



**REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**11.22.2020**

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 62*

*Leader* Truly my soul finds rest in God;  
my salvation comes from him.

*All* Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

*Leader* Yes, my soul, find rest in God;  
my hope comes from him.

*All* Truly he is my rock and my salvation;  
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.  
My salvation and my honor depend on God;  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

*Leader* Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge.

*All* One thing God has spoken,  
two things I have heard:  
“Power belongs to you, God,  
and with you, Lord, is unfailing love.”

# 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 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.  
And all you do is good, and 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.  
And all you do is good, and all you do is good.**

**You lift up, you revive, you restore, you increase,  
You anoint, you fill up, you spill out, you release,  
You make grow, you bring forth, you call out, 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;  
Flowing over with healing, inexhaustible might.  
You in us, we in you, the delight of your face.  
Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
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You are good and all you do is good.  
And all you do is good, and all you do is good.**

*Nathan Partain, 2015*

# Prayer of Adoration

## Prayer of Confession

*Drawn from 1 Peter 4:1-6; Matthew 5:6; Genesis 3:1-6*

*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 they don't know their own way.**

*Leader*      Your blessing is promised to those who "hunger and thirst for righteousness."

*All*            **But our hunger often tends toward our own fleeting desires.  
We turn to drink, food, lust, and approval as if it's possible  
for them to satisfy the longings of our soul.**

*Leader*      Your will, O God, is good and right and true,  
                    and in obedience to your Word is our only lasting joy.

*All*            **Yet, our faith is often conditioned on our comfort and ease.  
When obedience feels natural, we're happy to trust your wisdom.  
But when trusting you brings friction we're quick to turn away.  
We believe the lie that you're holding out on us,  
and so look to find life where there's no life to be found.**

*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' 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

*“Jesus Lives and So Shall I”*

*All*

**Jesus lives, and so shall I; death, thy sting is gone forever.  
He, who deigned for me to die, lives the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me with the just; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.  
He shall raise me with the just.**

**Jesus lives and reigns supreme, and, his kingdom still remaining;  
I shall also be with Him, ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my Hope and Trust.  
God has promised; be it must.**

**Jesus lives, and by His grace, vict’ry o’er my passions giving;  
Pow’r to cleanse my heart and ways, ever to His glory living.  
The weak He raises from the dust; Jesus is my Hope and Trust.  
The weak He raises from the dust.**

**Jesus lives, and death is now but my entrance into glory,  
Courage! then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee.  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just—Jesus is the Christian’s Trust.  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just.  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just.**

*words: Christian F. Gelleft, 1744; music: Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Song in the Gospel

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*All*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:  
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest;  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Thomas Chiselm, 1923; William M. Runyan, 1923*

# Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

*Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]*



## Preparation for the Word

*Isaiah 40:6-8; 1 Peter 1:24-25*

*Leader* This is the living and abiding word of God;

*All* **For all the people of the earth are like grass  
and all their glory like the flowers of the field.**

*Leader* The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

*All* **But the word of the Lord remains forever.**



# Scripture

1 Peter 4:1-6

Reader

<sup>1</sup> So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered in the body for Christ, you have finished with sin. <sup>2</sup> You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God. <sup>3</sup> You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols. <sup>4</sup> Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. <sup>5</sup> But remember that they will have to face God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> That is why the Good News was preached to those who are now dead—so although they were destined to die like all people, they now live forever with God in the Spirit.

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

# Sermon

Sam Haist

*Following Jesus Will Mess Up Your Life*

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## Community Group Questions

- 1) One of the big questions Peter’s audience would’ve been asking is, “Is following Jesus worth it?” Is it worth the tension it creates with people we love? Is it worth the struggle of saying “no” to things we sometimes want to say “yes” to? Can you think of 1-2 ways following Jesus has placed you out of step with friends, neighbors, or people in your family? And what has that looked like to navigate?
  
- 2) In verse 1, Peter claims that those who experience suffering out of obedience to Jesus are “finished with sin” (i.e., that sin has lost the influence it once held over our hearts; we’re sick of it, we don’t want it anymore). How does a willingness to suffer show the power of Jesus at work in our lives? What are some examples of ways you’ve seen this play out (in yourself or in others)?
  
- 3) How does Christ’s willingness to suffer for us (verse 1) impact how you read the rest of the passage? What does the self-giving love of Jesus say about God’s will for us (verse 2), and how might that be better than “chasing our own desires”?

# 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 use the hand sanitizer. You will receive the bread into your hands and take a cup from the tray. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until we all do so together, once we are back in our seats. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to share in Communion.*

*Communion is a time of connection with the Lord Jesus and with each other. Feel free to sing with the band during Communion. The ministry of prayer is also a way we live together as a community of believers and seekers. Please take the time to pray on your own, or with someone else in the pews (in a socially distanced way).*

## 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

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou bless'd Son.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

*Annie S. Hawkes, 1872*

# Community Life

Advent Prayer Guide

Christmas Eve services: 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.  
*RSVP at [redeemindy.org/events](https://redeemindy.org/events)*

# Valediction

*from Romans 12:12*

*Leader* O you favorite children of God,  
Rejoice in hope!

*All* **We will rejoice in the hope that Jesus is in control,  
and that he is right now  
remaking all things into heaven's own beauty.**

*Leader* Be patient in tribulation!

*All* **We will be patient, not knowing what today will bring  
or understanding what God is doing,  
but trusting it will be the highest possible good.**

*Leader* Be constant in prayer!

*All* **We will not trust our own ideas or opinions,  
our own plans or contingencies,  
our own methods for coping or escape.  
No, we will throw ourselves upon the merciful will of our faithful Father,  
and we will pour out our hearts to him,  
because he intimately knows and cares for us.**

*Leader* He is alive and is active,  
protecting, providing, and intervening right now.

*All* **Yes and he will respond to all we ask,  
through Jesus,  
Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*All*

**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, blesséd 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 shall 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, blesséd Trinity!**

*words: Reginald Heber 1763-1826; music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861*

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 \$ 1,847,083.82 ▼ \$ 2,256,301

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 Jan–Nov budget:  
 \$ 2,068,275.92

## Congregational Giving

Nov 15th .....	\$	15,490.29
Nov Total .....	\$	90,318.90
Nov Budget .....	\$	188,025.08