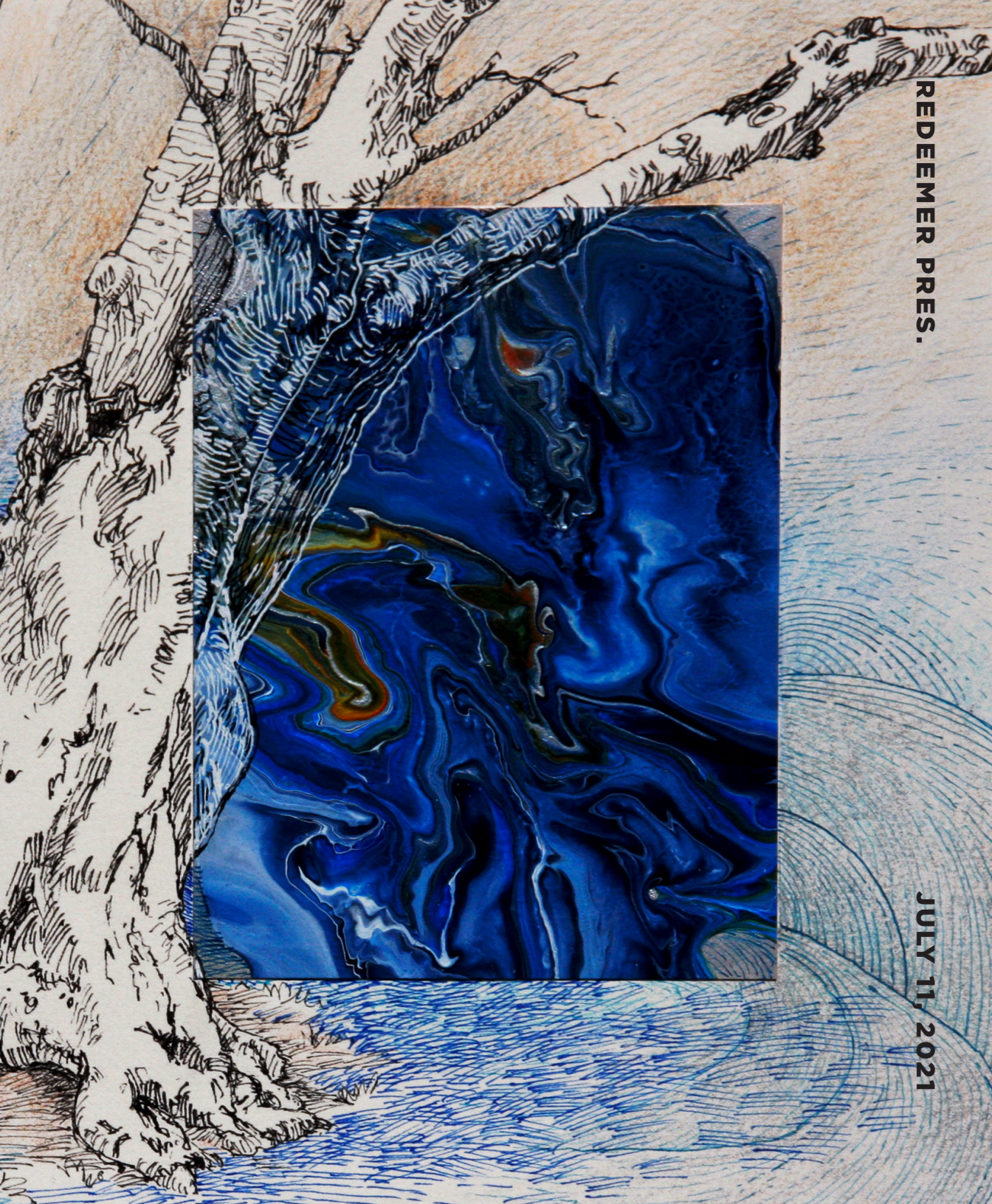


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# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*From Psalm 46*

*Leader*      Though the world is full of chaos,  
                  God provides a mighty peace to us, his people.

*All*            **God is our refuge and strength,  
                  an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
                  and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
                  though its waters roar and foam  
                  and the mountains quake with their surging.**

*Leader*      The chaos of the world is like the sea,  
                  but the grace of God is like a stream of life-giving water.

*All*            **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
                  the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her, she will not fall;  
                  God will help her at break of day.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
                  he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

*Leader*      The LORD says to nations all over the world:  
                  “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
                  I will be exalted in the earth!”

*All*            **God is with us! He is our fortress.**

# Opening Hymn

*“The LORD is All That’s Good”*

*All*

**The Lord is all that’s good. He is the Power of powers.  
He is the Beauty of beauties. He is the Fear of fears.  
He alone is the Author of wonders. His thoughts are like the universe;  
His care spread the earth on the water.  
He’s the truth of the day. He’s the hope through the night.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us stand pure in his sight.**

**He crushed the head of death, delivered us from the reach of his hand.  
With his mighty arm, he made us a path,  
A way through the deep, we walk on dry land.  
While Pharaoh is damned to darkness, he guides us through the wilderness.  
He breaks every scepter, makes low every name.  
In us, he has planted his kingdom, his flame.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us like stars in the night.**

**He never forgets our weakness. He spares us from the enemy.  
He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth.  
Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To raise us from death unto life.**

*Nathan Partain, 2001*

## Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Based on Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17*

*Leader* Lord our God—maker, wooer, judge of our hearts—  
*All* **Give us grace to step into your light  
to confess our sin to you, loving, holy Father.**

*Leader* Your Word is a well of delight,  
where you invite us to drink and be refreshed.

