



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



March 14th, 2021

Explanation of Cover Art

“These lyrics from O Holy Night have been inspiring the final layers of this scene, “A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices.” I’ve been reflecting about the story of hope coming to the world through Christ in light, shadow, color and paint vibes. This scene speaks that story to me.” - Alicia Zaroni Lawrence

Explanation of Window Art

By Erin Hall

These tattered royal garments are arranged in structured community. From the perspective of one piece, they may be overshadowed or feel exposed and rub against the frays of another, but from afar even the tattered humble fragments show glimpses of their beauty in how they play off each other. There are many circles and intersections in our body, but one strong common chord. I was also meditating on the ideas of “casting anxiety on him” and clothing ourselves in humility toward one another; submitting to elders as part of the necessary structure: for each piece, if not tied in, would easily drift away. It is also such joy that our Lord sees our beauty now, and delights in us, even as we are.

Explanation of Vestments

By Hidi Gardner

God hears us when we cry out to him. Our tears are important enough to God that he collects them (Psalm 56:8). Tears are a physical representation of our sorrows. Our tears matter to God because we are his beloved treasure.

(from a conversation with my kids)

“Mommy, does God hear me?”

“Yes, he hears you.”

“So he knows when I’m sad? Does he hear me cry?”

“Yes, he always hears you. He hears you when you’re happy and when you’re sad. He loves you so very much. He treasures you. He even collects your tears when you cry.”

“He collects my tears? Why?”

“Why do you collect things? Why do you save them?”

“I save things that are important to me.”

“God collects your tears because you are important to him.”

Welcome

Call to Worship

From Isaiah 40:27-31

Leader

Dear children of God,
why do you repeat it?
Blood-bought family,
why do you convince yourselves,
“My way is hidden from my Father, he does not care about my need”?

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and no one can grasp what he understands.

All

**He gives strength to those who grow faint,
and to those who are helpless he fills and fills with power.**

Leader

Even the youngest, most vibrant, grow tired and weary;
the strongest stumble and fall from exhaustion.

All

**But those who bind their hope to the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will be carried on wings like eagles;
They will run but not be laboured!
They will keep going and never wear out!**

Opening Hymn

"All You Do is Good"

All

**You are full of compassion and abounding in love,
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.**

**You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
All you do is good.**

**You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves
Those who hate you, you ransom, give your blood for their shame.
With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame
You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.**

**You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
All you do is good.**

**You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,
You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,
You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free, it's
Who you are. It's who you were. It's who you will always be.**

**Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind
Running over with healing, inexhaustible might
You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.
Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.**

**You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good.
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,
All you do is good.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

Prayer of Adoration and Preparation

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 139:23-24; Romans 8:9-17; James 4:1-2

Leader Children of God, in this season of Lent,
let us ask the Lord to search us and know our hearts.

All **Father, uncover what is offensive in us,
so that you may lead us in the path of everlasting life.**

Leader We have an obligation to live according to the Spirit.

All **Yet, we can see how we live according to the flesh:
When a problem comes up, our first thought is, "How do I solve this?"
rather than bringing it to God and seeking him.
We act like there's nothing more than this world,
so we quarrel and scheme to get what's ours.**

Leader Because we live by the flesh, we live in fear.

All **Fear that we'll be exposed and thus rejected,
Fear that we won't be loved, that we can't be loved,
Fear that we're on our own, abandoned as orphans,
Fear that our good won't measure up,
Fear that our wrong will find us out.**

Leader Spirit of God, lead us through confession and repentance,
away from the flesh and fear,
to the holy and kind heart of our Father.

Lenten Hymn

“Bring Christ Your Broken Life”

All

**Bring Christ your broken life, so marred by sin,
He will create anew, make whole again;
Your empty, wasted years, he will restore,
And your iniquities, remember no more.**

words Thomas Chisholm, 1935; music Joseph N. Partain, 2009

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Psalm 103:13-14; Romans 1:4; 8:1-17; Luke 4:1; Hebrews 9:14

Leader Children of God, hear the gracious heart of your Father:

All **Our Father shows tender compassion to us his children,
because he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.**

Leader So, he sent his Son to take on flesh, like us in every way, for our sin.

All **Full of the Spirit,
our older brother Jesus lived our life for us.
Through the Spirit,
he offered himself as the sacrifice in our place.
In the Spirit,
God raised him from the dead to power and authority.**

Leader Because you are in Christ, this very same Spirit now lives in you!

All **The Spirit brought us into the family.
He confirms to us, “Yes, you are God’s adopted child.
You really do belong here.”**

Leader His Spirit gives us life now to put to death the misdeeds of the body.

All **And his Spirit will raise our bodies to give us everlasting life.**

Song in the Gospel

“A Child of God”

All **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

Song in the Gospel

“My Hope is Built”

All

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury 1863

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Scripture

Romans 8:12-14

Reader

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Todd Dawkins

Sin-Killing for the Tender Soul

Community Group Questions

- 1) Share about a time when you were so overwhelmed that you didn't know what to do next. How did the situation resolve...either positively or negatively?
- 2) In what ways might you respond when you "over-hear" warning?
- 3) In what ways might you respond when you hear warning as a child of God being led by the Holy Spirit?
- 4) How have you experienced the Spirit's leading with regard to the work of sin-killing?

Children's Question:

Sometimes warnings can feel scary. How could a warning be helpful if we remember we are children of God being led by the Holy Spirit?

Call to Communion

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes 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 to receive Communion with us. 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 (in a socially distanced way).

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

“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 J. Showalter

Community Life

Good Friday, April 2nd

Two evening services at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Easter, April 4th

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

Lenten Prayer Journals

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.**

Benediction

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\$ 344,726.79

2021 budget:
\$ 2,487,554

Congregational Giving

Mar 7 th	\$	\$80,146.28
Mar Total	\$	\$80,146.28
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