



# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Psalm 119:126-136*

*Leader* LORD, I open my mouth and pant, longing for the direction of your words.

*All* **Turn and look upon me,  
bend down in kindness toward me,  
as is always your way to those who love who you are.**

*Leader* Prepare everything I do to agree with what you have said is good.

*All* **Don't let empty ways dominate me.  
Free me from the oppression of the human condition,  
that I may hold to your character.**

*Leader* Pour the blessing of your presence upon your servant and train your goodness into me.

*All* **Let us sing by the Spirit  
as the new creation through the work of Jesus,  
out of the love we have for our faithful Father.**

# Opening Hymn

*"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 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

*“O For a Closer Walk with God”*

*All*

**The dearest idol I have known - whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from thy throne and worship only thee.  
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.**

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So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.**

*words William Cowper, 1772; music Nathan Partain, 2002*

# 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

*“Jesus is Mine”*

*All*

**Fade, fade, each earthly joy: Jesus is mine!  
Break every tender tie: Jesus is mine!  
Dark is this wilderness,  
Earth has no resting place,  
Jesus alone can bless: Jesus is mine!**

**Tempt not my soul away: Jesus is mine!  
Here would I ever stay: Jesus is mine!  
Perishing things of clay,  
Born for but one brief day,  
Pass from my heart away: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, ye dreams of night: Jesus is mine!  
Lost in this dawning bright: Jesus is mine!  
All that my soul has tried  
Left but a dismal void;  
Jesus has satisfied: Jesus is mine!**

**Farewell, mortality: Jesus is mine!  
Welcome, eternity: Jesus is mine!  
Welcome, O loved and blest,  
Welcome, sweet scenes of rest,  
Welcome, my Savior’s breast: Jesus is mine!**

*words Jane C. Bonar, 1843; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Offering of Gifts and Service

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## Scripture

*Romans 8:9-13*

*Reader*

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. <sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Homily

Charles Anderson

*Sin-Killing for the Crusty Soul*

# Community Group Questions

- 1) Share about a time that you received a warning. Did you heed the warning or put it aside? What was the outcome?
- 2) Read Matthew 16:6; 26:41; Luke 12:15; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Peter 3:17. What kinds of things are we warned to keep watch for? What does this pattern of commands tell us about ourselves? How can we apply these commands?
- 3) How does the cross, therefore, speak to crusty souls in light of the warning of Romans 8:13?

# 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

*“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*

## Community Life

Good Friday

*Two evening services (more details to come).*

Easter

*Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 am.*

Grace Marriage

## 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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2021 budget:  
\$ 2,487,554

year to date giving:  
\$ 264,580.51

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## Congregational Giving

Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$	\$47,346.23
Feb Total .....	\$	\$187,443.74
Feb Budget .....	\$	\$207,296.17

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