

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 34:8-10*

*Leader* Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

*All* **Blessed are they who take refuge in him!**

*Leader* Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

*All* **For those who fear him have no lack!**

*Leader* The young lions suffer want and hunger;

*All* **But those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

# Opening Hymn

*“All You Do is Good”*

*All*

**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 Adoration

## Prayer of Confession

*drawn from 1 Peter 1-2*

*Leader*      Apart from you, Lord,  
                  our way of life seems full and right,  
                  but really, it's only empty,  
                  cut off from true light and life.

*All*            **We're like sheep going astray,  
                  who don't even know  
                  that we don't know our own way.**

*Leader*      Lord, you have given us hope  
                  by bringing us into your family  
                  through your word that endures forever.

*All*            **But we are slow to play our part in the family  
                  as we wrestle to love one another deeply.  
                  We fear to love in this way,  
                  choosing rather to preserve ourselves and our desires  
                  rather than believing the truth of the gospel  
                  all the days of our lives.**

*Leader*      Lord, as those who have been brought into your family,  
                  we have tasted and we have seen that you are good.

*All*            **But we lack the fervor to grow up in our salvation,  
                  preferring to satisfy other cravings,  
                  leading us to remain immature in our faith  
                  and not caring to rid ourselves of that which destroys.**

*Leader*      Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

*All*            **Restore us to yourself,  
                  Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*drawn from 1 Peter 1-3*

*Leader* Jesus is special and dear to God.  
The Father chose him before the creation of the world  
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

*All* **Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,  
bearing our sins in his body on the cross,  
to bring us to God.**

*Leader* Put to death in the body,  
he was made alive in the Spirit.

*All* **He ascended into heaven  
where he reigns at his Father's right hand,  
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

*Leader* You are special and dear to God.  
God has chosen and redeemed you  
to make you his special possession  
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus's steps.

*All* **Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,  
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

*Leader* Once you were not a people,  
*All* **But now we are God's people!**

*Leader* Once you had not received mercy,  
*All* **But now we have received mercy!**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”*

*All*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and power.**

**Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God’s free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry ’til you’re better,  
You will never come at all.**

**Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior,  
O, there are ten thousand charms.**

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O, there are ten thousand charms.**

*words Joseph Hart, 1835; music RESTORATION, trad American Melody Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835*

# Song in the Gospel

*“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

*All*

How deep the Father’s love for us;  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he would give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My guilt upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no powr’s, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

How deep the Father’s love for us;  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he would give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure.

*Stuart Townend, 1995*

# Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

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## Scripture

*1 Peter 1:22-2:3*

*Reader*

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For,

“All people are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

*Reader*  
*People*

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

## Sermon

Todd Dawkins  
*Love Deeply*

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## Community Group Questions

- 1) How might we shrink back from the call to love deeply? What are the fears we encounter with such a call? How might you want to grow in your capacity to love deeply?
- 2) How might we be apt to disobey/disbelieve the truth of the gospel? How might this disbelief affect our capacity to love one another deeply?
- 3) Take some time to talk about what it looks like to grow up in your salvation? Be sure to consider how important a factor Christian community plays in our growing up. (Why must we take Christian community into account based on this passage?)
- 4) What are some things/situations/people that you notice to cause your fervor for God's nourishment to wane? Why does this happen?

### *Children's questions:*

Do you like to drink milk? Why should we drink milk? (Or if you cannot drink milk, why should we drink something like milk?) What does it mean to crave pure spiritual milk? Why should we do this? How have you tasted the goodness of the Lord?



# Life as Worship

Community Groups Launching  
*[redeemindy.org/communitygroups]*

Faithful Politics Sunday School & Nursery | Starts Sept. 13th

Fall Bible Reading Plan  
*[redeemindy.org/bibleplan]*

# Valediction

*from Philippians 4:4-7*

*Leader* Rejoice in the Lord always.

*All* **Yes, speak it again.**

*Leader* Rejoice, dear exiles!  
Let your gentleness be evident to all.

*All* **The Lord is near.**

*Leader* Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and asking,  
and with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.

# Departing Hymn

*“Oh the Deep Deep Love of Jesus”*

*All*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me  
Is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore:  
How he loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o’er his loved ones,  
Died to call them all his own;  
How for them intercedeth,  
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of ev’ry love the best!  
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to thee.

*words Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875; music Thomas John Williams, 1890; Public Domain*

# Song of Celebration

*“Love Feast”*

*All*

Let us now partake in holy communion  
Your saints, your people, hunger and thirst.  
We need provisions for exile in this world  
As we sojourn ‘til the Day of the Lord.  
Look around and see your body, your Church—  
We sup together in remembrance of you.  
Give us the blessings of covenant with you  
Through this visible sign of your grace.

Keep us from taking in an unworthy manner.  
Your righteousness makes you fit to judge.

But though your justice should condemn me  
You have granted me mercy  
In Jesus Christ who’s my high priest  
So I can dine at his love feast.

The bread is sweet and it expanded with leaven—  
Like your Kingdom, started small but it grows.  
The cup of wine represents your blood poured out  
When you atoned for our sins on the cross.  
The flavor is a foreshadowing of that which  
We will feast on in your Kingdom one day—  
The wedding banquet prepared for us by Jesus  
Who rejoices over us as his bride.

When we eat this bread and drink the cup  
We proclaim your death until you return.

But though your justice should condemn me  
You have granted me mercy  
In Jesus Christ who’s my high priest  
So I can dine at his love feast.

*Brandon Buller, 2020*

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