



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 8:11-14

This is what the LORD says to me
with his strong hand upon me,
warning me not to follow the way of this people:

“Do not call conspiracy
everything this people calls a conspiracy;
do not fear what they fear,
and do not dread it.

**The LORD Almighty is the one we regard as holy,
he is the one we are to fear,
he is the one we are to dread.
He has become a sanctuary for all of his people.**

Opening Hymn

“The Lord is King”

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!
From world to world, the joy shall ring,
“The Lord omnipotent is King!”**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways;
Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

words: Josiah Conder, 1824; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Lament and Confession

We lament our loss of connection.
You made us in your image
and are re-making us as Christ’s body
to be joined together, to live in relationship.
But we are isolated, physically separated from one another,
and even when we are together,
we have to stand at a distance.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We confess that we are fearful and frustrated,
as control slips out of our fingers.
We want to blame someone,
whether the doomsayers or the downplayers,
as if what happens should be within our grasp.

Jesus, we forget that you reign.

We lament that we cannot worship together in person.
Love for our neighbor keeps us away from our neighbor.
We wish that we were standing, kneeling, praying, singing,
sharing the bread and the cup together.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We confess that in the midst of crisis,
we doubt and mistrust you.
We struggle to believe that you are good,
that you are in control, that you love us and the world.

Jesus, we forget that you reign.

Lord, we are a broken people in a broken world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear us and help us.

Assurance and Hope of the Gospel

based on John 19; Matthew 26; Isaiah 53; Romans 5; John 3; Acts 2; Matthew 28; Hebrews 4; Revelation 11; 21; 22

Take heart in this assurance and hope
of the good news of the king:
The king has been lifted up and reigned from the cross.
Jesus commands the angels,
yet he submitted like a lamb to the slaughter,
in order to die for us, the powerless, the ungodly.

**For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.**

The King has ascended into heaven
where he reigns over heaven and earth,
at the right hand of his Father,
from whom he has all authority.

**We can approach the throne, therefore,
with confidence,
to receive mercy and find grace
in our time of need.**

The King will reign—
the kingdom of the world
will become the kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah.
Our triumphant, yet tender king
will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

**His words are trustworthy and true.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Song of Response

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
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words: Edward Mote, 1834; music: William B. Bradbury, 1863

Preparation for the Word

based on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to our feet;

Without it we cannot see.

And a light upon our path;

Without it we lose our way.

Scripture

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

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¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Charles Anderson
Whose Word Gives Life?

Prayer

Life as Worship

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Valediction

Psalms 1

Let us learn together the word of the Spirit:

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.**

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

**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.**

Closing Hymn

“Take my Life and Let it Be”

**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: Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827

Benediction

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Hymn-sing 7pm

Join us for a time of singing together in our homes. We will have a Facebook Live hymn-sing. Nathan Partain will have some songs to lead and we will also try to take some requests as we sing together in our homes. The link for the hymn-sing will be sent in the Daily Digest email next week.

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, 4/28, 7-9:00pm in the Underground Gallery. Dessert and coffee will be served. Register online [redeemindy.org/events/oneread].

Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?

New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. We offer a full slate of telecounseling options via a secure provider on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. We all sense how disrupted life is right now. If you want to talk with a counselor, please contact us. We do not want finances to be a barrier, and provide scholarships as needed to all Redeemer and Fountain Square Pres attendees.

Email our Intake Coordinator, Liz Escoffery at [counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org] to ask questions about scheduling an appointment. If you need to come in for in-person sessions, we are still equipped for that as well and are following all relevant CDC guidelines.

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