

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*based on Isaiah 61:8-12*

*Leader* O adopted children of God,  
join me in rejoicing in what he is doing this morning:

*All* **I delight greatly in the LORD;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

*Leader* For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,

*All* **So the Sovereign LORD is making righteousness  
and praise spring up before all nations.**

# Opening Hymn

*"I Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

*All*

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!  
God is good and therefore King!  
Praise him, all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love,  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars in God rejoice,  
God rejoice, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Warriors fighting for the Lord, Alleluia!  
Prophets burning with his Word, Alleluia!  
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!  
Add their voices to the song.  
Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold,  
And let children's joyful hearts, in this worship shout their parts,  
Shout their parts, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!  
God is good and therefore King!  
From the earth to heavens shore, let the mighty chorus roar,  
"Holy, holy, holy One; glory be to God alone,  
God alone!" Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881; music: Bruce Benedict, 2006*

# Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Adapted from the Church of England Common Worship*

*Leader* Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.  
We have willfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:

*All* **Forgive us our sin.**

*Leader* We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:

*All* **Forgive us our sin.**

*Leader* We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:

*All* **Forgive us our sin.**

*Leader* We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:

*All* **Forgive us our sin.**

*Leader* We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbors as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:

*All* **Forgive us our sin.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on Colossians 1:15-20; Isaiah 53:2, 12; Ephesians 2:10; Revelation 21:5*

*Leader* Through Jesus Christ God made all things:  
Things in heaven and on earth.  
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*All* **Through Jesus Christ God is reconciling to himself all things:  
By making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

*Leader* But he had no beauty to attract us;  
The ugliness of sin on his shoulders at the cross  
disfigured and distorted him

*All* **His sacrifice became beautiful,  
because he bore our sin  
and has been raised in glory.**

*Leader* In Christ, God is restoring you to beauty and glory,  
making you his masterpiece.

*All* **In Christ, God is making all things new!**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Rise Up”*

*All*

**For the lonely and forgotten, for the weary and distressed,  
For the refugee and orphan, and for all who are oppressed,  
For the stranger who is pleading while insulted and despised,  
Will You rise? Will You rise?**

**Rise up! Rise up!  
The earth will fear the Lord when You avenge the poor.  
May Your kingdom come, O rise up!**

**Hear how Rachel, she is weeping. How she will not be consoled.  
And the children in our keeping, are their bodies bought and sold?  
And the watchmen, he is sleeping. Do You see them with Your eyes?  
Will You rise? Will You rise?**

**Rise up! Rise up!  
The earth will fear the Lord when You avenge the poor.  
May Your kingdom come, O rise up!**

**As Your will is done in heaven, let it now be done below  
Let Your daily bread be given, let Your kingdom come and grow  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, we cry  
Will You rise? Will You rise?**

**Rise up! Rise up!  
The earth will fear the Lord when You avenge the poor.  
And bare Your holy arm to keep them safe from harm,  
May Your kingdom come, O rise up!**

*Isaac Wardell, 2016; verse melody based on a melody by Evan Mazunik*

# Song in the Gospel

*"I Love the Lord with All my Heart"*

*All*

I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,  
Like water rolling from a fount, his Spirit is within.

I love the Lord, he first loved me, before his name, I knew  
His life, his death, for me his blood, healed my deserved wounds.  
I love the Lord though troubles tempt, my heart to doubt his will.  
I wrestle with my wayward mind, until my soul is still.

All I want is you, all my springs in you,  
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,  
All I want is you.  
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,  
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,  
All I want is you. All I want is you.

I love the Lord with all my heart, his presence I adore  
I want to linger in this place, and worship evermore  
I love the Lord and I will sing, I lift my hands and voice.  
My heart now brims with thankfulness, in his love, I rejoice.

All I want is you, all my springs in you,  
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,  
All I want is you.  
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,  
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,  
All I want is you. All I want is you.

I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,  
Each morning as I search them out,  
His beauty's new again.

