

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 98

Leader Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

All **His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

Leader Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the victor's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

All **Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.**

Leader He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Opening Hymn

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

All

**I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross, he suffered,
From the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth,
Over sin and death and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer,
And his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God with him to be.**

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Words: Phillip Bliss, 1976 Music: Luke Morton, 2005

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Leader Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit—
you have joined together body and soul,
to make us to image you.
You bring us through seasons of the soul to mature us,
to teach us to depend on you.

All **Yet we struggle in these seasons of the soul.**

Leader You have called us to live holy lives,
to embody your kingdom and your righteousness.

All **But we have failed to live as you have commanded.
We have pursued our own selfish interests,
and sinned against you,
both in doing what you have forbidden,
and failing to do the righteous actions you command.**

Leader You have called us to give you our fears,
to walk in humility knowing you have won the ultimate victory.

All **In our pride, we face our fears alone.
Forgive us, gracious Father, for believing we do not need you.**

Leader We are corrupt in body and soul, your image broken and defaced.

All **Sin dwells in the whole of who we are—
Only you can deliver us, O Lord!**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 53:3; Mark 15:33-34; Hebrews 12:2; 2:17; 7:25

Leader Jesus is the true human, the divine Son of God who took on flesh,
who has known the seasons of the soul.

All **Jesus celebrated at a wedding,
he waited and grew weary,
he delighted in his Father and his friends,
he grieved over death.**

Leader The Son of God was the man of sorrows;
he knew pain firsthand.

All **In the darkness of the cross, Jesus cried out to his Father,
“Why have you abandoned me?”**

Leader For the joy set before him, Jesus endured the cross,
scorning its shame, securing our salvation.

All **He was made like us in every respect,
so that he could atone for his peoples’ sins.**

Leader He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God,

All **Where he now intercedes for us in our seasons of the soul.**

Song in the Gospel

“The Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

All

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching a mighty host,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

words by Haldor Lillenas, 1918; chorus and music by Nathan Partain, 2011

Song in the Gospel

“The Lord Will Provide”

All **The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied,
Just as long as it’s written, “The Lord will provide.”**

**Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and all foes unite,
Just one thing secures us, whatever betide,
His Spirit assures us, “The Lord will provide.”**

Leader And this promise remains,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader Through all ages unchanged,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader In our want, in our pain,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader Faithful through all of our days.

**When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we stand but by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart glad’ning gospel, “The Lord will provide.”**

Leader And this promise remains,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader Through all ages unchanged,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader In our want, in our pain,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader Faithful through all of our days.

**When life sinks apace, and death is in view,
The word of His grace shall comfort us through,
Not fearing or doubting, with Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting, “The Lord will provide.”**

Leader And this promise remains,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader Through all ages unchanged,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
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All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.**
Leader Faithful through all of our days.

words: John Newton, 1775, alt words and refrain by Nathan Partain; music: Nathan Partain, 2012

Prayer of Dependence

Cindy Ragsdale

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Preparation for the Word

From 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Leader

The Spirit searches all things,
even the deep things of God.
In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God
except the Spirit of God.

All

**What we have received is not the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit who is from God,
so that we may understand what God has freely given us.**

Leader

This is what we speak,
not in words taught us by human wisdom
but in words taught by the Spirit,

All

Explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

Scripture

Psalm 56

For the director of music. To the tune of "A Dove on Distant Oaks." Of David. A miktam. When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.

Reader

- ¹ Be merciful to me, my God,
for my enemies are in hot pursuit;
all day long they press their attack.
- ² My adversaries pursue me all day long;
in their pride many are attacking me.
- ³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
- ⁴ In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?
- ⁵ All day long they twist my words;
all their schemes are for my ruin.
- ⁶ They conspire, they lurk,
they watch my steps,
hoping to take my life.
- ⁷ Because of their wickedness do not let them escape;
in your anger, God, bring the nations down.
- ⁸ Record my misery;
list my tears on your scroll —
are they not in your record?
- ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back
when I call for help.
By this I will know that God is for me.
- ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise —
- ¹¹ in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can man do to me?
- ¹² I am under vows to you, my God;
I will present my thank offerings to you.
- ¹³ For you have delivered me from death
and my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Ben Reed

When I am Afraid

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Community Group Questions

1. Take a few moments to think about what makes you afraid. It could be something in particular and/or general types of things that cause fear. If you feel comfortable sharing about these in the group, do so now.
2. David and Jesus both declared their fears to God. Do you find it easy to tell God about your fears? If not, what makes it difficult for you?
3. We are called to face our fears even though we have no guarantee the source of our fears will disappear. We are guaranteed that God has defeated the ultimate enemy, death. How does this reality give you hope? How will your life look different in light of that hope?

