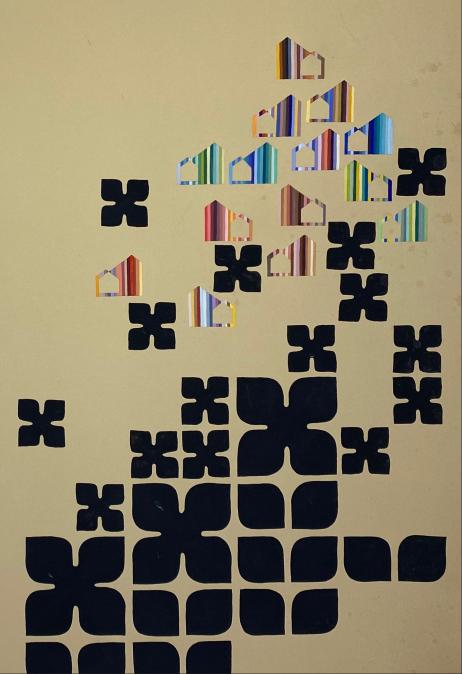
Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Mercy Month Oct 11, 2020

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Welcome

Call to Worship

from Matthew 11:28-30

Leader

Hear your Master reveal himself to you! He says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and weighed down,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you
and learn from me."

All

For he is gentle and lowly in heart,

Leader

And you will discover rest for your souls.

A11

For his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Mark 12:29-31; Isaiah 58; Colossians 1:19-20

Leader

Jesus declared the greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength."

All Yet we love God for our sake rather than for his.

We seek you, Lord, so that you'll give us what we want.

We want our worship to change your heart,
but leave ours alone.

Leader

And the second commandment is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

All We love ourselves to the neglect of our neighbor.
We spend easily on ourselves,
but do not spend ourselves on the hungry and oppressed.
Our words show concern,

Our words show concern, but our actions serve ourselves.

Leader

Father, you have been pleased to make all your fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to love and redeem the lost, to pour compassion on the poor and oppressed.

All Capture our hearts with the beauty of your love, that we may find our joy in you, and so be made like you in overflowing love.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:8-9; Isaiah 53:12; Micah 6:8

Leader Brothers and sisters, hear the good news of your forgiveness in Christ Jesus:

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

that though he was rich,

All Yet for our sake he became poor,

so that through his poverty we might become rich.

Leader He poured out his life for the sake of others:

He humbled himself to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

All Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place,

and gave him the highest name.

In him, we are lifted up to new life.

Leader He has now poured out his Spirit on all his loved ones.

All May we in the Spirit pour ourselves out for others, to do justice and to love mercy,

and to walk humbly with our God.

Song in the Gospel

"I Belong to Jesus"

All
I belong to Jesus
I am not my own.
All I have and all I am
Shall be his alone.
I belong to Jesus
He is Lord and King,
Reigning in my inmost heart,
Over everything.

I belong to Jesus
Blessed, be the thought!
With his own most precious blood
Has my soul been bought.
I belong to Jesus
He has died for me;
I am his, and he is mine,
Through eternity.

I belong to Jesus
He will keep my soul,
When the deathly waters dark,
Round about me roll.
I belong to Jesus;
And fore'er I'll stand,
With my precious Savior there,
In his glorious land.

words M. Fraser; music Nathan Partain, July 29, 2005

Song in the Gospel

"All Glory Be To Christ"

All Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign will ever sing All glory be to Christ

His will be done
His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign will ever sing All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our King All glory be to Christ His rule and reign will ever sing All glory be to Christ (repeat)

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Prayer of Commissioning

Todd Dawkins

Scripture

Isaiah 58:1--14

Reader

¹ "Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God.

3 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. ¹¹ And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

13 "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson
Just Pleasure

Community Group Questions

- 1) For a chapter all about mercy and justice, Isaiah 58 surprisingly turns on the question of pleasure. Note all the places in the chapter where language of pleasure is used (or delight or joy). What patterns do you see? Why do you think God focuses on pleasure when calling his people to do justice?
- 2) What does guilt or duty motivation for mercy and justice look like? Have you seen that kind of motivation fall short? What does gospel motivation look like? How can that lead to and sustain doing justice?
- 3) Our Mercy Month focus is on weaving mercy and justice into our everyday lives through our vocation, our relationships, and our location. What's one concrete step you can take to weave justice into your life in light of Isaiah 58?

Prayer of Sending

Jacob Stevens

Life as Worship

Mercy Month
[redeemindy.org/mercymonth]

Women's Outdoor Worship Event [redeemindy.org/events]

Artist Talk After 2nd Service

Valediction

from Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Leader Sinners, saved by Jesus,

what is your only comfort in life or in death?

All That I am not my own,

but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

Leader He has fully paid for all your sins

with his precious blood, and has set you free

from all the power of the devil.

All He also preserves me in such a way

that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together

for my salvation.

Leader By his Holy Spirit he also assures you of eternal life,

All And makes me whole-heartedly

willing and ready

from now on to live for him

Departing Hymn

"I Am One of Those"

All
I am one of those, at the table not invited,
And, to all here at the feast, it's very plain;
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
But Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried, And I still bear every stigma of decay; There is no way I can cover what I've been through, 'Cause when Jesus called, I came fresh from the grave.

Though the world may number me among the foolish, I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know, Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low. Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious, The deformities and scars I have today; Yet while I was vile with sickness, Jesus loved me, And he healed, restored, and, through and through, remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison, And I've done more evil things than I could say; Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles, And, to set me free, he died and took my place.

Though the world may number me among the foolish, I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know, Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low. Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly, Self-righteous critical religion was my stain. So I ran to Christ to wash and be discovered; Jesus called me out and he covered up my shame.

Though the world may number me among the foolish, I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know, Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low. Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

Nathan Partain, 2009

Song of Celebration

"Give Thanks to God"

Leader

He sent His son to die, and rise again to save us His never ending love is steadfast and sure He's broken our chains and given us freedom Give thanks to God for He is good

In Him we are alive and have joy everlasting His never ending love is steadfast and sure He casts out all fear and fills us with courage Give thanks to God for He is good

When storms come and rage His peace overwhelms us His never ending love is steadfast and sure The Lord is our refuge when trouble surrounds us Give thanks to God for He is good Give thanks to God for He is good

He's always pouring out His abundant provision His never ending love is steadfast and sure For the depths of His riches and incredible wisdom Give thanks to God for He is good Give thanks to God for He is good

Jonathan Jay, Kirby Kaple, Tony Brown, 2020

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Jan-Oct budget: \$ 1,880,250.83

Congregational Giving

Oct 4th	\$ 43,908.24
Oct Total	\$ 43,908.24
Oct Budget	\$ 188,025.08