



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lent 2020 | MARCH 29

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

For the LORD is great and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of humanity are empty comforters,
but Yahweh, the only God,
brought forth the universe.**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

**Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.**

Opening Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Dear child of God with tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

words: Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; trans.: William Draper, 1919;
music: Lasst Uns Erfreuen, 1623

Prayer of Lament and Confession

We lament the economic loss
and vulnerability from this virus.
Businesses are closed, jobs are lost and in danger.
Others must work but find themselves endangered.
We were made to work
and enjoy the fruit of our labor,
But many are in great need.

Jesus, when will you come and reign?

We confess that we make too much of our money.
We call on it for security, control, and pleasure—
We cry out for our money to save us.
We don't want to have to ask God for our daily bread.

Jesus, we forget that you reign.

We lament that death is our enemy,
and it rules with cruelty and impunity.
It's a monstrous invader into God's creation.
People we love will die from this virus.

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 became the man of sorrows,
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 Jesus
will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
There will be no more sickness or death
or mourning or crying or pain.

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

Song of Response

“A Child of God”

**I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,
And I see just delight there in my Father’s face.**

**I am last and low, cause I fight no longer,
To be right or good or to prove my own worth;
I’m not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty;
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me.**

**I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.**

**I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,
And I pray and wait for God to provide;
I lean all of my weight on him who is able,
And I set aside every effort of mine.**

**I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.**

**I know now, I’m safe, cause nothing can harm me
Or break in and take what’s stored up for me;
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.**

**I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.**

Nathan Partain, 2011

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

Psalm 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.
⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.
¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴ May these words of my mouth
and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD,
my Rock and my Redeemer.

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

Homily

Jeff Nottingham
Where is God's Word?

Prayer

Life as Worship

RedeemerKids Read Along | Daily on Facebook Live, 10am

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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

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

**On Jordan's stormy banks, I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.**

**O'er all those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son, forever reigns,
And scatters night away.**

**I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land;
I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land.**

**No chilling winds or poisonous breath,
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.**

**I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land.**

**When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest,
For I shall see my Father's face,
And in his bosom rest.**

**I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land.
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I am bound for the promised land.**

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words: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans.: John M. Neale, 1851; music: Chris Minor, 2003

Benediction

Upcoming Events

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 virtually on Tuesday, 4/28 from 7-9:00pm. More details to come! Register online [redeemindy.org/events/oneread].

Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?

New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. We do not want finances to be a barrier. We provide scholarships as needed to all Redeemer and Fountain Square Pres attendees. 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.

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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