*Nathan Partain, 2015*

# Prayer of Dependence

*Children's Worship is for ages 3 through kindergarten and is a time for children to worship through song, Bible stories, and response (art or story play). Children will return to the sanctuary before communion, and parents can pick them up at that time. Visitors are welcome, and parents are always invited to attend with their children.*

# Offering of Gifts and Service

## Artist Interview

*Kyle Ragsdale & Katie Pourcho*

## Scripture

*Exodus 31:1-11*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— <sup>4</sup> to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, <sup>5</sup> to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. <sup>6</sup> Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup> the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent— <sup>8</sup> the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup> the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand— <sup>10</sup> and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, <sup>11</sup> and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you.”

*Reader  
People*

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

## Sermon

*Charles Anderson*  
Artistic Worship

# Notes

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## Community Group Questions

- 1) *The construction of the tabernacle teaches that God values art in worship. How does liturgical art help us worship thoughtfully and expectantly? How does that apply for artists? How does that apply for those who don't consider themselves artists?*
- 2) *Read Isaiah 28:23-29. What does the farmer learn? How does he learn it? What does this tell us about God's means of teaching in our lives? How might it re-frame how you approach what you learn in your vocation and how you create beauty where you are?*
- 3) *How is Jesus' cross ugly? How is it beautiful? What do we learn about God and the gospel by thinking through this lens of beauty and art?*

### *Children's Questions:*

*Think about a time recently when you were mad at somebody. How was that ugly? God's good news is that Jesus died for our sins to make everything beautiful again. How does Jesus' death have the power to take that time you were mad and turn it into something beautiful?*



# Call to Communion and Prayer

## *Guidelines for the Reception of Communion*

*Redeemer welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please eat the bread privately, and then drink the cup together with us after everyone has returned to their seats. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to partake of Communion.*

*The ministry of prayer is one of the ways we live together as a community of believers and seekers. During Communion, members of our prayer team are available at the front of the sanctuary. It would be our privilege to pray with you as we walk together through the joys and struggles of life. We also encourage you to pray with one another in the pews during this time of movement in our service.*

## Prayers

### *Prayer for Guidance to Truth*

*God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.*

### *Prayer of Belief and Repentance*

*Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

### *Prayer of Doubt and Faith*

*God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.*

# Song of Celebration

*“Arise My Soul Arise”*

*Ensemble*

Arise, my soul, arise! Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;  
My name is written on his hands.

Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

He ever lives above, for me, to intercede,  
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead,  
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

My God is reconciled, his pard’ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence, I now draw nigh, with confidence, I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father” cry.

Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Arise! (Arise!) Arise! (Arise!) Arise, arise, my soul, arise!  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise!

*words: Charles Wesley, 1742; music: Kevin Twit, 1996*

# Song of Celebration

*"In the Secret of His Presence"*

*Ensemble*

In the secret of his presence, how my soul delights to hide!  
Oh, how precious are the lessons, which I learn at Jesus' side!  
Earthly cares do ever vex me, and my trials lay me low;  
But when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go,  
To the secret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty, 'neath the shadow of his wing,  
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;  
There my Savior rests beside me, and we hold communion sweet:  
If I tried, I could not utter what he says when there we meet,  
What he says when there we meet.

Only this I know: I tell him all my doubts, my griefs, and fears;  
Oh, how patiently he listens and my sorrowed soul he cheers:  
Do you think he ne'er reproves me? What a false friend he would be,  
If he never, never told me of the sins which he must see,  
Of the sins which he must see.

And whene'er I leave the silence of that happy meeting place,  
I must bring and bear the image of my Master in my face,  
Of my Master in my face.

words: Ellen L. Goreh, 1883; music: Chris Minor, 2004

## Life as Worship

*Advent Workshop | Today, 10am-3pm*  
*Grace Marriage*

# Valediction

*based on Ephesians 2:6-10*

*Leader*

God raised us up with Christ  
and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,  
in order that in the coming ages  
he might show the incomparable riches of his grace,  
displayed through his kindness,  
to worthless people like us  
who he has saved through the sacrifice of Jesus.

*All*

**What an unfathomable gift it is  
that we have been saved, through faith  
because it is not at all from ourselves,**

*Leader*

Yes, it was completely God's idea and all his doing,  
so that no one could boast that they had anything to do with it.

