s new show, *Folly*, in the Harrison Gallery and Gallery Annex.

Nov 9
9am-3:30pm

Pornified: An Honest Look at the Effects of Pornography on our Society

Have you or someone you love been hurt by pornography? Have you quit too many times? Are you a parent wondering how to protect your kids? Each year our sister PCA church in Yorkstown, New Life Presbyterian, puts on a free conference about pornography. This year’s is Saturday, 11/9, 9am-3:30pm. Come join us to learn more and seek change. Sessions include: The Impact of Porn on the Brain and Society; The Injustice of Porn, The Trauma of Sexual Betrayal, and Parenting in a Pornified Culture. For questions and to register, email Jeff Nottingham at [counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org].

Nov 10
12:30pm

New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch!

November 10, after the 11:00 service, join Redeemer staff and other people new to the community in the Speck Gallery for lunch. Newcomer’s Lunches are a great opportunity to meet other new people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages are welcome (plus, we’ll have supervised play for kids in the gym after we eat). Register online [redeemindy.org/events/newlunch].

Nov 17
10am-3pm

Save the date! Advent Workshop

Join us Sunday 11/17, 10am-3pm, for the always-anticipated, all-ages, annual Advent Workshop! We’d love to have your help in the gym any part of that day as we begin crafting sanctuary installations for the season. Come one, come all!

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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