



**REDEEMER**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**C H U R C H**

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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 John 14*

*Leader* Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

*All* **And he said, “I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Helper,  
to be with you forever,  
even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,  
because it neither sees him nor knows him.”**

*Leader* “You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

*All* **“I will not leave you as orphans;  
I will come to you.  
Because I live,  
you also will live.  
In that day you will know that I am in my Father,  
and you in me, and I in you.”**

# Opening Hymn

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

*All*

**I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer, and His heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with Him to be.**

**Sing, oh sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross, He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

*words Phillip Bliss, 1976; music Luke Morton, 2005*

# Prayer of Adoration

## Prayer of Confession

*Leader* The Lord our God, who is holy and majestic,  
comes near to those who name and admit 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 make and re-make ourselves, continually dissatisfied;  
we would rather achieve than receive our image.**

*Leader* God's promise that he is for us becomes distorted  
to mean that he helps us get 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 serve us.**

*Leader* Pursuing our true, authentic self  
becomes 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 Hope

*“Come, Holy Ghost”*

*All*      **O Comforter, to Thee we cry, Thou heav’nly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.**

*words Veni, Creator Spiritus attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, additional chorus by Ray Mills, 2005;  
music Bruce Benedict and Ray Mills, 2005, © 2006 Cardiphonia Music, and Raymond G. Mills*

## 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 Hope

*"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

*“Jesus, I Come to Thee”*

*All*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light—Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold—Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

*words: William T. Sleeper, 1887; music: Nathan Partain, 2000*

## Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

*Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]*





# Scripture

*Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 8:28-30*

*Reader*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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  
*God Working for Good*

# Notes

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# 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

*"In the Secret of His Presence"*

*All*

**In the secret of His presence, how my soul delights to hide!  
Oh, how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!  
Earthly cares do ever vex me, and my trials lay me low;  
But when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go,  
To the secret place I go.**

**When my soul is faint and thirsty, 'neath the shadow of His wing,  
There is cool and pleasant shelter, and a fresh and crystal spring;  
There my Savior rests beside me, and we hold communion sweet:  
If I tried, I could not utter what He says when there we meet,  
What He says when there we meet.**

**Only this I know: I tell Him all my doubts, my griefs and fears;  
Oh, how patiently He listens! and my sorrowed soul He cheers:  
Do you think He ne'er reproves me? What a false friend He would be,  
If He never, never told me of the sins which He must see,  
Of the sins which He must see.**

**Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord?  
Go and hide beneath His shadow: this shall then be your reward;  
And whene'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,  
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face,  
Of the Master in your face.**

*words: Ellen L. Goreh, 1883; music: Chris Minor, 2004*

## 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

Redeemer Kids' Park Days

Wednesdays in June, starting June 9

*redeemindy.org/events*

Saturday Seminary

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,

*redeemindy.org/events*

Newcomer's Lunch

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.,

*redeemindy.org/events*

## Benediction

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2021 budget:  
\$2,487,554

year to date giving:  
\$779,326.79

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## Congregational Giving

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| May 23 <sup>rd</sup> ..... | \$ | \$32,128.46  |
| May Total .....            | \$ | \$214,876.36 |
| May Budget .....           | \$ | \$207,296.17 |

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