

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on 1 John 1:5-9

Leader This is the message we have heard and declare to you:

All **God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him.**

Leader If we say, “We have fellowship with him,” and yet we walk in darkness,
we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

All **If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Leader If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

All **If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Opening Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

All

**Praise, my soul, the king of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, his praise should sing?
Come and worship, come and worship—praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Come and worship, come and worship—glorious in his faithfulness.**

**God our Father tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Come and worship, come and worship—widely as his mercy goes.**

**Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Come and worship, come and worship—praise with us the God of grace!
Come and worship, come and worship—praise with us the God of grace!**

words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834, based on Psalm 103; music: Nathan Partain, 2000

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Isaiah 55:6-11

Leader

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Hear your Father's loving words:
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

All

**But we think our understanding is more true than what you've said.
Our feelings, opinions, and personal ethics judge your words.
Though we are creatures, limited and skewed,
we think we know what is good, healthy, and right.
So we live as though our thoughts are higher than your thoughts.**

Leader

Hear your Father say again:
the way you do things is not the way I do things.

All

**But we don't think our ways, motives and desires
should be shaped by anyone but ourselves.
We think we know what love is,
not realizing that we are shallow, inconsistent, and self-centered.
With a log in our own eye, we try to fix the brokenness
of our relationships, our city, and our world,
without regard for your word.
So we live as though you should do things
the way we would do things.**

Leader

Everything good comes from knowing and following your Father's heart.

All

And we cannot know or follow him without receiving and submitting to his word.

Leader

Father, give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to understand,

All

That we may turn and be healed.

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 in the Gospel

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

All

**Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus!—lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me; he, my savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; he, my strength, my vict’ry wins.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking; he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah, what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving—he is with me to the end.**

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

Song in the Gospel

“Abide In Me”

All

**Abide in me, O Lord, and I in Thee;
From this good hour, oh, leave me nevermore.
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o’er.**

**Abide in me; o’ershadow by Thy love,
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;
Quench ere it rise each selfish, low desire;
And keep my soul as Thine, calm and divine.**

**We raise our voices to the father. He hears our prayers through His son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.**

**As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So, when Thou dwellest in a mortal soul,
All heaven’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.**

**Abide in me; there have been moments blest,
When I have heard Thy voice and felt Thy power;
Then evil lost its grasp; and passion, hushed,
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.**

**We raise our voices to the father. He hears our prayers through His son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.**

**These were but seasons beautiful and rare;
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfill at once Thy precept and my prayer,
Dome, and abide in me, and I in Thee.**

**We raise our voices to the father. He hears our prayers through His son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.**

words: Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music: Nathan Partain, 2002

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Offertory Hymn

“Alleluia, Beautiful Lord”

Ensemble

**Alleluia, beautiful Lord,
Be closer to me than I can comprehend,
Come be with me now; please don't delay.
Do not hide your eternal Spirit,
Ever loving—even when I fail,
Forgive my every grievous way. Alleluia, beautiful Lord.**

**Glory is yours, O Heavenly Father,
Hear my silent innermost prayers,
I bow before you, O Lord most just.
Jesus, you are the key to the kingdom,
Keep me safely in your loving hand,
Loving-kindness is what I need most. Alleluia, beautiful Lord.**

**Mercy, before I know I need it,
Not my will, but yours—help me obey,
O Lord, my prophet, priest, and king.
Preserve my life, answer my questions,
Quiet all my anxious, racing thoughts,
Restore me, hear me as I sing. Alleluia, beautiful Lord.**

**Salvation comes from you, triune God,
Teach me how to live, help me understand,
Unto you, O king, I make my vow.
Virtue and honor are your ways, O Lord,
Walking with you is joy inexpressible,
Extend your grace and mercy to me now. Alleluia, beautiful Lord.**

**You are Lord, the King of Zion,
Zeal for you is my absolute desire.
And I worship you, beautiful Lord. Alleluia, beautiful Lord.
Alleluia, beautiful Lord.**

Tom Peck, 2018

Children's Worship, a time for children to worship through song, Bible stories, and response (art or story play) is for ages 3 through kindergarten. Children will return to the sanctuary before communion; parents can pick them up at that time. Visitors are welcome! Parents may attend with their children.

