

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Philipians 2:6-11

Leader

Though Jesus was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

All

**Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Opening Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

All

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’ Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

words: Charles Wesley, 1739; music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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 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

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

All

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall Come to thee O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free,
Thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall Come to thee O Israel.**

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadow put to flight.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall Come to thee O Israel.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall Come to thee O Israel.**

words: Anonymous, 9th cent.; trans.: John M. Neale, 1851; music: French melody, 15th cent.

Song in the Gospel

“O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide”

All

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down,
Unbar the way to heaven’s crown.

O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun,
When will our hearts behold your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without your light,
We grope in gloom and dark of night.

Sin’s dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O, come, lead us with mighty hand,
Through exile to the promised land.

There shall we all our praises bring
Ever to you, our Savior King;
There shall we laud you and adore
Forever and forever more.
Forever and forever more.
Forever and forever more.

words: German spiritual song; trans.: Martin L. Seltz; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Time of Thanksgiving

Sermon

Jeff Nottingham

In the Eyes of Jesus

Fifth Sundays, rather than dismissing our 3s through Kindergartners for Children’s Worship, we invite them to stay in the sanctuary and join us for worship! Find RedeemerKids worship guides, coloring pages, books, and crayons in the blue cart at the back of the sanctuary to help them stay engaged throughout the service.

Reading One

Luke 5:1-11

Reader

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Reading Two

Matthew 16:13-18; 21-26

Reader

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

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²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

Reading Three

Luke 22:31-34; 54-62

Reader

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

³³ But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

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⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

⁵⁷ But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

⁶⁰ Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Reading Four

John 21:1-10; 15-19

Reader

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”
“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

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¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

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

“Glory to God in the Highest”

Ensemble

There was a boy, went for a walk, down by the stream, picked out some rocks,
And stepped out on, the battle field, no shield or sword, for him to wield.
The giant jeered, and boasted loud, the little boy just held his ground
And pulled a stone out of his pouch, and raised his sling, and slung it round singing,

Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!

A coward man, was hiding low, an angel called, told him to go,
And lead his kin, to overthrow the burdens of their wicked foes.
His troop was small, three hundred men. The foe too vast to count, like sand.
Still they around the foe that night, raised up their horns, and jars of light singing,

Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!

A pilgrim folk, in desert sun, were told to take, a fortress town.
No siege ramps built, no batter ram, the word of God, would be their plan.
Six days they marched, around its sides, the seventh day, the seventh time,
The trumpets made a victor’s sound. The people raised, a mighty shout singing,

Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!

A virgin aches in labor pains. She’s giving birth, to “Him who Saves”,
There in the barn, the humble means, the filthy rags, the trough unclean.
The rock now strikes, the giants face. The jars now break, the light dismays.
Jericho’s walls, are tumbling down, for Christ is born! Angels are singing,

Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God! Glory to God!

Nathan Partain, 2011

Song of Celebration

“What Child is This”

Ensemble

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise a song on high; The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

trad. English carol, 16th cent.; adapt. William C. Dix, 1865

Life as Worship

First Friday | This Friday, 6–9pm

New Member Reception | Next Sunday

Valediction

based on 2 Corinthians 3:4–18; Hebrews 13:20–21

All

**Our confidence is not that we are sufficient in ourselves,
but that our sufficiency is from God.
He gave us His Spirit to be ministers of a new covenant.**

Leader

Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ.

All

To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Departing Hymn

“All Glory be to Christ”

All

**Should nothing of our efforts stand; no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

**His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

**When on the day the great I am The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

words: Dustin Kensrue; music: Auld Lang Syne, Scottish traditional

Benediction



SO MANY REASONS TO BE
thankful

*Great are the works of the LORD;
 they are pondered by all who delight in them.
 Psalm 111:2*

Psalm 111 invites us to reflect on what God has done so that we will more deeply delight in him. As the year ends, how have we seen God at work in Redeemer in 2019?

