



# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*From 2 Samuel 22*

*Leader* The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield and the horn of my salvation.  
He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—  
from violent people you save me.

*All* **I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,  
and have been saved from my enemies.  
The waves of death swirled about me;  
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.  
The cords of the grave coiled around me;  
the snares of death confronted me.**

*Leader* In my distress I called to the LORD;  
I called out to my God.

*All* **From his temple he heard my voice;  
my cry came to his ears.**

*Leader* He reached down from on high and took hold of me;  
he drew me out of deep waters.

*All* **The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!  
Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!**

# Opening Hymn

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

*All*

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

**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.**

**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 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.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found;  
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*

## Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Based on Isaiah 30; Ephesians 2; Revelation 3*

*Leader* Father, you take us on the way that leads into the wilderness  
so that you may rebuild us to trust in you.

*All* **We don't want to be rebuilt in the wilderness—  
we think our way is best.  
Heads unbowed, we vow to find the way ourselves.**

*Leader* In repentance and rest is our salvation,  
in quietness and trust our strength,  
but we would have none of it.

*All* **No, we said, we will flee on horses:  
on our precautions and control,  
on freedom and not giving in to fear.  
We trust in ourselves, our resources, our ingenuity.**

*Leader* We do not want the transforming safety of the gospel.  
*All* **We've almost got ourselves figured out and fixed,  
refusing to see that, really, we're wretched, poor, and pitiful.**

*Leader* We do not submit to the life-giving authority of Scripture.  
*All* **We trust our own word to tell us what's right for our lives.**

*Leader* Our worship is neither thoughtful nor expectant.  
*All* **We don't see you as overwhelmingly holy, imminently close,  
responding to our prayers.  
Our worship is half-hearted, when it even happens.**

*Leader* We do not pursue meaningful relationships in community.  
*All* **We project an image, keep our distance, and deflect real connection.  
We're scared to know and be known.**

*Leader* The beauty we create does not point to the creator God who made us creative.  
*All* **We work to make a name for ourselves,  
instead of working to reflect the greatness of Jesus' name.**

*Leader* We struggle in evangelism and mistake silence for respect.  
*All* **We suppose that Jesus is just one of many ways to peace and fulfillment,  
so we have nothing to offer our neighbor.**

*Leader* We despise desperate dependence on Jesus.  
*All* **We're ashamed because it's embarrassing and ugly to be needy.**

*Leader* Father, Son, and Spirit, rebuild us in your grace.

*All* **Make us a home where you live,  
joined together in Christ Jesus,  
to be satisfied in and to show off your goodness and glory to the world.**

# Song of Need

*“Rock of Ages”*

*All*      **While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.**

*words Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music Thomas Hastings, 1830*

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Isaiah 30; John 15; Romans 4; Revelation 21*

*Leader*      Children of our Father, who live in Indianapolis,  
                  you will weep no more.  
How gracious he will be when you cry for help.

*All*      **Whether we turn to the right or the left,  
                  our ears will hear a voice behind us, saying,  
                  “This is the way, walk in it.”**

*Leader*      Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

*All*      **It is good news that he died for our sins,  
                  was raised to life for our justification,  
                  and ascended to heaven to take up his throne.**

*Leader*      Jesus received his calling by believing God’s word  
                  that he was the well-loved, chosen Son.

*All*      **So we are made God’s well-loved sons and daughters in him.**

*Leader*      The moon will shine like the sun, and the sun like the light of seven full days,  
                  when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people  
                  and heals the wounds he has inflicted.

*All*      **When God builds his city, it will not even need the moon or sun,  
                  for his glory will give it light, and the Lamb will be our lamp forever.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

*All*

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus’ name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus’ name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

*words: Haldor Lillenas, 1918 / alt. lyrics and refrain: Nathan Partain, 2011; music: Nathan Partain, 2011*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Before the Throne of God Above”*

*All*

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,” who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

**One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

*words: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-92); alternate words and music: Vikki Cook, 2006*

## Prayer of Dependence



# Offering of Gifts and Service

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## Membership

### *1st Service*

Andrew & Angie Bain, Hazel

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Jared & Sara Reeves, Lucille and Sylvie

Russ & Ruth Schwartz

### *2nd Service*

Nick Cattin

Christine Dodge

Jude Nottingham

Bogdan & Marcia Zgirta

### Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

# Scripture

*Luke 19:1-10*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was seeking to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for Jesus was about to pass that way.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

<sup>7</sup> When the people saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

*Leader*

*All*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

*The Transforming Safety of the Gospel*

# Notes

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## Community Group Questions

1. *How does Zacchaeus need to be rescued by the gospel? (Be specific) How does the crowd, based on what they say in v.7, need to be rescued by the gospel? (Be specific) How do you need to be rescued by the gospel right now? (Be specific)*
2. *Our first core value as a church is the transforming safety of the gospel. How do “transforming” and “safety” relate? Why does the safety of the gospel allow for, indeed lead to, transformation by the gospel?*
3. *How does Zacchaeus experience transformation from the safety of the gospel? How possibly could the crowd experience transformation from the safety of the gospel? How possibly could you in this season experience transformation from the safety of the gospel? Or to put it another way, where might the Spirit be at work to move you forward in being transformed into the image of Jesus by the good news of Jesus?*

### *Children’s Question*

*Maybe you’ve heard that Zacchaeus was a “wee little man.” We can see it in our imagination as this short man climbs a tree to see Jesus, only to be surprised by Jesus looking up and inviting himself over for dinner! Why did Zacchaeus need Jesus? Why does the grumbling crowd need Jesus? Why do you need Jesus?*

# Call to Communion

## *Guidelines for the Reception of Communion*

*Redeemer welcomes to Communion 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. 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.*

## 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

*“Come, Ye Sinners”*

*All*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.**

**Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth, is to feel your need of him.**

**Lo! th’ incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood:  
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.**

**I will rise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.**

**In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.**

*words: Joseph Hart, 1712-68; music: Traditional American melody, Walker Southern Harmony, 1835*

# Doxology

*All*

**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.**

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