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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 Kathryn Dart, with help from the congregation

Communion Set

Matt Kenyon

Welcome

Call to Worship

From Psalm 51: 10-19

Leader

Gracious Father,
You will never cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
So please fill us again
with the joy of understanding how you saved us.

All

**If you would unseal our lips, Dearest King,
our mouths would speak out in your praise.
You never wanted us to justify ourselves, or we would try.
You don't need our money or grand gestures.
What you, our God, have always wanted
is our spirits to be humbled before you,
For you do not turn away
from a repentant tender heart.**

Leader

Father, lavish your riches on your children;
fill up your people with faith.
Then their worship will be real
and you will delight in it
as they give everything freely to you.

Opening Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, I say, rejoice! Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

words Charles Wesley, 1744; music Nathan Partain, 2003

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 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.

All **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.**

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

"You Have Redeemed My Soul"

All

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.
You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness,
You have redeemed my soul from death.

I was a hungry child,
A dried up river.
I was a burned out forest,
And no one could do anything for me.

But you put food in my body, water in my dry bed,
And to my blackened branches,
You brought the spring time green of a new life.
And nothing is impossible for you.

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Song in the Gospel

“Bring Your Sick”

All

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,
Who would kill for some relief from, all the itching in their bones.
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,
Some sweet drink to drive the poison, from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.
Yes, bring all those who could never, return any of their cost.**

**Jesus Christ says, “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

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**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.
Those who live with their aggressor, whip’ring doubts into their ear,
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

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Nathan Partain, 2014

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Scripture

Romans 8:28-34

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.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

“Whose voice matters most?”

Community Group Questions

- 1) In Romans 8:33, Paul makes the point that because of Christ's death and resurrection, no charge against God's people will ultimately "stick." How does that strike you? What about charges that are actually true to reality (as in: not false or simply in our heads)?

- 2) Everything Paul says in Romans 8:33-34 centers on one foundational claim: "it is God who justifies." What do you think that means? How does the reality that God, in Christ, makes us righteous and accepted help us navigate our guilt, shame, or the sense of needing to prove ourselves?

- 3) How does God's voice and perspective re-shape or re-frame the way we think of who we are? Does it? If so, in what ways? If not, why?

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

"It's God Who Saves"

All

Like all God's prophets, his kings and judges,
Were thieves and killers, adulterous liars,
That he had chosen, to show his greatness.
Just like those heroes, by grace he called me,
So dead in my sin, it's him I boast in,
I breathe but only, through faith in Jesus.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.

Christ came to me who, had hated God and
Was bent to chaos, and served destruction,
In love he died, and he paid my pardon.
And then he raised me, with him in union,
A wretch adopted, triune affection,
Eternal power, and love unyielding.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.
It's God who saves, not I, it's God who is my life.
All I bring is nothing, it's God who saves, not I.

If my salvation, to me was trusted,
If we must hold fast, or keep love fervent,
I'm lost already, my love unsteady.
But once redemption, is won it's finished,
His sure deposit, his steadfast Spirit,
From grace beginning, to grace unending.

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Doxology

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

Welcome to Ben Hein and Family

Redeemer Kids' Park Days
Wednesdays in June, starting June 9
redeemindy.org/events

Sunday, July 4
One service, 10:00 a.m.

Prayer in the Night Book Discussion
Sunday, July 4, 11:15 a.m.

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:

\$931,880.95

Congregational Giving

June 20 th	\$	\$30,782.27
June Total	\$	\$121,875.92
June Budget	\$	\$207,296.17
