

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11.07.2021

Cover Art

“Red Aviator”

Will Lutz

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

Banners

Marcia Jones

Window Covering

The More Than Tolerators community group 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 34:17-22

Leader The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
 he delivers them from all their troubles.

All **The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
 and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Leader Many are the afflictions of those
 who seek what is upright,
 but the LORD delivers him from them all;

All **He protects all his bones,
 not one of them will be crushed.**

Leader Evil will slay the wicked;
 those who hate the ones who seek what is right
 will be found guilty.

All **The LORD will rescue his servants;
 no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

Opening Hymn

“Thy Mercy, My God”

All

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.**

**Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I’ve found.**

**Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.**

**All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.**

words John Stocker, 1776; music Sandra McCracken; Same Old Dress Music, 2001

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 68:5, 82:3; Isaiah 1, 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 You have given yourself freely to your people, that we might become a reflection of your steadfast love, grace, and mercy.

All **We gladly take your mercy to remove our feelings of guilt and shame but we reject you and the very purpose for which you saved us.**

Leader You have made yourself known as the God of mercy and justice; the protector of widows, the fatherless, and all who are oppressed.

All **We are known for being condescending, critical, and transactional in our compassion.**

Leader You command us to do good, to seek justice —

All **We fear, “But is anyone looking out for me?”**

Leader To correct oppression—

All **We dismiss the pain of others saying, “Why can't they just help themselves?”**

Leader To bring justice to the fatherless and the widow's cause.

All **We become overwhelmed, “But the needs are too great, nothing I do will make a difference.”**

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, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises, in me fulfill.**

**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

"Bring Your Sick"

All

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,
Who would kill for some relief, from all the itching in their bones.
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,
Some sweet drink to drive the poison from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.
Yes, bring all those who could never return any of their cost.**

**Jesus Christ says, "Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I'm your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you; my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love."**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

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**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.
Those who live with their aggressor, whisp'ring doubts into their ear,
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

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Nathan Partain, 2014

Song in the Gospel

“Amazing Grace”

All

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright, shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,
Than when we’ve first begun.**

**We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,
Than when we’ve first begun.**

words John Newton, 1779; vs. 4 Anonymous, 1829; music James P. Carrell & David S. Clayton, 1831; Public Domain

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 Saward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Covenant Baptism

2nd Service

Theodore Walter Atwell (parents: David and Natalie)

Benjamin Joseph Baenziger (parents: Peter and Jenny)

Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Theodore's and Benjamin'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 Theodore and Benjamin 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

Leader

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."**

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Theodore and Benjamin 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

Acts 2:38-39

Reader ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Ben Hein

God's Heart Beating in the Life of the Church

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Community Group Questions

Read Acts 2:38-39 and Genesis 17:1-8.

- 1. What do these passages reveal about who God is?*
- 2. God promises himself not just to individuals but also to entire families. How does that shape our own understanding of the intended design for families?*

Read Deuteronomy 10:18 and Psalm 68:5.

- 3. In your own words, how would you connect God’s promises to families to his protection of vulnerable and broken families?*

Read Psalm 82:3 and Isaiah 1:17.

- 4. What fears, doubts, or feelings emerge when you consider these commands?*
- 5. How is faith in Jesus essential for becoming who God wants us to be?*
- 6. How can your community (both as a group and in the broader church) grow in becoming more sensitive to the needs of vulnerable children and families? Are there concrete ways for us to become more involved in supporting vulnerable families or those who are directly involved in foster care and adoption?*

Kids’ questions:

It is very special to be loved by God. How does it make you feel when you hear that God has promised himself to you? Happy? Excited? Safe? Confused? Maybe you can draw a picture of what God’s promise means to you. If God has promised to love us no matter what, how do you think we should love other people?

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

"I Need Jesus"

Well, I was lost inside confusion and a nightmare of a dream,
I did not know which god to turn to or if it were up to me,
Until some simple words were spoken that I gratefully received,
And just one prayer sprang up within me and I started whispering,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

But soon I found that sweet salvation just uncovered all my need.
That sin and me, like blood and ink, were all mixed up inseparably,
And that it's not my deeds or branches but the roots of my whole tree,
That are so rotten full of hatred, that for me to merely breath,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

See, I had thought, one day, more holy or mature that I would be,
That I'd lead others on to righteousness and teach the blind to see.
Instead, I've found each day I'm frightened just how evil I can be,
And now I feel the most at home with all the perverts and unclean 'cause
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

I keep on looking for some reason I should raise my self-esteem,
'Cause all my gifts and all my efforts must sure add up to something,
But then again, again with tears of joy, I'm brought down to my knees,
Here at the foot of him who died for me I'm stripped of everything and,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

Now I say, "Glory! Hallelujah!" I'm so glad to be redeemed!
To be so desperate for Jesus and so gloriously weak,
I do not ever want to stray from the Community of Need
O may I never leave dependence or forsake my Food and Drink,
I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus. I need Jesus. Oh, I need Jesus.

Nathan Partain, Nov. 5, 2012

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

[Interview for Deacon Offering]

Prayer Meeting | Wednesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
RSVP (so we can order enough pizza) at redeemindy.org

All-Church Advent Art Day | November 14, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Gym & Tent

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

Mercy Fund

Give to the Mercy Fund at redeemindy.org/give or by scanning the QR code below.



Benediction

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year to date giving:	\$2,487,554
\$1,692,778.92	



Congregational Giving

October 17 th	\$	\$55,712.63
October Total	\$	\$243,528.39
October Budget	\$	\$346,101.16