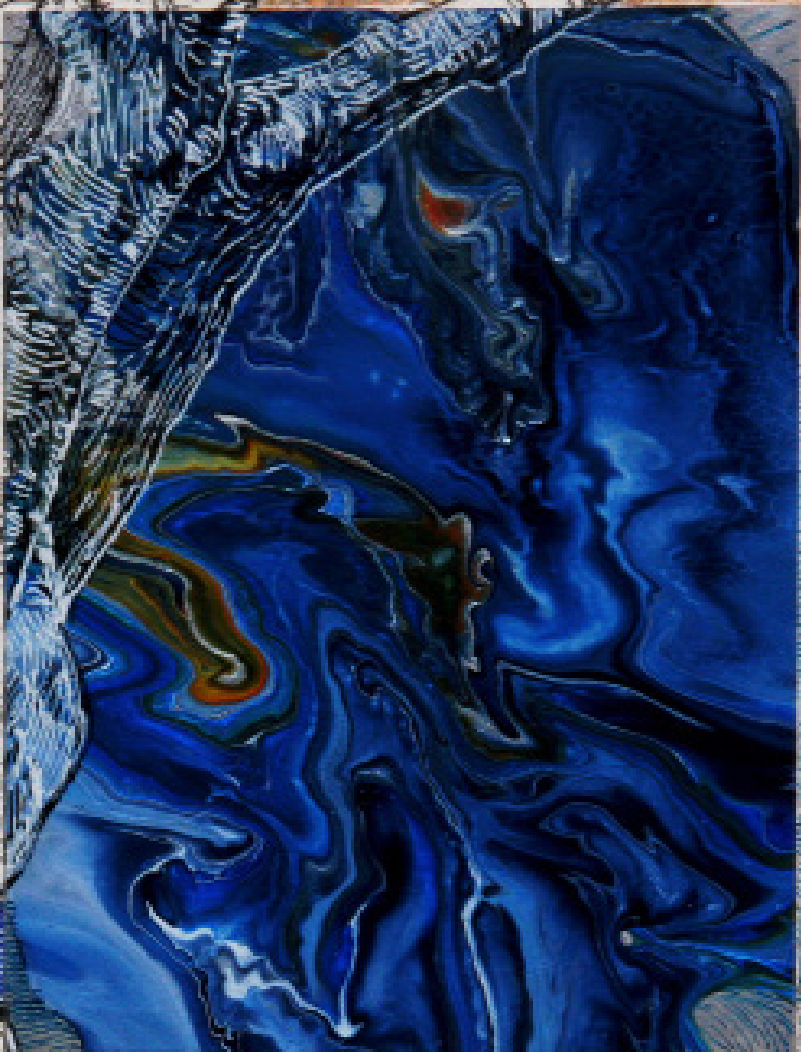


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*Matt Kenyon*

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*From Psalm 46: 1-7*

*Leader* God is our refuge and strength.  
He himself helps us in times of trouble.

*All* **Therefore we will not fear!**  
**Though all the earth give way,**  
**and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**  
**Though our troubles roar and threaten,**  
**and what we thought was secure seems to be shaken by their surging.**

*Leader* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God—  
the holy place, his redeemed people, where the Most High dwells.

*All* **His Spirit is within her; she will not fall.**  
**God will help her as the day continues to rise.**

*Leader* Nations may be in uproar,  
mighty kingdoms may fall;

*All* **But when our God lifts his voice,**  
**the earth melts.**

**Jesus, who reigns over all powers,**  
**is for us;**  
**The God who chose to save us before the beginning of the world,**  
**he is our unshakeable fortress.**

# 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.**

**The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice  
The glory of his name.**

*Nathan Partain, 2003*

## Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Leader* The Lord our God, who is holy and majestic,  
comes near to those who name and admit their brokenness.  
He desires to restore us into his image,  
to conform us to the image of Christ.

*All* **We work to be like other images:  
best student,  
top performer at work,  
activist for justice,  
super parent.**

*Leader* In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength.

*All* **But we want none of that.  
We strive to make and re-make ourselves, continually dissatisfied;  
we would rather achieve than receive our image.**

*Leader* God's promise that he is for us becomes distorted  
to mean that he helps us get what we want,

*All* **Like he's the consultant we call in to make a better me,  
more successful, happier, comfortable.  
We de-god God and make him serve us.**

*Leader* Pursuing our true, authentic self  
becomes the highest good, our moral duty.

