

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Hebrews 10:19-25

Leader Brothers and sisters,
we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

All **He is the new and living way opened for us
through the curtain, that is, his body,**

Leader And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

All **Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart
and with the full assurance that faith brings,
having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience
and having our bodies washed with pure water.**

Opening Hymn

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

All

**I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross, he suffered,
From the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth,
Over sin and death and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with him to be.**

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words: Phillip Bliss, 1976; music: Luke Morton, 2005

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

A Modern English Unison Confession from the Book of Common Prayer

Leader Let us join together in confessing our sins.

All **Merciful Father,**
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the schemes and desires of our own hearts,
and have broken your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;
restore those who repent,
according to the promises declared to us
through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
that from now on we may live godly and obedient lives,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Hebrews 4:14, 16; Isaiah 1:18; Hebrews 10:22-23

Leader Since then we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,
let us hold fast our confession.

All **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,**
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

All **Let us draw near with a true heart**
in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
and our bodies washed with pure water.
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.

Song in the Gospel

“Come Holy Ghost”

All

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts, take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav’nly aid,
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou has made.**

**O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heav’nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

**O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

**Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.**

**Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
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words: Veni, Creator Spiritus attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; additional chorus: Ray Mills, 2005; music: Bruce Benedict and Ray Mills, 2005

Song in the Gospel

“Be Thou My Vision”

All

**Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou with me dwelling and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Ancient Irish poem and melody, 8th cent; trans.: Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Unity Fund Update

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.

Scripture

Exodus 28:1-5; 29:4-7, 19-20

Reader

¹ “Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron’s sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ³ You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. ⁴ These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁵ They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

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⁴ You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and wash them with water. ⁵ Then you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the coat and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod. ⁶ And you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban. ⁷ You shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

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¹⁹ “You shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram, ²⁰ and you shall kill the ram and take part of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tips of the right ears of his sons, and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the great toes of their right feet, and throw the rest of the blood against the sides of the altar.

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Todd Dawkins

Drastic Times, Drastic Measures: The Story of Entering into God’s Presence

The illustration depicts the holy garments worn by the high priests (Exodus 28; 39).

The turban of fine linen held a plate of pure shining gold, on which were engraved the Hebrew words "Holy to YHWHH."

The ephod (a colorful linen torso garment held by a skillfully woven waistband) had two shoulder pieces, each holding an onyx stone. The names of the 12 sons of Israel were engraved on these two stones. The cloth breastpiece of judgment had four rows, each with three precious stones. Each of these stones had engraved upon it the name of one of the tribes of Israel. The breastpiece also contained the Urim and the Thummim, and was attached to the ephod by gold chains and rings. The blue robe was worn under the ephod (Lev. 8:7-8); colorful imitation pomegranates lined the hem of the robe, alternating with golden bells. The white coat or tunic of checkered weave and fine linen was probably held by the embroidered sash under the robe.

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Community Group Questions

1) Theologian St. Augustine of Hippo said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." Another theologian, Springsteen of New Jersey, sings, "Everybody's got a hungry heart." First, how have you experienced or how are you experiencing the drastic times of a restless and hungry heart? Second, in what ways have you found or are you finding rest in being with God?

2) We all experience varying degrees of forgetfulness and/or thoughtlessness to the drastic measures needed to bring us into the presence of God. How does this forgetfulness/thoughtlessness show up in your attitude towards God, your worship of him, and/or the affections of your heart?

3) Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What aspect of the gospel most ignites your heart and leads you to follow your calling as that of a royal priesthood that proclaims the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness and into the marvelous light of his presence? With this in mind, how might some of the everyday, ordinary rhythms of your life be re-framed as you "wear" the holy garments meant for God's glory and beauty?

Children's Questions:

The role of the priest in the Bible has two parts: 1) to represent the people to God and 2) to represent God to the people. Also, you should know that the Bible says that those who trust in Jesus are called a royal priesthood. Are you part of this royal priesthood? What does it mean for someone to represent God to others? If someone were to represent God, what would they have to know, or even better, who would they have to know? Why? What might it look like for you to represent God to others? How does this make you feel?

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

"When I Survey"

Ensemble

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1707; arr.: Lowell Mason, 1824

Song of Celebration

“Jesus Paid It All”

Ensemble

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I, whereby Thy grace to claim,
I’ll wash my garments white, in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And now complete in Him, my robe His righteousness,
Close sheltered ’neath His side, I am divinely blest.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

words: Elvira M. Hall; music: John T. Grape

Life as Worship

Newcomer’s Lunch | Today, 12:30pm

Artist Talk - Kyle Ragsdale | Today, 12:30pm

Advent Workshop | Next Sunday, 10am-3pm

Valediction

based on Hebrews 10:23-25

Leader Brothers and sisters,
let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,

All **For he who promised is faithful.**

Leader And let us consider how we may spur one another on
toward love and good deeds,
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing,

All **Let us be intentional to encourage one another
in the Lord and in his word
especially as we see the final Day approaching.**

Departing Hymn

"You Have Redeemed My Soul"

All

**You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.
You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.**

**I was a hungry child,
A dried up river.
I was a burned out forest,
And no one could do anything for me.**

**But you put food in my body, water in my dry bed,
And to my blackened branches,
You brought the spring time green of a new life.
And nothing is impossible for you.**

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Don Chaffer, 1999

New-ish to Redeemer?

We're so glad you're here! We know that getting connected at a new church can be challenging. You're trying to figure out how to meet people, what the church is about, where to plug in. Basically, you're asking yourself: Does this church fit me? Do *I* fit this church? These are great questions, and we want to help you figure them out.

We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 11:00 service today in the Speck Gallery. 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).



Interested in making Redeemer your spiritual home? Come get answers to questions like:

- What's our story? Where'd we come from as a congregation and who are we interested in becoming?
- Why does Redeemer have membership? What difference does it make?

Dig deeper into what it means to be a part of the community here! Join the next session Friday, November 22 from 6-9pm and Saturday, November 23 from 9am-noon.

Register online:
redeemindy.org/events/discoveringredeemer



Upcoming Events

*Today
12:30pm*

Join us for today's Artist Talk

Today, after second service, join us in the Harrison Gallery to hear Kyle Ragsdale talk about his current show, *Folly*, up in the Harrison Gallery through August.

*Next Sunday
10am-3pm*

Advent Workshop

Join us next Sunday, 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!

Next Sunday

Operation Christmas Child boxes

Donations for Operation Christmas Child will be accepted through next Sunday, 11/17. Pick up empty boxes and return filled boxes at the Welcome Table. For a full list of acceptable items for your boxes, visit [redeemindy.org/mercymonth].

*Next Sunday
12:30pm*

Everyone is Invited to Lunch in the Underground Gallery

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

Want to spend some time investing in your marriage with other couples?

In the coming year, Redeemer is facilitating a space for groups of couples to share and discuss through a curriculum from Grace Marriage (gracemarriage.com). Groups will meet four times throughout 2020. Come get proactive about your connection as a couple! Childcare provided. There is a fee to participate, scholarships are available. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Questions? Email Assistant Pastor of Care Jeff Nottingham [jeff.nottingham@redeemindy.org].

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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