

# FOUNTAIN SQUARE PRES

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## Call to Worship

Arise! Shine! Christ's Church has assembled.

**We are one body, with Christ as our head.**

What kind of body is this?

**The Body of Christ, brought together not by human flesh,  
but by the sovereign Lord.**

And who does he call us to be?

**A people who look not to their own interests,  
but to the interests of others.  
Those who proclaim the goodness of their Lord.**

Come, let us worship as one united body.

# 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;

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To our God and to the Lamb.

words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones; Andrew Osenga, 2005

# Song of Praise

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If, with his love, he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again,  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

**Let the amen sound from his people again,  
Gladly fore'er we adore him.**

words Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Lobe den Herren, 1665

# Confession of Sin

**Merciful Father, we gather as the church to worship you,  
but confess that we too often live for ourselves.  
You have invited us into relationship with you  
and into relationship with one another.**

**However, we confess that we have sinned against you  
and against one another.**

**We confess that in our pride we are quick  
to think highly of ourselves,  
quick to judge one another,  
quick to grumble against one another,  
quick to lie to one another.**

**We are too often slow to love one another,  
slow to encourage one another,  
slow to forgive one another,  
slow to serve one another.**

**We pray that you would reveal our self-centeredness  
and empower us to serve those around us  
and glorify you in the way we love the body of Christ.**

**Forgive us and heal us, O God.**

Lord, now hear our private prayers of confession.

# Assurance of Pardon and Hope

*Based on Colossians 1:13-14*

**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

**Church, take courage, you are forgiven.**

**Amen.**

# Confession of Faith

*"The Apostle's 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)*

# Song of Grace

*"A Child of God"*

I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;  
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;  
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,  
And I see delight there in my Father's face.

I am last and low, cause I fight no longer,  
To be right or good or to prove my own worth;  
I'm not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty;  
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me.

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,  
And I pray and wait for God to provide;  
I lean all of my weight on him who is able,  
And I set aside every effort of mine.

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I know now, I'm safe, cause nothing can harm me  
Or break in and take what's stored up for me;  
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;  
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.

I'm a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I'm an heir, I'm adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I'm a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

*Nathan Partain, 2011*

## Prayers of the People

## Offering of Gifts and Service



# Life as Worship

**MEET ME UNDER THE BRIDGE.** Sign up this week to participate in serving with Meet Me Under the Bridge on Sunday, July 25. Food will be served from 2:45-4:30. More information and the sign up are available in the weekly email.

**FUTURE PARTNERSHIP AND PRAYER WALK.** Meet on Sunday, August 8 at 9:00am in the parking lot of SECS to walk, pray and learn more about a future partnership with Englewood Community Development Corporation. See video in last week's email for more information.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Set Up Team and Streaming Team are in need of more volunteers. Please email Carrie Sinsabaugh (carrie@fountainsquarepres.org) if you are able to help or have any questions.

**MOPS REGISTRATION IS OPEN.** If you are a mother of young children, we would love to have you join us at MOPS to gather and connect with other moms. Check the weekly emails for registration information or contact Stephanie Shaughnessy at steffi.shaughnessy@gmail.com.

**YOUTH EVENTS.** 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.** Men's Bible study is taking a break through the summer.

**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).

# Scripture Reading

*John 13:13-35*

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## Congregational Response

*Reader*    **This is the Word of the Lord.**

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Pat Hickman*

# Celebrating 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

*“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”*

**Approach, my soul, the mercy seat, where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before his feet, for none can perish there.**

**Thy promise is my only plea; with this, I venture nigh;  
Thou callest burdened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I.**

**O wondrous love, to bleed and die,  
O wondrous love, for such as I.**

**Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed,  
By war without and fears within, I come to thee for rest.**

**Be thou my shield and hiding place that, sheltered by thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face and tell him thou hast died!**

**O wondrous love, to bleed and die,  
O wondrous love, for such as I.**

**“Poor tempest tossed soul, be still; my promised grace receive,”  
’Tis Jesus speaks - I must, I will, I can, I do believe.**

**O wondrous love, to bleed and die,  
O wondrous love, for such as I.**

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O wondrous love, for such as I.**

words John Newton, 1779; music Bruce Benedict, 2010

## Communion Response

*Leader*    We declare together the mystery of the faith.

*People*    **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

# Song

*"Before the Throne of God Above"*

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
Whoever 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,  
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words Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863; music Vikki Cook, 1997

# Closing Hymn

*"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And find the promise is not vain.  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that now lifts up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

words George Matheson, 1882; music Chris Miner, 1994

## 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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# Liturgical Art

*Soaked in Spirit and in Truth, BA Thomas(created for Epiphany 2020)*

*Many people yearn for ethereal places that join the physical with the metaphysical. In old Celtic and early Christian traditions, these were known as 'thin places.' Considering our physicality, our search of the natural world for a supernatural connection feels logical, and is often represented in Scripture. An example such as Moses being commanded to remove his sandals at the burning bush demonstrates God pulling in the physical when He is near. Another example is Epiphany: when God reached through the 'thin place' opened by Christ, and revealed His eternal plan to all. A time when the physical is not the only thing tying us to our God, when we all can approach the Father with full confidence. If we truly hope for the fulfillment of this season, then let us worship in Spirit and in truth! In this thin place we've created through our very community!*

*In encouragement of that mindset, I veiled the sanctuary windows as a reminder that we are not seeing the full picture, yet light peeks through colorful stains, giving us glimpses of glory. My hope is that these banners will inspire us to take off our sandals, stand upon the holy ground we've been lead to, and declare that He IS, and always will be!*

*—B.A. Thomas*