*All*

**We praise you Father,  
for we are your handiwork,  
created anew in your son, Jesus,  
to bring about good things,  
which you have prepared ahead of us to do.**

# Departing Hymn

*"The Gospel is All I Have"*

*All*

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.  
No well-kept, presentable life to display.  
The gospel is all I have.**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.  
No courage. No virtuous bold use of faith.  
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,  
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,  
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,  
"The gospel is all I have!"**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.  
No merit to offer. No excuses to make.  
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,  
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,  
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,  
"The gospel is all I have!"**

**The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.  
No clever, persuasive words I could say.  
No debt I could work off. No bribe I could pay.  
No goodness. No promise of love that won't fade.  
The gospel is all I have.**

**Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,  
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,  
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,  
"The gospel is all I have!"  
"The gospel is all I have!"**

*Nathan Partain, 2005*

# Benediction



## How We Welcome

As we work towards living out our mission of helping connect people to Jesus, the way we welcome people into life at Redeemer is a big part of that. *How are we removing barriers to the Gospel?* That's something we have to ask ourselves. We want everyone who walks through our doors to be quickly connected. We want them to feel wanted. We want them to be in-the-know.

If you've gone to Redeemer any amount of time, you know that some of the things that make this place unique can be barriers to a newcomer. *Where do you park? How do you navigate this building? Where are the restrooms?*

### What we've done

In the last year, we've done some cool things that have helped! At our new Welcome Table, visitors can get connected to a member of our Welcome Team and learn about things that are happening in the life of the church. (They even get a bag of Tinker coffee as a way to say, "Hey, we're glad you visited us today!") Have you noticed the big blue wayfinding signs? We had a team of consultants come and work with us on how to make our building more easy-to-navigate, and those signs have played a big part in that.

### What's coming

We're constantly thinking through ways to improve all of these things. Our goal for 2020 is to roll out a new parking system, with parking wayfinding signs and a parking team. We'll be recruiting people to be a concierge team for guests, helping them with things like finding where to take their kids, getting a donut, finding the restrooms, and answering questions they may have. We'd also like to have hosts in the Harrison Gallery during the middle hour: smiling faces that will help that space be warm and inviting to someone who may be visiting alone or for their first time.

### You have a role to play

If you call Redeemer home, we hope you'll find a place to serve. As we launch the Parking, Concierge, and Host teams, think about how you could serve in one of those roles. We need people who can help families sign their kids in on a Sunday morning. We need people who will hold umbrellas and walk with guests from our parking lots into the building. We need people who have a heart for hospitality and helping people feel welcome.

If helping make Redeemer a more welcoming place is something that interests you, now's the time to jump in! Contact Lauren McElhaney [lauren@redeemindy.org] or talk to any of our Welcome Team members about how to get plugged in right away.

# Upcoming Events

*Today  
10am-3pm*

## **Advent Workshop**

Join us today from 10am-3pm for the always-anticipated, all-ages, annual Advent Workshop! We'd love to have your help in the gym any part of that day as we begin crafting sanctuary installations for the season. Come one, come all!

*Today  
12:30pm*

## **Everyone is Invited to Lunch in the Underground Gallery**

Next Sunday after 2nd service, join us for our community lunch in the Underground Gallery. You don't have to bring anything, just yourself!

*Next Weekend  
12:30pm*

## **Interested in making Redeemer your spiritual home?**

Come get answers to questions like: What's our story? Where'd we come from as a congregation and who are we interested in becoming? Why does Redeemer have membership? What difference does it make? Dig deeper into what it means to be a part of the community here! Join the next session Friday, 11/22 from 6-9pm and Saturday, 11/23 from 9am-noon. Register online: [redeemindy.org/events/discoveringredeemer]

## **Want to spend some time investing in your marriage with other couples?**

In the coming year, Redeemer is facilitating a space for groups of couples to share and discuss through a curriculum from Grace Marriage (gracemarriage.com). Groups will meet four times throughout 2020. Come get proactive about your connection as a couple! Childcare provided. There is a fee to participate, scholarships are available. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Questions? Email Assistant Pastor of Care Jeff Nottingham [jeff.nottingham@redeemindy.org].

## **Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?**

Redeemer's counseling service, New Hope Counseling, is here to assist you [newhopeindianapolis.org]. Email [counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org] and you'll be connected with the right counselor for you. Placement may take 1-2 weeks. Our team sees children, teens, couples, families, and individual clients. Partial scholarships available if needed.



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