



**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

*Matt Kenyon*

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*From Isaiah 49: 8-18*

*Leader* Shout for joy, you heavens;  
rejoice, you earth;  
burst into song, you mountains!  
For the LORD comforts his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

*All* **But I said,**  
**“The LORD has forsaken me,**  
**the LORD has forgotten me.”**

*Leader* “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,  
I will not forget you!”, says your Savior.  
“See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your need is ever before me.”

# Opening Hymn

*“Father Long Before Creation”*

*All*

**Father long before creation,  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and his cov'nant,  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise his name.**

**God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing,  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before thee,  
We will ever praise thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing,  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;**

**Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb.**

*words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones;  
Andrew Osenga, 2005 The Velvet Eagle Sings (ascap);  
admin. by The Loving Company*

# 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 Need

*“Abide in Me”*

*Leader* 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.

*All* **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.**

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

# 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

*“Abide in Me”*

*All*

**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...**

**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.**

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

## Song in the Gospel

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

*All*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

*words John Rippon, 1787; attr. John Keene, Kirkham, and John Keith; music Joseph Funk, 1832; Public Domain*



# Song in the Gospel

*“The Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

*All*

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

*words by Haldor Lillenas, 1918; chorus and music by Nathan Partain, 2011*

## Prayer of Dependence

# Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [[redeemindy.org/give](https://redeemindy.org/give)]



## Scripture

*Romans 8:28-32*

*Reader*

<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.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All*

## Sermon

Todd Dawkins

*In Response to These Things*

# Community Group Questions

- 1) Romans 8:31–39 is the climactic and stirring conclusion to Romans 8. Take a moment to read these verses in your group and then discuss why Paul writes them. (What purpose do they serve? What are the potential reason(s) for why God would have Paul to write them? Etc.)
- 2) In what ways do you need to hear that God is for you?
- 3) In what ways do you wrestle with hearing that God is for you?
- 4) God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for you. How does this affect these doubts and how you find yourself “in response to these things”?

## 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

*"I am Trusting Thee"*

*All*

**I am trusting thee, thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only thee;  
Trusting thee for full, full salvation,  
Great and free, great and free,  
Trusting only thee.**

**I am trusting thee, thee for cleansing  
In the crimson flood;  
Trusting thee to make, make me holy  
By thy blood, by thy blood,  
Trusting only thee.**

**I am trusting thee, thee to guide me;  
Thou alone shall lead;  
Thou provide and tend every day and hour  
All I need, all I need,  
Trusting only thee.**

**I am trusting thee, thee, Lord Jesus,  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting thee, thee forever  
And for all, and for all,  
Trusting only thee.**

*words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

## **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*

Redeemer Women Meet & Eat

Thursday, June 24th

*Registration closes today, redeemindy.org/events*

Brian Allee Funeral

Monday, June 21st at 12 pm

## **Benediction**

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2021 budget:

\$2,487,554

year to date giving:

\$901,098.68

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## Congregational Giving

June 13 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$	\$36,994.55
June Total .....	\$	\$91,093.65
June Budget .....	\$	\$207,296.17

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