



Fountain Square
Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Welcome

Call to Worship

based on Luke 1:46-50

Our souls magnify the Lord!

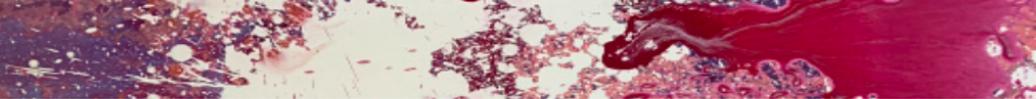
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**



Song of Praise

“Father Long Before Creation”

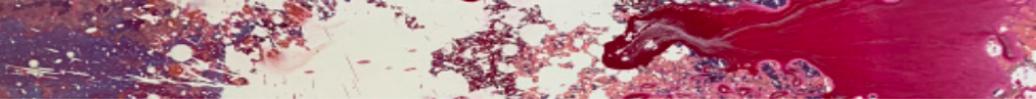
**Father long before creation,
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e’er the same;
His compassion and his cov’nant,
Through all ages will remain.
God’s own children, God’s own children
Must forever praise his name.**

**God’s compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing,
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before thee,
We will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing,
’Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.**

*words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones;
Andrew Osenga, 2005 *The Velvet Eagle Sings* (ascap).*



Song of Praise

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

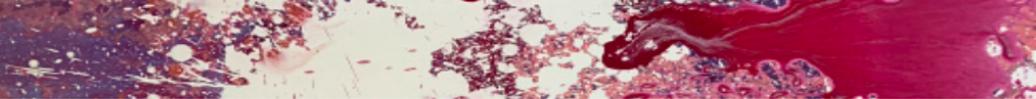
**Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o’er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n,
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv’n,
From his eternal throne,
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days,
Adored and magnified.**

words Matthew Bridges, 1851, Public Domain;

music George J. Elvey, 1868, Public Domain



Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God and loving Father,
we confess that we fail to live
in light of your might or your love.**

**When we experience the sin
and brokenness around us,
we are quick to blame and slow to take
responsibility.**

**We try to justify ourselves by ignoring you,
by comparing ourselves to others,
by seeking hope in the world and by living only
for ourselves.**

We are part of the problem.

Remind us of who you are and who we are.

You are mighty and loving.

**You are able and willing
to forgive.**

**You are able and willing
to make us more like Jesus.**

Thank you for your promises and your hope.

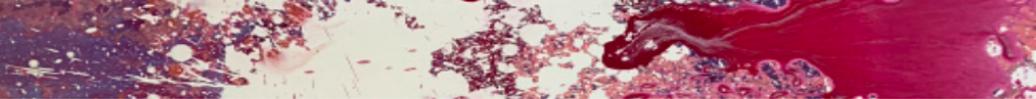
Assurance of Pardon and Hope

Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Christian, you are forgiven.

Amen!



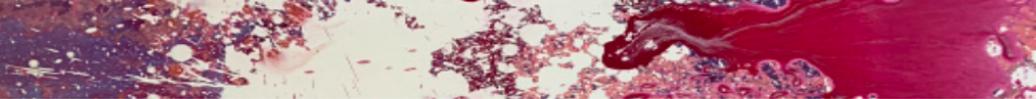
Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of Saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.**

Amen.

(quick=living ; catholic= universal)



Life as Worship

BUILDING UPDATE. Continue to pray about our partnership with St. Mark's and how we can impact the Fountain Square neighborhood together. This week's video update gives information about purchasing a building, the pledges we made and our partnership with St. Mark's. Didn't get the video? Contact Carrie at carrie@fountainsquarepres.org or Pat at pat@fountainsquarepres.org.

MENS HANG OUT CANCELED. Unfortunately, due to the rising number of COVID cases, it seems appropriate to not pursue a social gathering of this size at this time.

YOUTHEVENTS. All youth programming is announced via Redeemer's Daily Digest and their Sunday morning emails. Please check your inbox from this morning from Redeemer for information on upcoming events. Contact Caroline with questions (caroline@redeemindy.org).

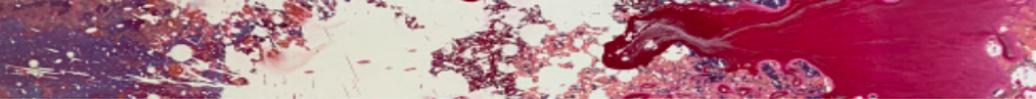
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY. *Tonight.* Men's Bible study meets tonight at 7pm via Zoom (Meeting ID: 469 444 059; Password: 056649). We are currently studying the book of Romans. Contact Grant Thomas for more information (grantrileythomas@gmail.com).

