



**REDEEMER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

10.24.2021

Cover Art

“Red Aviator”

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 1 Chronicles 16:8-14

Leader Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

All **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Seek out the LORD and his strength;
Desire his presence and come before him continually.**

Leader You who are his servants, by faith, the descendants of Israel,
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob,
Remember, remember, remember
Oh the marvelous things he has done,
his many miracles,
and all the judgments he pronounced.

All **He has defended us,
Fought for us,
Provided for us,
Preserved us through trial,
Carried us through trouble,
He is the LORD our God;
Through all the earth, he makes things right.**

Opening Hymn

“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”

All

**Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory, he doth rise.**

**Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit, we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father, sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

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words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson; music: attr. to William Moore, 1825; Arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005

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 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

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

All **I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r, when Thou art nigh.**

**I need Thee, O, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.**

**Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.**

words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; music: Robert Lowry, 1872

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

"The Gospel is All I Have"

All

The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No well-kept, presentable life to display.
The gospel is all I have.

The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No courage. No virtuous bold use of faith.
The gospel is all I have.

Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"

The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No merit to offer. No excuses to make.
The gospel is all I have.

Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"

The gospel is all I have. The gospel is all I have.
No clever, persuasive words I could say.
No debt I could work off. No bribe I could pay.
No goodness. No promise of love that won't fade.
The gospel is all I have.

Well, the Lord God Almighty leapt down from the sky,
And he made himself nothing and served till he died,
So that I, just a beggar, at the Judgement might cry,
"The gospel is all I have!"
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Nathan Partain, 2005

Song in the Gospel

"The Lord is My Joy"

All **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

Women I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you. *(Repeat)*

Men And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.
And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams.

All **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

Nathan Partain, 2008

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]



Scripture

Ephesians 6:18-20

Reader

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Evangelism and Dependence

Community Group Questions

1. *What are the restraints or fears you experience, whether external or internal, that make it hard to proclaim Jesus?*
2. *How does God's appointment of you as ambassador of the gospel address those restraints and fears, giving you grace, so that you can proclaim Jesus?*
3. *Paul emphasizes the importance of prayer for evangelism in Ephesians 6:19-20. Thinking about last week's sermon from Philippians 2:3-7 on asking the next right question, as well as this call to prayer, whom can you pray for specifically that you could fearlessly and respectfully proclaim Jesus to them? Take some time to pray for those people (without names is fine) as a group.*

Kids' questions:

What makes it hard for you to talk about Jesus to your friends? God has made each Christian an ambassador (discuss with one of the adults what it means to be an ambassador). You're God's ambassador! How does that change how you feel about talking to your friends about Jesus? What can you do this week to be an ambassador?

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

“For His Own Sake”

All

I have seen the bright birth of the morning.
I have worked through the sweat of the day.
I have laughed as the summer rains poured down from heaven and
I've harvested oceans of grain.
I have worked and I've worked and had nothing.
I have prayed and I've prayed with no rain.
I have lost to the fire, storm and locust and
Woke up to find all my land left in shame.

So each morning and noon and in evening,
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake.

I have made the mistake that my blessing,
Means the favor of God on my ways,
And thought every hardship, his anger against me and
Cried out in darkness for grace.
Now I know that his favor is steadfast,
He has anchored my soul in his peace,
So that suffering is now just the pangs of my hunger,
To know the embrace of my King.

So each morning and noon and in evening,
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake,

I have learned that this world is not truest.
That there's hope held securely beyond and
Since Jesus has suffered through my own destruction,
I entrust my all to my God.
I have seen deepest loss bring rejoicing,
Seen a mother with her stillborn sing praise,
I have seen those abused and those ravaged by sickness,
Through tears and in anguish give thanks.

So each morning and noon and in evening,
I will trust my Lord and bless his name.
Not seeking the gain but the Giver,
So that I love him for nothing but for his own sake.

Nathan Partain, 2014

Closing Hymn

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

All

**Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.**

**Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face, and all is bright.**

**Man may trouble and distress me, ’twill but drive me to thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee;
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.**

**Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven’s eternal days before thee, God’s own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.**

words Henry F. Lyte, 1824; music Bill Moore

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

Mercy Month Interview | Kevin & Amy McMullen

Mercy Month | redeemindy.org/mercymonth

Congregational Prayer Meeting | November 10

More information about these and other events can be found at our website redeemindy.org.

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:
\$1,609,279.24

Congregational Giving

October 17 th	\$	\$58,721.57
October Total	\$	\$160,028.71
October Budget	\$	\$346,101.16