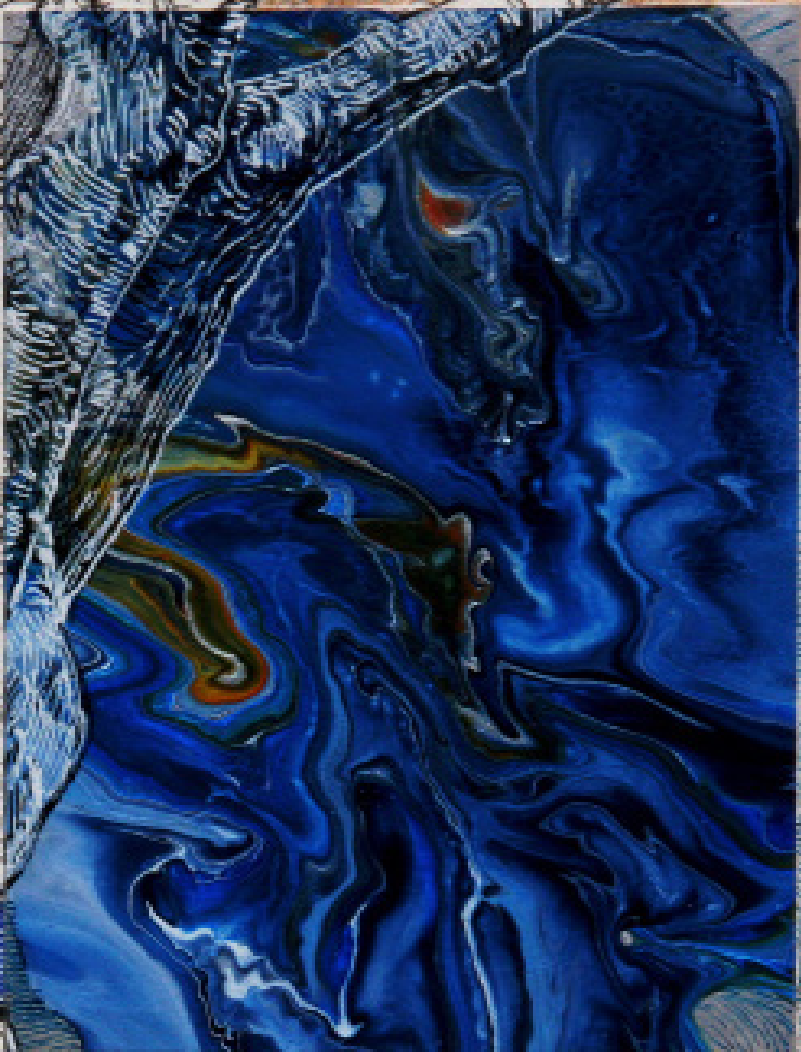


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Barb Knuckles and Kathryn Dart, with help from the congregation

Communion Set

Matt Kenyon

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

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 2; 1 Corinthians 1

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 Through the reign of King Jesus you promise to set the world to rights,
and through allegiance, not autonomy, you offer blessing and true delight.

All **And yet we bristle at the thought of any authority but our own.
We'd rather build for our own Kingdoms than emigrate to yours.**

Leader You say the foolishness of God is wiser than our best wisdom.
The weakness of our Lord is stronger than our best strength.

All **But our anxious hearts deceive us.
In foolishness we act as if our “wisdom” is sufficient,
that the brokenness of our lives is easily something we can fix.**

Leader You promise refuge and peace for all who find their rest in Jesus,

All **But still we scheme and we strive to try to grasp it for ourselves,
refusing to receive it as a gift from your own hand,
and adding to the chaos we wish that we could calm.**

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; the way is dark before me,
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Song in the Gospel

“Abide With Me”

All **Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.**

**Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee.
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness!
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still; abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.**

words Henry F. Lyte, 1847; music Nathan Partain 2001

Song in the Gospel

"All You Do is Good"

All

**You are full of compassion and abounding in love,
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.**

**You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
All you do is good.**

**You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves
Those who hate you, you ransom, Give you blood for their shame.
With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame
You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.**

**You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
All you do is good.**

**You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,
You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,
You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free
It's who you are, It's who you were, It's who you will always be.**

**Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind
Running over with healing, inexhaustible might
You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.
Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.**

**You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
All you do is good.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture

Psalm 2

Reader

- ¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- ² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- ³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
- ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- ⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

All

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

Sermon

Sam Haist

Living Well in a World Gone Mad

Community Group Questions

- 1) Let's be honest, Psalm 2 makes a lot of us uncomfortable. It talks about wrath being "quickly kindled." It talks about judgment for those who reject God's King. It's hard for us to imagine how this all adds up to "blessing" (v. 12). As you think about life in a broken world, in what kinds of circumstances might judgment be a good thing? And how could that help us read and engage Psalm 2?
- 2) This psalm describes a world in chaos: nations are raging, people are scheming, the communities we live in often feel fractured and shaky. Part of the problem, at least according to the psalmist, is the hunger we feel for independence and autonomy. We want freedom from constraints so we can "do our own thing" (see verses 2-3). How can we tell the difference between freedom that is good and healthy, and freedom that is destructive?
- 3) What do you think it means to "take refuge" in God's King (verse 12)? Why is refuge even something we need?

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

“We Will Feast”

All

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.**

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Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015

Doxology

**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

Todd Dawkins's Sabbatical

Wednesday morning childcare workers
September – December; email women@redeemindy.org.

Saturday Seminary for Men
August 7; more information @ redeemindy.org.

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

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\$1,048,954.01

Congregational Giving

July 11 th	\$	\$55,803.75
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July Budget	\$	\$207,296.17