Preparation for the Word

Based on Psalm 119:105

Leader Your word is a lamp to our feet;
All **Without it we cannot see.**

Leader And a light upon our path;
All **Without it we lose our way.**

Scripture

John 5:31-47

Reader ³¹ “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

³³ “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. ³⁴ Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved. ³⁵ John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

³⁶ “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, ³⁸ nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. ³⁹ You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

⁴¹ “I do not accept glory from human beings, ⁴² but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. ⁴³ I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. ⁴⁴ How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵ “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. ⁴⁶ If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. ⁴⁷ But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

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

Sermon

Sam Haist

God’s Word Believes in Jesus

Catechism on the Word

The Geneva Catechism, Q. 300-303

Leader Eternal life is to know the one true God, our Father,
and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.
But how do we know this?

All **For this end God has given us his holy word;
for spiritual doctrine is a kind of door
by which we enter his heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Where are we to seek for this word?

All **In the Holy Scriptures, in which it is contained.**

Leader How are we to use it so that it is fruitful in us?

All **By embracing it with entire heartfelt persuasion,
as certain truth which has come down from heaven,
by yielding to it, and subjecting our minds and wills in obedience to it,
by loving it sincerely,
by having it once for all engraved on our hearts,
and there rooted so as to produce fruit in our life,
finally, by being formed by its authority.
Then shall it turn to our salvation, as it was intended.**

Leader Are all these things put in our own power?

All **None of them at all;
but all these things belong to God only
to effect in us by the gift of his Spirit.**

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

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Ensemble

I’m just a poor wayfaring stranger, traveling through this world of woe.
Yet there’s no sickness, toil nor danger, in that bright land to which I go.
I’m going there to see my father; I’m going there, no more to roam.
I’m just going over Jordan, I’m just going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather ’round me, I know my way is rough and steep.
Yet golden fields lie just before me, where God’s redeemed their vigil keep.
I’m going there to see my mother; she said she’d meet me when I come.
I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory, when I get home to that good land.
I want to shout salvation’s story, in concert with the blood-washed band.
I’m going there to meet my Savior; to sing his praise forever more.
I’m just going over Jordan, I’m just going over home.

I’ll soon be free from every trial, my body sleep in the old churchyard;
I’ll drop the cross of self-denial, and enter on my great reward.
I’m going there to see my savior; to be with him evermore.
I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going over home.

Traditional

Song of Celebration

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Ensemble

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev’ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev’ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His Name.

Let every creature rise and bring honor and glory to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud “amen!”

words: Isaac Watts; music: John Hatton

Life as Worship

Discovering Redeemer | March 20-21

Newcomer’s Lunch | March 22

Easter | Register to serve [redeemindy.org/easter]

Valediction

Psalm 1

Leader Let us learn together the word of the Spirit:

All **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,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.
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.**

Leader Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

All **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Departing Hymn

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

All **I know that my Redeemer lives; glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives; glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

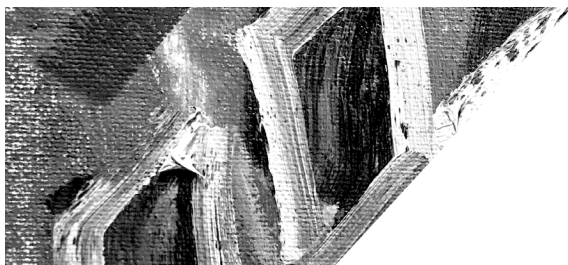
**He lives, he lives, who once was dead; glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head; glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives to crush the fiends of hell; glory hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; glory hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives to bless me with His love; glory hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above; glory hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

**He lives all glory to his name; glory hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same; glory hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground; glory hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found; glory hallelujah!**

words: Samuel Medley, 1775; music: F. C. Wood, 1850



life-giving AUTHORITY of scripture

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPRING 2020

We want to be connected to Jesus. That's where real life is. And if we want to be connected to Jesus, then we've got to connect to the Bible. God shares himself through his Word. When we receive that Word—when we believe it, ponder it, pray it, treasure it, practice it—God grows his life in us. We often react to the Bible with fear or boredom or confusion or skepticism. We're focusing on Scripture this season so that we grow in receiving it as life-giving authority from God to communicate himself to us. This spring we'll have several consistent opportunities to engage with it:

Sermon Series

Each Sunday, our pastors will preach through passages of Scripture that focus on the Word: why it's important, how it forms us, how it's life-giving. After each sermon, you will have the opportunity to submit questions you have from the sermon, one of which we will answer in a video email later that week. Submit questions to [questions@redeemindy.org]. (If you wish to receive Redeemer emails, contact [lauren@redeemindy.org].)