*All* **But our authentic self is pretty awful.  
We ignore how a heart turned toward itself  
becomes callous to the damage it does to others.  
We confuse selfishness for liberty and call it living our truth.**

# Song of Need

*“Abide in Me”*

*Leader* Abide in me; there have been moments blest  
When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow’r;  
Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed,  
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.

*All* **These were but seasons beautiful and rare;  
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;  
Fulfill at once thy precept and my prayer:  
Come and abide in me and I in thee.**

*words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002*

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Romans 8:28-39*

*Leader* Christ Jesus has died for us, been raised to life,  
and reigns at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us.

*All* **If the Father did not spare his own Son, and the Son so willingly served,  
we can trust he’ll keep all his promises to us.**

*Leader* Brothers and sisters, receive who you are in Christ Jesus:

*All* **We are known in advance, chosen, called, justified, and glorified.**

*Leader* Who then can condemn you or shame you or bring a charge against you?

*All* **Not the cutting comments of colleagues,  
Not the kids at recess,  
Not the cultural power-brokers,  
Not the social media trolls,  
Not even my own inner critic.**

*Leader* Can anything separate you from the love of Christ?

*All* **No!**

*Leader*      What about your stumbling faith?

*All*            **No!**

*Leader*      What about the exposure of your hidden sin?

*All*            **No!**

*Leader*      What about parental disappointment?

*All*            **No!**

*Leader*      What about when you've messed up . . . again?

*All*            **No!**

*Leader*      What about other kids not liking you?

*All*            **No!**

*Leader*      What about your not-going-away desires?

*All*            **No!**

*Leader*      Is there anything at all?

*All*            **No! For we are convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither height nor depth,  
nothing internal or external,  
no success or failure,  
not the past nor the present nor the future,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
can separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord.**

# Song of Need

*“Abide in Me”*

*All*

**We raise our voices to the Father,  
He hears our prayers through his Son,  
We are enabled by his Spirit.  
Let your name be hallowed let your kingdom...**

**We raise our voices to the Father,  
He hears our prayers through his Son,  
We are enabled by his Spirit.  
Let your name be hallowed  
Let your kingdom come.**

*words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002*



# Song in the Gospel

*“My Hope is Built”*

*All*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest upon unchanging grace;  
In every rough and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,  
O may I then be found in him;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

*words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury 1863*

# Song in the Gospel

*“O For a Thousand Tongues”*

*All*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!  
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
’Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.  
He speaks, and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.  
O for a thousand tongues to sing,  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!**

*words: Charles Wesley, 1739; music: Carl G. Glaser, 1828; arr: Lowell Mason, 1839; Public Domain*

## Prayer of Dependence

# Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [[redeemindy.org/give](https://redeemindy.org/give)]



## Scripture

*Romans 8:35-39*

*Reader*

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Brandon Buller

*“Slain Lamb Secures Sheep to be Slaughtered”*

## Community Group Questions

- 1) Do you have a particular area where you are prone to doubt the love of God and feel separated from the love of Christ? What causes doubt and/or belief in that area?
- 2) Share some of the tangible reminders or 'self talk' that you give yourself when you are tempted to feel separated from the love of Christ. How do you experience lasting security in your Savior?
- 3) This is less complicated to practice with ourselves when we tend to doubt God's goodness, but it's trickier to share this with others. How do you lovingly tell somebody they are conquering when they are facing trouble, without minimizing their hardship?

# Call to Communion

## *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.*

# Closing Hymn

*“The Lord Will Provide”*

*All*

**The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;  
From one 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.**

**We're told we are weak, and our hope is in vain,  
The good that we seek we never shall obtain,  
But when such suggestions, our graces have tried,  
This answers all questions, “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]

*words: John Newton, 1775, alt words and refrain by Nathan Partain; music: Nathan Partain, 2012*

## **Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **Community Life**

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

More information @ [redeemindy.org](http://redeemindy.org)

Prayer in the Night Book Discussion

In-person today @ 11:15 a.m. and via zoom @ 8:00 p.m.

## **Benediction**

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2021 budget:

\$2,487,554

year to date giving:

\$958,149.58

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## Congregational Giving

June 27 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$	\$26,268.63
June Total .....	\$	\$148,144.55
June Budget .....	\$	\$207,296.17

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