

A painting of a ship at sunset. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, red, and yellow, with a bright sun in the upper right. Large, dark, textured clouds are on the left and right sides. A dark ship is in the lower half of the frame, moving across the water. The overall mood is dramatic and hopeful.

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Cover Art

“Edge of a Storm”

Will Lutz

This painting is about the passage through dark, dangerous, and beautiful worlds.

Banners

Tom Peck

Window Covering

More Than Tolerators with special thanks to Barb Knuckles and Redeemer people for adding the leaves to the installation.

Paintings Over Doors

“Red Aviator” and “Edge of a Storm”

Will Lutz

Backdrop Sculptures

Ryan Collier

Communion Set

Becca Ito

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 103:1-5

Leader Bless the LORD, my soul!

All **All my inmost being, fall down in thanksgiving before his holy name.**

Leader Bless the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—

All **He forgives all our sins,
He heals all our diseases,
He redeems our life from the pit,
He crowns us with love and compassion,
He satisfies our desires with good things,
so that we are transformed and made new.**

Opening Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell,
Are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up,
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

words Charles Wesley, 1744; music Nathan Partain, 2003

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 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

"The Church's One Foundation"

All **Jesus with mournful wonder, we have been sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet we our watch are keeping; our cry goes up, "How long?"
For soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

words: Samuel Stone; music: Brian Moss, 1996

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

"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.**

**I will arise 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, 1835; music RESTORATION, trad American Melody Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

Song in the Gospel

"I Love the Lord with All My Heart"

All

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,
Like water rolling from a fount, his Spirit is within.**

**I love the Lord, he first loved me, before his name, I knew
His life, his death, for me his blood, healed my deservéd wounds.
I love the Lord though troubles tempt, my heart to doubt his will.
I wrestle with my wayward mind, until my soul is still.**

**All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,
All I want is you.**

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his presence I adore
I want to linger in this place, and worship evermore
I love the Lord and I will sing, I lift my hands and voice.
My heart now brims with thankfulness, in his love, I rejoice.**

**All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,
All I want is you.
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,
All I want is you. All I want is you.**

**I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end,
Each morning as I search them out,
His beauty's new again.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

Prayer of Dependence

Children's Worship

Children's Worship, for kids ages 3-5, is where children can begin to learn how to worship as a church family. Please check in your child before the service either in the back of the sanctuary or at the nursery desk. They will be dismissed right before the sermon, and we will bring them back into the sanctuary during communion. Parents must have their security tag when picking up their child in the sanctuary.

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

What is Baptism?

All

Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

All

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Seward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Covenant Baptism

2nd Service

Emmitt James Kirk

Tatum Philip Kirk

Madelyn Ann Kirk

Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Emmitt, Tatum, and Madelyn's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Emmitt, Tatum, and Madelyn to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

All

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call."**

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Emmitt, Tatum, and Madelyn Kirk into this church as those whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround them with Christian love, to pray for them, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All

**We do, for whoever welcomes these children of God in Christ's name, welcomes him.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

Scripture

2 Corinthians 2:12-13; 7:5-7

Reader

^{2:12} Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³ I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

^{7:5} For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within. ⁶ But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷ and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.

Leader

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Meaningful Relationships in Community

Community Group Questions

1. *These verses talk about how Christians are to treat one another. Read them aloud in your group and then answer the following questions.*

Romans 12:10

Romans 14:13

Romans 15:7

2 Corinthians 13:11

Galatians 6:2

Hebrews 3:13

Hebrews 10:24-25

James 5:16

1 Peter 4:9-10

- a. *What does it look like to live with one another as Christians?*
- b. *What specific ways does sin impede our living with one another?*
- c. *How can you believe the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection in order to live with one another? That is, in light of the sins that you identify that impede our living together, how does the gospel apply and cover over our sin and empower our obedience?*
- d. *How can your community group in specific ways apply these passages? Maybe pick a few verses and brainstorm tangible ways that you can live in meaningful relationships as a group.*

Children's Questions

Pick a few of the Bible passages that the adults are reading. What do they say about how Christians treat each other? How do you find it hard to do that? How does Jesus forgive you and give you the power to treat people differently?

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.

Communion Hymn

“More Love, O Christ, to Thee”

All

**More love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee;
Hear thou the prayer I make, on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

**Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

**Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain:
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain.
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

**Then shall my final breath, whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry, my heart shall raise.
This still my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,
This still my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love, O Christ, to thee,
More love, O Christ, to thee,
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

words Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1856; music Nathan Partain, 2001

Closing Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

All

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

words Anthony Showalter, Elisha Hoffman, 1887; music Anthony Showalter

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.**

Community Life

Men's Chili Cookoff | Saturday, October 16

Newcomer's Lunch | Sunday, October 17

Women's Half-Day Retreat | Saturday, October 23

More information about these and other events (along with sign-ups) can be found at our website redeemindy.org.

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

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\$1,449,250.53

Congregational Giving

September 26 th	\$	\$35,986.85
September Total	\$	\$166,499.49
September Budget	\$	\$207,296.17