Adult Sunday Class | Questioning Scripture // 10:00-10:50am in the Underground Gallery

Can the Bible really be trusted? Why do we think these words came from God? How do we know the right words made it into our Bibles today? How can we claim to know what they mean?

These sorts of questions aren't just for skeptics; even longtime believers can find them difficult and scary. If you've ever wrestled with what to think about Scripture, this class is for you. Join us as Redeemer pastors and elders engage a variety of tough questions about the Bible, and see how God's Word can hold up to the challenge. Our hope is that you'll find the Bible more beautiful and believable as a result of this class.

Weekly Reading Plan

We are inviting everyone to renew or establish a consistent rhythm of Bible reading. If you haven't already, pick up printed copy of the Bible Reading Plan at the Welcome Table. There, you'll find each week's reading plan, along with a few recommended resources for those who want to dig deeper. Whether Scripture reading is an old habit or something you're trying for the first time, we hope this guide will whet your appetite and leave you wanting more.

Scripture Memory

Throughout this season, we'll also be learning several passages together as a church: Psalm 1 in March, John 14:5-9 in April, and Colossians 1:15-20 in May. Last week, worked on Psalm 1:1-3. This week, try adding verse 4:

¹ *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,*

² *but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.*

³ *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.*

⁴ *Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.*

Weekly Prayer // Tuesdays, 12:15-12:45pm in the Youth Room (room 204)

We want to create a space for us to pray Scripture together. We'll meet and pray through the psalm on the reading plan for that week. This will help form us in how God's word shapes our hearts and can guide our words to him.

Thank You

Yesterday, in partnership with GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) we hosted a church-wide training to help us create a culture that better prevents abuse and provides appropriate and loving care to victims and survivors. We are grateful that you gave up your Saturday morning to join the conversation and learn together as a church family. We understand that the topics were heavy and may have brought to the surface hard things from your past or present; we encourage you to talk to someone. Feel free to reach out to the counseling staff at New Hope Counseling [newhopeindianapolis.org] or any of our pastoral staff, whose email addresses can be found on page 16.

Upcoming Events

Today

Women, register for this year's OneRead!

Grab a copy of *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren, read it, and join Redeemer Women as we look more closely at the small habits that form our everyday lives. We will meet Tuesday, 8/28, 7-9:00pm in the Underground Gallery. Dessert and coffee will be served. Register and purchase your book (\$10 while they last!) in the courtyard lobby or online [redeemindy.org/events/oneread].

Today
12:30pm

Everyone is Invited to Lunch in the Gym

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

March 20-21

Interested in learning more about membership at Redeemer?

Dig deeper into what it means to be part of the community here! Join the next session Friday, 3/20 from 6-9pm and Saturday, 3/21 from 9-noon. Register online [redeemindy.org/events/discoveringredeemer].

March 22
12:30pm

New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch!

March 22, after the 11am service, join Redeemer staff and other people new to the community in the Speck Gallery for lunch. 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). Register online [redeemindy.org/events/newlunch].

April 6-12

Easter Services | redeemindy.org/easter

Easter is a significant season in the life of our community. We look forward each year to worshipping together throughout the week in anticipation of celebrating the day that Jesus raised us from the dead.

Holy Week (4/6-10)	7am, Mon-Fri (30 min)	
	6:30pm, Mon-Thurs (1 hr)	
Good Friday (4/10)	7-8:30pm	
Easter (4/12)	1 st	8:00am Feast:
	2 nd	9:30am 8:30-11:30am
	3 rd	11am

Wanting to address abuse that is in some way part of your story?

Redeemer's counseling service, New Hope Counseling, is here to assist you [newhopeindianapolis.org]. Every New Hope counselor has walked with survivors of abuse. 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.

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year to date giving

\$ 341,163.98

Jan-Mar budget:

\$ 595,001.50

2020 budget:

\$ 2,380,006

Congregational Giving

March 1st	\$	94,938.96
March Total	\$	94,938.96
March Budget	\$	198,333.83

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