



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY | MAY 31

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from on Acts 2:1-21*

Reader: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

This is the fulfillment  
of the promised sending of the Holy Spirit,  
spoken by the prophet Joel:  
"In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

**Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.  
Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.**

I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious  
day of the Lord.

**Amen!**  
**For it has come to pass  
that everyone who calls  
upon the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.**

## Opening Hymn

*"All You Do is Good"*

**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 your 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 Confession

Redeemer family, we are called to seek  
the life-giving authority of Scripture,  
But Father, we do not think your word is life-giving.

**In fact, we accuse you of life-taking.  
Your words feel only like prohibitions,  
obstacles in the way of our happiness.  
Father, forgive us,  
we reject your means of giving us faith and life.**

Father, we do not want your authority.

**In fact, we don't want any authority other than our own.  
We think freedom means self-rule,  
so we blame you for any guilt we feel,  
and our hard hearts resist like a stubborn horse,  
refusing to submit until we are broken by calamity.  
Father, forgive us,  
we reject your rule which leads to true freedom.**

Father, we do not believe in Scripture.

**In fact, we do not think that your very breath  
is in every word.  
We are sure it must be diluted and distorted  
by a human agenda.  
Your word is strange to us,  
from a distant time and place and culture,  
no longer relevant to speak into our evolved society.  
Father, forgive us,  
we deny that we are sheep who need a shepherd.**

Father, in your great mercy, forgive our rejection of you  
and the very food that we are desperate for.  
Be patient with our rebellion  
but active in your healing of our hearts,  
until we see you as you truly are:  
the source of all good,  
with no shifting shadow,  
in whose presence is a river of delights.

**For your glory and through Jesus we ask. Amen.**

## Assurance and Hope of the Gospel

*based on Isaiah 55:6-7; 59:16; Hebrews 12:2;  
Colossians 1:13-14*

The LORD saw that there was no one,  
so his own arm achieved salvation for him.

**God took the initiative  
by coming near in Jesus to seek us out,  
to become like us in order to save us.**

Jesus is God's king;  
through him, he is putting all things right.

**Jesus is God like us,  
who became fully human  
in order to take our sin upon himself.**

Jesus is God's faithful one,  
the pioneer and perfecter of faith,  
through whom God has delivered  
us from the kingdom of darkness  
into the kingdom of his well-loved Son.

**In order that we may be  
well-loved sons and daughters in the Son,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of our sins.**

## Song in the Gospel

*"Rejoice! The Lord is King"*

**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!  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!

*words: Charles Wesley, 1744; music: Nathan Partain, 2003*

## Song in the Gospel

*“Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now”*

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,  
Our hearts in true devotion bow;  
Thy Spirit send with grace divine  
And let thy truth within us shine.  
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,  
Our souls to thee in worship raise;  
Make strong our faith, increase our light  
That we may know thy name aright.  
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Until we join the hosts that cry,  
“Holy art thou, O Lord, Most High!”  
And in the light of that blest place  
Fore’er behold thee face to face.  
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!  
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

words: Duke Wilhelm II, 1861; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;  
music: Nathan Partain, 2001

## Offering

*Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]*

## Preparation for the Word

*based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13*

Let us honor our Father together.

**Father, we receive your word, which we have heard  
through the prophets, the apostles,  
and Jesus, your Son,  
And accept it not as a human word,  
but as it actually is, the word of God.**

Yes, for it is indeed at work  
in all who believe.

## Scripture

*Matthew 4:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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

## Sermon

Charles Anderson  
*God’s Word When We are Tempted*

## Prayer

## Life as Worship

*Scripture Reading Guide*

*Summer Book Club*

*[redeemindy.org/events/bookclub]*

## Valediction

*Colossians 1:15-20*

Who is the Son?