*All* **But we find your Word boring;  
sleep or screen time seems more enticing.  
We find your Word frustrating,  
telling us to deny ourselves, to say no to our deepest instincts.**

*Leader* You promise joy to those who live by your Word.

*All* **Obedience feels like drudgery, what we have to do,  
like cleaning our room or doing our taxes.**

*Leader* When we push your Word away, Lord, we push you away.

*All* **We do not receive your Word as your own presence.  
We trust in human strength and human wisdom.  
We turn our hearts away from you.**

*Leader* Father, Son, and Spirit, receive and re-shape our hearts.

*All* **Hold them tenderly, mold them fiercely.  
Love and deliver us now and in the day of our Lord Jesus.**

# Song of Need

*“Hold Thou My Hand”*

*All* **Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,  
I dare not take one step without thy aid;  
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,  
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

*words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Isaiah 55; John 1; Hebrews 12*

*Leader* Hear the power and forgiveness of the good news:

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth  
and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,  
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

*All* **It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire  
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

*Leader* The Lord has sent forth his word  
who was with him in the beginning.

*All* **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.**

*Leader* God’s Word was silenced at the cross,  
as sin and death shut his mouth.

*All* **But the Word was raised,  
and his blood now speaks a better word.**

*Leader* This reversal stands as an everlasting sign,

*All* **To show the unique glory of our LORD,  
that will never be silenced.**

## Song of Need

*“Hold Thou My Hand”*

*All*

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,  
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;  
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,  
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

*words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

## Song in the Gospel

*“Thy Mercy, My God”*

*All*

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.**

**Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.**

**Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.**

**Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!**

*words: John Stocker; music: Sandra McCracken*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

*All*

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

*words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Louis Hérold, 1839.*

## Prayer of Dependence



# Offering of Gifts and Service

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## Scripture

*Psalm 1*

*Reader*

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.
- <sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

*All*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

*“Desire for the Word”*

## Community Group Questions

- 1) What’s your level of want for God’s Word? What holds you back from wanting God’s Word? What do you desire, day to day, in the moment, instead of, or more than, God’s Word?
- 2) Psalm 1:5–6 looks to future judgment and heaven. How does that wider horizon re-frame how we approach God’s Word? How does Jesus as God’s Word fulfill the promises of 1:5–6? How might Jesus re-shape our heart, therefore, for God’s Word?
- 3) Where have you seen the hope and truth of Psalm 1:2–3, that a person who delights in God’s Word and lives by it, flourishes? Where has that been true for you? For others whom you know? How can those models cultivate our desire for God’s Word?

# Call to Communion

## *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 use the hand sanitizer. You will receive the bread into your hands and take a cup from the tray. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until we all do so together, once we are back in our seats. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to share in Communion.*

*Communion is a time of connection with the Lord Jesus and with each other. Feel free to sing with the band during Communion. The ministry of prayer is also a way we live together as a community of believers and seekers. Please take the time to pray on your own, or with someone else in the pews (in a socially distanced way).*

## 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.*

# Closing Hymn

*"I Won't Let You Go"*

*All*

**In the fight of life, no I won't let you go.  
Through the war inside you, I won't let you go.  
You can run all night but I won't let you go.  
Every place you hide, no I won't let you go.**

**Before all ages, I have loved you, I engraved you in my hands.  
I have saved you, completely paid for you, I will never lose my grasp.**

**You can spill your pain, but I won't let you go.  
You can yell and blame me I won't let you go.  
You can shut me out but I won't let you go.  
Til your walls come down no I won't let you go.**

**Before all ages, I have loved you, I engraved you in my hands.  
I have saved you, completely paid for you, I will never lose my grasp.**

**O my Child, I have bound myself to you, You're my joy, my favorite one.  
Do not fear, for I will not abandon you, I cannot revoke my love.**

**You can bear your soul, cause I won't let you go.  
Let your heart be known, cause I won't let you go.  
You can fold and yield, cause I won't let you go.  
How I long to heal you, I won't let you go.**

*Nathan Partain, 2017*

## Doxology

*All*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## Community Life

Welcome to Nicholas and Brenna McDonald and Family

Community Group Leader Training

July 17 and 30; email [amanda@redeemindy.org](mailto:amanda@redeemindy.org) for more information.

July Book Club Discussion

July 25 11:15 am (after worship) & 8 pm (via Zoom); RSVP @ [redeemindy.org/events](https://redeemindy.org/events)

Saturday Seminary for Men

August 7; more information @ [redeemindy.org/events](https://redeemindy.org/events)

## Benediction

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:

\$993,150.26

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## Congregational Giving

July 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$	\$51,995.78
July Total .....	\$	\$51,995.78
July Budget .....	\$	\$207,296.17

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