



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 45:7-8

Leader Hear our Mighty Father,
the Commander of Heaven's Armies speaks:

"I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form the light and create darkness,
I bring prosperity and create disaster;
I, the LORD, do all these things."

All **You heavens above,
rain down his righteousness;
let the clouds shower it down.**

Leader Let the earth open wide,
let deliverance spring up,
and with it may all things be put right;

All **For he, the LORD, is the only one
who brings forth
this kind of righteousness.**

Opening Hymn

"The Glory of His Name"

All

**Let my whole soul bloom like a morning flower,
Spread out my arms to sing my Maker's praise;
And let that sound, a flock of birds, come pouring.
The rivers rise and flood their rocky banks;
The flute o'erflows, the drum o'erflows, the voice o'erflows
The glory of his name.**

**Then breaks my soul, a mighty clap of thunder;
The pillars shake, the heav'ns begin to fall;
The mountains split, a world of fear and wonder.
The dark is day, the forest stripped and bare;
The wise laid low, all might laid low, all thoughts made known
The glory of his name.**

**Yet in my soul his calm is ever speaking,
Through every hour, against the violence there.
He is the King, though all I see is dying;
When all has passed, his word will still be there.
The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice
The glory of his name.**

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The glory of his name.**

Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Drawn from 1 Peter 1-2, 3:13-16; Revelation 3:14-22

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 Our hope in you should guide our lives,
 but too often we place that hope in other things.

All **We believe your kingdom will come through
 our careful planning,
 our hashtagged thoughts,
 our "rightness," no matter how we express it.**

Leader Instead of our words and deeds preaching your gospel,
 they reveal our fears, insecurities, and idols.

All **We do not always speak the truth in love,
 or live as people with eternal hope,
 or reflect your glory into a dark world.**

Leader Our deeds are too often lukewarm,
 they are neither cold or hot.

All **Do not spit us out of your mouth,
 but help us receive your rebuke and discipline.
 Make us a people whose words and deeds
 reflect the brightness of your glory in the midst of a dark world.**

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

“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”

All

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Robert Lowry, 1876; Public Domain

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

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 3:13-16

Reader ¹³ And who will harm you if you are deeply committed to what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed, ¹⁵ but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame.

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

Community Group Questions

- 1) Peter tells us to always be ready to give a defense of the hope we have but to do it with gentleness and respect. What are traits of a defense filled with gentleness and respect? And what are traits that must be absent for our defense to be filled with gentles and respect?
- 2) We are called to live out our hope in word and deed, but most of us struggle to do both of those well. What is harder for you to do publicly: tell others about the hope you have in Jesus, or live in a radical way that shows your hope to others? Why do you think it is so difficult for you?
- 3) Human nature is to blend in. We want to reflect enough of our eternal hope so people know we're a good person, but we don't want to stand out and be considered weird. What are the biggest roadblocks for you in more publicly declaring the hope you have in your words and deeds? If you feel comfortable, share them with the group and spend time praying for each other.

Children's Question

The Apostle Peter tells us that we should always be ready to tell people about the hope we have in Jesus. Is it easy or hard for you to tell people about that? We're not only supposed to tell people with our words, but our actions are supposed to show people that we love Jesus. What do you think it means for your actions to show people you love Jesus? What kinds of things would you do (or not do)?

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

"I Will Not Be Silent"

Amid the desperate hour, when earthly stores run out,
As floods of care, too great to bear, would break the doors of doubt,
It's there that Jesus issues, a power scarce believed,
It shakes the heart, it breaks the bonds and makes the soul to sing.

So many times I've witnessed, too many to ignore,
His Spirit, touch a vicious wound and call a garden forth.
So gather the assembly, as Jesus stirs my breath,
I'll shout and leap, rejoice and weep for he pulls me from death!

I will not be silent. I will not keep still.
I will not hold back my Lord, when his sweet Spirit fills.
I will not betray him, to serve some human will.
No, I will not be silent. No, I will not keep still.

This is not proud defiance; no self-reliant roar,
This is the sound of children freed from fear to love their Lord.
A boldness flows from Jesus, a calm and humble might.
That will withstand though hell or man, should try to choke their light.

I will not be silent. I will not keep still.
I will not hold back my Lord, when his sweet Spirit fills.
I will not betray him, to serve some human will.
No, I will not be silent. No, I will not keep still.

O may I not grow quiet or limply drag my faith,
Or be deceived that I'm naïve to be so full of praise.
O may I share the privilege of all who bear the scars,
From holding onto Christ through pain while singing in the dark.

I will not be silent. I will not keep still.
I will not hold back my Lord, when his sweet Spirit fills.
I will not betray him, to serve some human will.
No, I will not be silent. No, I will not keep still.

Nathan Partain, 2019

Community Life

Men's Chili Cookoff Event
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Valediction

from Romans 1:16-17

Leader

Children of God
let us all proclaim our salvation:

All

**We are not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God that brings salvation
to everyone who believes.**

Leader

For in the gospel
the way that God offers righteousness to the ungodly
is made clear,
—a righteousness that is by faith and only faith
from beginning to end,
just as it is written:

All

**“Those who were made right
will have life in themselves
through faith.”**

Closing 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

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\$ 1,802,363.96 ▼	\$ 2,256,301



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Jan–Nov budget:
\$ 2,068,275.92

Congregational Giving

Nov 1st	\$	\$45,599.04
Nov Total	\$	\$45,599.04
Nov Budget	\$	\$188,025.08