**The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.**

For in him all things were created:

**Things in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or powers  
or rulers or authorities;  
all things have been created  
through him and for him.  
He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church;

**He is the beginning  
and the firstborn from among the dead,  
so that in everything  
he might have the supremacy.**

For God was pleased to have all his fullness  
dwell in him,

**And through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven,  
by making peace through his blood,  
shed on the cross.**

## Closing Hymn

*"Be Thou my Vision"*

**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 battle-shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,  
Raise thou me heavenward, O pow'r of my pow'r.**

**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*

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## REDEEMER Scripture Reading Plan

S U M M E R 2 0 2 0

### MAY 31-JUNE 6

Day 1: John 1, Ps 8  
Day 2: John 2, Josh 1  
Day 3: John 3, Josh 2  
Day 4: John 4, Josh 3  
Day 5: John 5, Josh 4

### JUNE 7-13

Day 1: John 6, Ps 16  
Day 2: John 7, Josh 5  
Day 3: John 8, Josh 6  
Day 4: John 9, Josh 7  
Day 5: John 10, Josh 8

### JUNE 14-20

Day 1: John 11, Ps 30  
Day 2: John 12, Josh 9  
Day 3: John 13, Josh 10  
Day 4: John 14, Josh 11  
Day 5: John 15, Josh 12

### JUNE 21-27

Day 1: John 16, Ps 46  
Day 2: John 17, Josh 13  
Day 3: John 18, Josh 14  
Day 4: John 19, Josh 15  
Day 5: John 20, Josh 16

### JUNE 28-JULY 4

Day 1: John 21, Ps 143  
Day 2: 1 John 1, Josh 17  
Day 3: 1 John 2, Josh 18  
Day 4: 1 John 3, Josh 19  
Day 5: 1 John 4, Josh 20

### JULY 5-11

Day 1: 1 John 5, Ps 88  
Day 2: 2 John, Josh 21  
Day 3: 3 John, Josh 22  
Day 4: Rom 1, Josh 23  
Day 5: Rom 2, Josh 24

### JULY 12-18

Day 1: Rom 3, Ps 6  
Day 2: Rom 4, Prov 1  
Day 3: Rom 5, Prov 2  
Day 4: Rom 6, Prov 3  
Day 5: Rom 7, Prov 4

### JULY 19-25

Day 1: Rom 8, Ps 77  
Day 2: Rom 9, Prov 5  
Day 3: Rom 10, Prov 6  
Day 4: Rom 11, Prov 7  
Day 5: Rom 12, Prov 8

### JULY 26-AUG 1

Day 1: Rom 13, Ps 32  
Day 2: Rom 14, Prov 9  
Day 3: Rom 15, Prov 10  
Day 4: Rom 16, Prov 11  
Day 5: Rev 1, Prov 12

### AUGUST 2-8

Day 1: Rev 2, Ps 145  
Day 2: Rev 3, Prov 13  
Day 3: Rev 4, Prov 14  
Day 4: Rev 5, Prov 15  
Day 5: Rev 6, Prov 16

### AUGUST 9-15

Day 1: Rev 7, Ps 56  
Day 2: Rev 8, Prov 17  
Day 3: Rev 9, Prov 18  
Day 4: Rev 10, Prov 19  
Day 5: Rev 11, Prov 20

### AUGUST 16-22

Day 1: Rev 12, Ps 73  
Day 2: Rev 13, Prov 21  
Day 3: Rev 14, Prov 22  
Day 4: Rev 15, Prov 23  
Day 5: Rev 16, Prov 24

### AUGUST 23-29

Day 1: Rev 17, Ps 104  
Day 2: Rev 18, Prov 25  
Day 3: Rev 19, Prov 26  
Day 4: Rev 20, Prov 27  
Day 5: Rev 21, Prov 28

### AUG 30-SEPT 5

Day 1: Rev 22, Ps 9  
Day 2: Col 1, Prov 29  
Day 3: Col 2, Prov 30  
Day 4: Col 3, Prov 31  
Day 5: Col 4, Ps 25