COVID-19 RESPONSE. Our mercy team has put together a curated list of ways to serve each other and our community during this season. You can view the list online at [bit.ly/covid19-mercy]. Contact the mercy team with questions (mercy@fountainsquarepres.org).

NEW HOPE COUNSELING. Need an outlet to process everything? New Hope Counseling continues to be open to serve clients. They offer telecounseling via a secure provider on your computer, tablet, or mobile device. We all sense how disrupted life is right now. Need-based scholarships are available to Fountain Square Pres attenders. Email Intake Coordinator, Liz Escoffery at (counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org).

ONLINE GIVING. We can continue worshipping the Lord, entrusting back to him a portion of what He has provided by going online at [fountainsquarepres.org] and clicking "Give" in the upper right hand corner. Email Carrie if you have any questions (carrie@fountainsquarepres.org).

NEED SOMETHING? We all have needs and are in this together. We expect this season will press in uniquely upon all of us. If you need any kind of assistance to get through this season, please do not hesitate to email our mercy team (mercy@fountainsquarepres.org).



Prayer

Song of Grace

“Hold Thou My Hand”

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

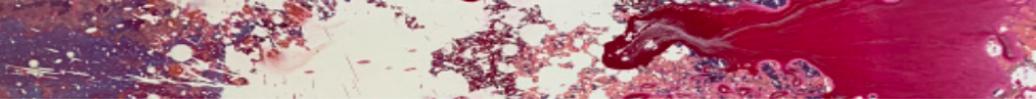
**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003



Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-30

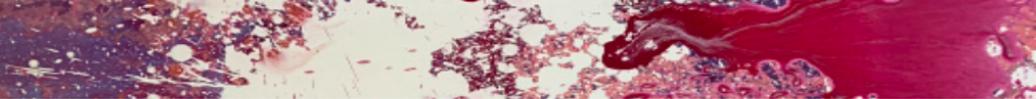
²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Pat Hickman



The Lord's Supper

Weekly Communion during the worship service is for any baptized follower of Jesus Christ who is not harboring secret sin and who is not in open, unresolved conflict with another member of the faith community.

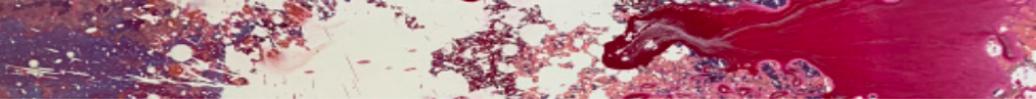
Those receiving the sacrament, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Please go ahead and eat the bread and return to your seat with the cup (wine is in tinted cups, grape juice in the clear cups). We will all partake of the cup together. Young children who do not yet partake of the sacrament may be brought forward for prayer.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.



Song of Communion

"Our Song in the Night"

**In the darkness, can you hear us?
When the night comes, are we alone?
Have you forgotten all of your children?
When we remember you how we groan
But our hearts cannot be silent**

**God, be our song in the night
When the light is gone
God, be our joy, be our strength
Be our sheltering place
Our song in the night**

**We are broken-- are we forsaken?
Has your love gone down with the sun?
And your mercy through all history,
Is it abandoned and undone?
Oh our hearts cannot be silent**

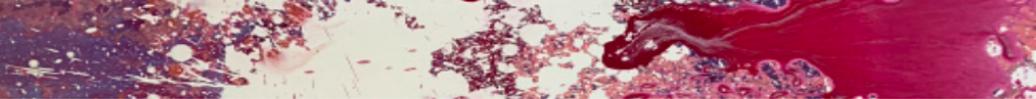
**Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea
The waters trembled, and you made a way
You raised Your arm and led them to dry land
Lord, will You hear us when we say
That our hearts cannot be silent**

words and music by Michael Van Patter

Communion Response

Leader We declare together the mystery of the faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has Risen.
Christ will come again!**



Song of Response

“How Firm a Foundation”

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

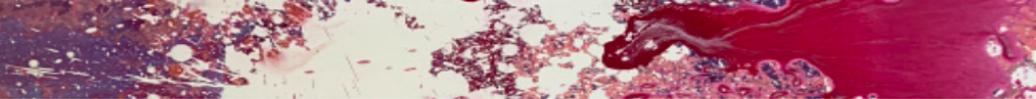
**When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.**

**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.**

words John Rippon, 1787; attr. John Keene, Kirkham, and John Keith; music Joseph Funk, 1832; Public Domain

Benediction



New-ish here?

Welcome! We're so glad you joined us today. We hope you'll stay connected with us during this season. Please go to [<https://bit.ly/fspres-connect>] to complete our connection card and stay in touch. We send out two emails weekly with information on upcoming events, encouragements, and resources. Glad you are here.

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