- More care teams than ever are walking with members through hard times. Why does that happen? The *transforming safety of the gospel* enables us to ask for help and trust that Jesus will work in our brokenness.
- Redeemer Women held their first Saturday Seminary, where Dr. Nicholas Piotrowski taught on the storyline of the Bible to help women grow in holding to the *life-giving authority of Scripture*.
- The liturgical arts team collaborated and supported each other as they created installations that lead us into *thoughtful, expectant worship*.
- More people than ever asked to join a community group or were trained to lead one. They're hungry for *meaningful relationships in community* to grow in their faith.
- We *created beauty where we are* during Mercy Month, putting together 55 birthday gift bags for the single moms of Sweetwater Ministry to celebrate with their kids.
- Christianity Explored gathered people at Shoefly Pub for *respectful evangelism*, talking about who Jesus is and what that means for our lives.
- Regular church prayer meetings express how we want to *desperately depend on Jesus*.

More people are being connected to Jesus in a deeper way, and he really is bringing wholeness, as halting and halfway as it is, in our lives and the city. We invite you to take time this week to pray through Psalm 111 and praise God for how you see him at work in your life and in our church.

End of Year Giving

Thank you for your generosity throughout this year! Please know that if you are considering a year-end gift, all donations need to be made by 12/31—whether online [redeemindy.org/give], postmarked, or hand-delivered. The church office will be open until 4pm on 12/31. Redeemer's ministry is able to impact the city because of your generosity and we are so thankful for your giving. Please contact [giving@redeemindy.org] with questions.

Upcoming Events

Today

Carols in the Underground

Today, you're invited to gather in the Underground after the service. We'll be singing traditional Christmas carols from the Salvation Army hymn book. Do you have an instrument you want an excuse to play? You should come. Does someone in your home have an instrument you want them to play? You should tell them to come. Want to sing along and help us make a joyful noise? Come! Contact Shawn Collins [shawn.collins@alumni.purdue.edu] with any questions.

Today

Redeemer Women Bible Studies – Registration Open!

Redeemer Women will study the book of Judges in winter/spring 2020. Enrollment begins today and will be open through Sunday 1/12. You can sign up online or in the courtyard foyer on Sunday, 1/5 and at the Ministry Fair Sunday, 1/12. To ensure good group dynamics, each group will have a size limit. Women will be assigned in the order of sign-up. Studies will generally start the week of 1/19 and conclude by the end of May. If you have any questions, email [women@redeemindy.org].

Friday
6-10pm

First Friday at the Harrison Center

Join the Harrison Center this Friday from 6–9pm for the opening of the January art exhibits. See new shows up around the building, including *Nebulous Navigation* by Johnny McKee in the Harrison Gallery, and step outside for the continuation of the 5th annual Window Walk.

Next Sunday

Help welcome our new members!

Membership makes real and practical how we are connected to Jesus by being connected to each other. Meet Redeemer's newest members in the gym at 10am next Sunday over coffee and donuts.

January 12

Save the Date: You're invited to the Ministry Fair!

Sunday, 1/12, we will be hosting our bi-annual ministry fair and we want you to be there! Between services and after second service, each ministry at Redeemer will be represented at a booth in the gym with volunteers ready to answer questions and help you get plugged in! Whether you like working with children, craft supplies, or electronics, there is room for everyone to serve at Redeemer. We need relational people and folks with technical trainings. We look forward to helping you find a place where your skills meet a need!

The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference - Registration

The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference is coming to Indianapolis this summer, June 11-13. This is a three day conference with women from around the world, studying the book of James and worshipping. Redeemer Women has a discount code to help with the cost. On the conference website, please choose the individual registration option, and enter the discount code (REDEEMINDY) at the bottom of the first page, which will give \$25 off. Email [women@redeemindy.org] if you are interested in opportunities to gather with other Redeemer Women going to the conference.



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2019 budget:

\$2,016,840.00

Congregational Giving

December 22nd	\$	38,844.06
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December Budget	\$	168,070.00

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