

Redeemer
Presbyterian
Church



Mercy Month
Oct 18, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 18:6-19

Leader

In my distress I called to the LORD;
I cried to my God for help.

All

**From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came before him, into his ears.**

Leader

The earth trembled and quaked,
and the foundations of the mountains shook;
they trembled because he was angry.
Smoke rose from his nostrils;
consuming fire came from his mouth,
burning coals blazed out of it.

All

**He parted the heavens and came down;
dark clouds were under his feet.
He mounted the cherubim and flew;
he soared on the wings of the wind.**

Leader

He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him—
the dark rain clouds of the sky.
Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced,
with hailstones and bolts of lightning.

All

**The LORD thundered from heaven;
the voice of the Most High resounded.
He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy,
with great bolts of lightning he routed them.**

Leader

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he drew me out of deep waters.
He rescued me from my powerful enemy,
from my foes, who were too strong for me.

All

**They confronted me in the day of my disaster,
but the LORD was my support.
He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.**

Opening Hymn

“All You Do is Good”

**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.**

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All you do is good.**

words and music: Nathan Partain, 2015

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Drawn from 1 Peter 1-2; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Philippians 2:3-4

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 Love, you say, is patient and kind.
It bears all things, endures all things,
and always looks to the interest of others.

All **Yet we, O LORD, want to insist on our own way.
We'd rather "win" or be "right" than learn to give ourselves for others.
Our hearts are addicted to selfishness and pride.**

Leader You, LORD Jesus, gave up everything for us:
Your rights, your honor, and even your life.

All **But we bristle and squirm when you ask us to give up anything,
or to count others' needs as more significant than our own.
We don't trust you to take care of us,
and so fend for ourselves as if nobody else will.**

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

"You Have Redeemed my Soul"

All

**You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.
You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.**

**I was a hungry child,
A dried up river.
I was a burned out forest,
And no one could do anything for me.**

**But you put food in my body, water in my dry bed,
And to my blackened branches,
You brought the spring time green of a new life.
And nothing is impossible for you.**

**You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.
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Song in the Gospel

“The Lord Will Provide”

**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.”**

Refrain

And this promise remains,
Our LORD has redeemed us, Our LORD will provide
Through all ages unchanged,
Our LORD has redeemed us, Our LORD will provide
In our want, in our pain,
Our LORD has redeemed us, Our LORD will provide
Faithful 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.”**

[Refrain]

**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.”**

[Refrain]

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Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture

1 Peter 3:8-14

Reader

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed.

Reader

This is the word of the LORD.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

Love Made Visible

Community Group Questions

- 1) Let's face it, the virtues listed in 1 Peter 3:8 are both desirable and challenging. As you read Peter's encouragements here, what do you find beautiful? What do you find difficult, and why?
- 2) In 1 Peter 3:9, Peter encourages believers not to "repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling," but to offer blessing instead. Why do you think this is so important for the life of a community? And how can we learn to live this out?
- 3) As you think about your own story, where are the places you struggle to "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:11), especially with other believers? How might the gospel speak into those tensions?

Life as Worship

Mercy Month

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Valediction

from Isaiah 41:12-14

Leader Hear the hope of your Master and Savior, Jesus:

Though you search for your enemies,
you will not find them.
Those who wage war against you
will be as nothing at all.

All **For he is the LORD our God
who takes hold of our right hand
who says to us,**

Leader Do not fear;
I will help you.
Do not be afraid, you worm Jacob,
little Israel, do not fear,
for I myself will help you,”

All **This is what our Master declares and will bring to pass!
He is our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.**

Departing Hymn

“Your Ways and Not My Ways”

All

**My will, O LORD, my deepest need, to you I give.
For what I'd seek, and what I'd gain, is foolishness.
When I fight against your voice with hardened heart,
I am lost, toyed with and I stumble in the dark.**

**I want your ways and not my ways,
I want your plans and not my plans,
'Cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask.**

**You turn in me, and from my earth, bring loving fruit.
O Spirit breathe, abide in me and I in you.
O bind your heart to mine and never leave,
And Jesus keep me ever at your feet.**

**I want your ways and not my ways,
I want your plans and not my plans,
'Cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask.
I want your will and not my will,
I want your time and not my time,
'Cause when your work is done, it's beautiful and right.**

**When you call me, I'll obey and won't resist.
Every part and every reach of me says “yes.”**

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**I don't know how, but I can taste,
That I will weep and laugh with praise,
Because it pleases you to overwhelm with grace.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

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year to date giving

\$ 1,663,881.86

2020 budget:

\$ 2,256,301



Jan-Oct budget:

\$ 1,880,250.83

Congregational Giving

Oct 11th	\$	31,824.00
Oct Total	\$	75,732.24
Oct Budget	\$	188,025.08