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Pentecost

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Explanation of Art

Cover Image: Film still, from *Zephyr*

Cinematography: *Asa Gauen*

Dancer: *Eleyes Reeves*

Zephyr is a gentle breeze.

A soft wind of change moves through a diverse group of artists, musicians, and dancers in Indianapolis. From our different perspectives we find a new way to move forward.

Kyle Ragsdale received a “faith, justice, and art” grant in 2020 from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Indianapolis. The 15-minute film “Zephyr” is the fulfillment of this grant.

*In the making of *Zephyr*, Ragsdale collaborated with the artistry of choreographer Mariel Greenlee and videographer Asa Gauen. Through gathering and curating local, multicultural expressions of dance, visual art, music, and story, *Zephyr* invites viewers to notice that creative people doing their work is God’s spirit bringing healing in each present moment.*

Banners

“Promise Fulfilled” by Karyl Boring

Window Covering

More Than Tolerators Community Group

Vestments

Barb Knuckles and Katherine Dart, with help from the congregation

Communion Set

Nick Dodge and Matt Kenyon

Welcome

Call to Worship

From Acts 2:1-4 and John 14:15-18

Leader

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly the sound, like violent blowing wind, came from heaven

and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be flames of fire that separated

and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to declare the wonders of God
in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Jesus has asked the Father, and he has given someone to fight for us.

All

He is our helper; he is with us forever; he is the Spirit of truth.

Leader

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him.

But you know him, for he lives with you and is in you.

All

Jesus has not left us as orphans; he has come to us through his Spirit!

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All

**All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**

**You chosen seed of Israel’s race, you ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!**

**Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget, the wormwood and the gall
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

words Edward Perronet, 1779-1780; vs. 4 John Rippon, 1787; music Oliver Holden, 1793; Public Domain

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Lament and Confession

Leader The Lord our God, who is holy and majestic,
comes near to those who know and name their brokenness.
He desires to restore us into his image,
to conform us to the image of Christ.

All **We work to be like other images:
best student,
top performer at work,
activist for justice,
super parent.**

Leader In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength.

All **But we want none of that.
We strive to re-make ourselves like some home improvement show;
we would rather achieve than receive our image.**

Leader God's promise that he is for us becomes distorted to mean that he's for what we want,

All **Like he's the consultant we call in to make a better me,
more successful, happier, comfortable.
We de-god God and make him our servant.**

Leader We make pursuing our true, authentic self
the highest good, our moral duty.

All **But our authentic self is pretty awful.
We ignore how a heart turned toward itself
becomes callous to the damage it does to others.
We confuse selfishness for liberty and call it living our truth.**

Song of Need

“Come, Holy Ghost”

All **Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts, take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav’nly aid,
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou has made.**

words Veni, Creator Spiritus attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, additional chorus by Ray Mills, 2005; music Bruce Benedict and Ray Mills, 2005,
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Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Romans 8:28-39

Leader Christ Jesus has died for us, been raised to life,
and reigns at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us.

All **If the Father did not spare his own Son, and the Son so willingly served,
we can trust he’ll keep all his promises to us.**

Leader Brothers and sisters, receive who you are in Christ Jesus:

All **We are known in advance, chosen, called, justified, and glorified.**

Leader Who then can condemn you or shame you or bring a charge against you?

All **Not the cutting comments of colleagues,
Not the kids at recess,
Not the cultural power-brokers,
Not the social media trolls,
Not even my own inner critic.**

Leader Can anything separate you from the love of Christ?

All **No!**

Leader What about your stumbling faith?

All **No!**

Leader What about the exposure of your hidden sin?

All **No!**

Leader What about parental disappointment?

All **No!**

Leader What about when you've messed up . . . again?

All **No!**

Leader What about other kids not liking you?

All **No!**

Leader What about your not-going-away desires?

All **No!**

Leader Is there anything at all?

All **No! For we are convinced that neither death nor life,
neither height nor depth,
nothing internal or external,
no success or failure,
not the past nor the present nor the future,
nor anything else in all creation,
can separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Song of Need

"Come, Holy Ghost"

All **Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

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Song in the Gospel

"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 Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture

Romans 8:28-30

Reader

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

What Good

Community Group Questions

- 1) Reflect on what you find yourself daydreaming about, or what you think you would have if your life were “perfect.” How do those answers help define and explain what you consider “good”?
- 2) Read Romans 8:18–30. How does this passage need to shape what Paul means by “good” in 8:28, the good that all things are working for? What does Paul mean by the good that God is bringing about?
- 3) What would be right ways to apply the amazing promise of Romans 8:28 to yourself? How about to others? How would you share this promise in ways that are life-giving rather than missing the mark?

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

“Abide in Me”

All

**Abide in me, O Lord, and I in thee,
From this good hour, O leave me nevermore;
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o’er.
Abide in me, o’ershadow by thy love
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire,
And keep my soul, as thine, calm and divine.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So, when thou dwellest in a mortal soul,
All heav’n’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.
Abide in me; there have been moments blest
When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow’r;
Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed,
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**These were but seasons beautiful and rare;
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfill at once thy precept and my prayer:
Come and abide in me and I in thee.**

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words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002

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

Jeff and Autumn Nottingham Interview

Redeemer Kids' Park Days

Wednesdays in June, starting June 9
redeemindy.org/events

Saturday Seminary

June 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
redeemindy.org/events

Zephyr Film

This 15-minute film from Kyle Ragsdale will be shown today
in the City Gallery after both the 1st and 2nd services.

You can read more about the project on the first page of this bulletin.

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:
\$747,198.33

Congregational Giving

May 16 th	\$	\$25,404.49
May Total	\$	\$182,747.90
May Budget	\$	\$207,296.17