Children's questions:

Everybody deals with being afraid, even your parents. What is something you are afraid of? God tells us that even when we are afraid, he is with us and he always love us. How does knowing God is with you change how you act when you are afraid?

Farewell Prayer

Rick, Trish, Lawson, Campbell, and Landon Cobb

Sean, Jonna, Deirdre, Ragan, Alana, and Vivian Kelley

Tom Kotnik

Life as Worship

Redeemer Women Fall Bible Studies | Registration open now!

[redeemindy.org/events/matthew]

Town Hall Meeting | August 23rd

Valediction

from Ephesians 4:11-15

Leader

Jesus himself gave the apostles,
the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers,
to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up
until we all reach unity in the faith
and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of who Jesus is.

All

**He did this so that we would no longer be childish in our thinking,
tossed back and forth by the waves,
and blown here and there by every wind of teaching
and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.**

Leader

Instead, speaking the truth in love,
we grow to become, in every respect, the mature body
of him who is our whole focus, that is, Christ.

Departing Hymn

"Psalm 62 (Only in God)"

All

**Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation;
He only is my rock, my strength, and my salvation.**

**My stronghold, my Savior,
I shall not be afraid at all;
My stronghold, my Savior,
I shall not be moved.**

**Only in God is found safety, when my enemy pursues me.
Only in God is found glory, when I am found weak and found lowly.**

**My stronghold, my Savior,
I shall not be afraid at all;
My stronghold, my Savior,
I shall not be moved.**

**My stronghold, my Savior,
I shall not be afraid at all;
My stronghold, my Savior,
I shall not be moved.**

Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.

John Michael Talbot; Birdwing Music, 1980

Song of Celebration

"We Need to Hear Your Word"

All

**Train our hearts to love what you command.
We let go of our perceptions,
As you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you,
As we follow further on.
As you give us your desire,
We obey with all we are.**

**Oh we need to hear your word.
Oh we need to hear your word.
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to heal ourselves.
Show the emptiness fulfillment is
Outside your perfect will.
Oh how easily like sheep deceived
Without their shepherd's voice.
Make alive in us your scripture,
Melody against the noise.**

**Oh we need to hear your word.
Oh we need to hear your word.
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

**Father, help our souls to hear you.
Spirit, by your power, break through.
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

**Oh we need to hear your word.
Oh we need to hear your word.
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

Nathan Partain, 2020

Song of Celebration

"The Long Way Down"

All

**In heaven, in the precious trinity,
There the stars sang out together in the young eternity.
His was beauty, His was infinite strength,
Yet the Father, Son and Spirit set to save humanity.**

**The Creator, what appalling mystery.
How the Breath of Life—the Word of Truth—became a human being.
Found in weakness, he loved his God obediently.
The Almighty, lowest servant, came to wash his people's feet.**

**It's the long way down; that the Light of light from heaven,
midst the filth of men, be found.
It's the long way down; not caring for his splendor, he took the long way down.**

**Rejected, even by his family,
People used, misunderstood, and scorned him as a novelty.
They beat him, hating his authority,
Yelling, "Crucify this Christ, we do not want him as our king!"**

**It's the long way down; His, the body broken for us; his, the cup for us poured out.
It's the long way down, the Most Holy died for sinners, it's the long way down.**

**Through the humiliation, in the deepest of realms,
Jesus was raised victorious, over sin and death and hell.
Every knee will bow before him, every tongue will bless his name.
We were raised with him, to heav'n above,
To the praise of his enduring love.**

**I'm so thankful, for all he has done for me,
All forgiveness, peace, and mercy—in this grace community.
All his riches, he has given vast and free,
Let me give up all for others' good and make our joy complete.**

**It's the long way down, I deny myself, take up my cross, and find increase abounds.
It's the long way down, the treasure of salvation, it's the long way down.
It's the long way down, if it's Jesus you would follow, it's the long way down.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

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