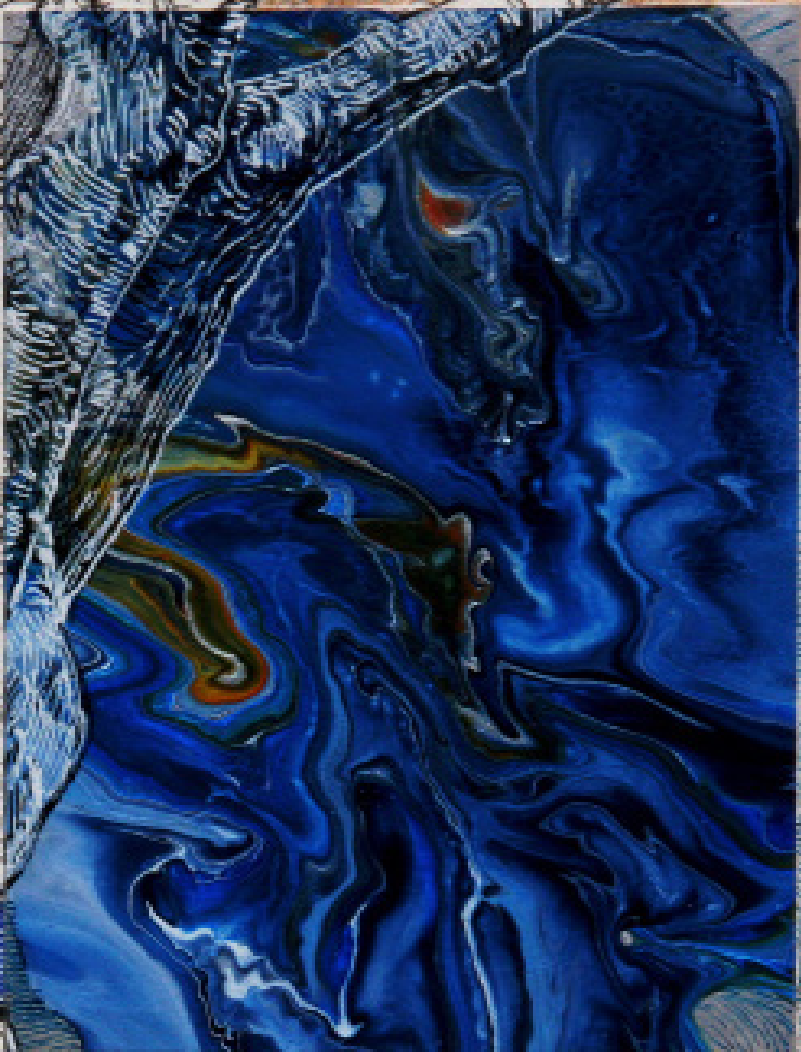


REDEEMER PRES.



AUGUST 1, 2021

Cover Art

“Yellowwood”

Barb Knuckles

I have favorite trees (often fallen, lightning struck, or otherwise quirky, misshapen trees). I especially like trees in the winter, when their “bones” are visible. I am intrigued by how trees can sustain serious trauma and persist, working around damage and loss, scarred but still growing. This one is the old Yellowwood at the Delaware/16th corner of Redeemer’s property.

Merging the paint pours and drawings required finding ways to unify disparate elements. I had to try new things, take new risks, and move beyond what I already knew and was good at. I worked to incorporate a dependence on the creative collaboration of the Holy Spirit as I continued to be acutely aware that I did not know where this path was leading, or if any of it would work out in the end. Every time I got stuck and did not know what to do next, instead of changing direction or retreating, I asked the Holy Spirit for help, and within a day or so, a next step would come to mind. I have long been committed to offer my work TO God as a kind of service, but thinking about doing my work WITH God (through the Holy Spirit) was a new practice. I do believe it was how we were created to live.

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

Based on Psalm 86:8-13

Leader Lord, among the gods there is none like you,

All **No one does anything like you do.**

Leader All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

All **For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.**

Leader Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;

All **Give me an undivided heart,
that I may be humbled by who you are.**

Leader I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

All **For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.**

Opening Hymn

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

All

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!
Heav’n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!
God is good and therefore King!
Praise him, all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love,
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars in God rejoice,
God rejoice, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Warriors fighting for the Lord, Alleluia!
Prophets burning with his Word, Alleluia!
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!
Add their voices to the song.
Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold,
And let children’s joyful hearts, in this worship shout their parts,
Shout their parts, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!
Heav’n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!
God is good and therefore King!
From the earth to heavens shore, let the mighty chorus roar,
“Holy, holy, holy One; glory be to God alone,
God alone!” Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881; music: Bruce Benedict, 2006

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 8, Matthew 7, Romans 15

- Leader* Lord our God—maker, wooer, judge of our hearts—
All **Give us grace to step into your light,
to confess our sin to you, loving, holy Father.**
- Leader* That we are made in your image is the most basic fact about us.
You've crowned us with your glory and created each of us with dignity.
All **But while we celebrate this for ourselves, we hesitate to recognize it in others.
We want to be treated like royalty, but look at others with contempt.**
- Leader* Instead of looking for your Image and showing honor where it's found,
All **we latch on to what is broken; we point out the slivers
stuck in our neighbors' eyes while ignoring the log in our own.**
- Leader* Instead of listening to people's stories and seeking to understand,
All **we quickly rush to labels to try to put them in a box.**
- Leader* Instead of welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed us,
All **we tend to treat people lightly,
dismissing and devaluing those who bother or annoy us.**
- Leader* Help us, Lord. Heal us, Lord
All **Teach us to see one another as you do.**
- Leader* Father, Son, and Spirit, receive and re-shape our hearts.
All **Hold them tenderly, mold them fiercely.
Love and deliver us now and in the day of our Lord Jesus.**

Song of Need

“Weak and Helpless, Yet Believing”

All **O my Savior, tho’ unworthy,
I have nowhere else to go;
You can pardon my transgressions,
You can wash me white as snow!**

words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); music: Mark Ribera, 2011

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

From Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Psalm 16:5-11

Leader The moment Jesus was raised from the dead,
 a new day began.

All **God has made a new covenant relationship with us.**

Leader It is not like the relationship he had with the Israelites before
 when he saved them from Egypt and became their God.
 They were unfaithful to him and he turned away from them.

All **No, by his Spirit he is remaking us,
 he has put his ways into our thinking
 and is reforming us at the core of who we are.**

Leader He has given himself to you,
 and you have given yourself to him.

All **We all are close to him,
 no matter who we are or what we have done,
 because he has forgiven our wickedness
 and has forgotten our sins forever.**

Leader The LORD himself is your portion;
of all the things in heaven or on earth, you get him.

All **Hallelujah! Surely, I have a delightful inheritance!**

Leader Jesus has made a way for us into the indestructible life of God.

All **He will fill us with joy in his presence,
with eternal pleasures at his right hand.**

Song of Hope

“Weak and Helpless, Yet Believing”

All **Weak and helpless, yet believing,
Casting all my care on Thee,
I am hoping, trusting, praying;
Have compassion, Lord, on me!**

**Weak and helpless, yet believing,
Casting all my care on Thee,
I am hoping, trusting, praying;
Have compassion, Lord, on me!**

words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); music: Mark Ribera, 2011

Song in the Gospel

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

All

**I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory Hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory Hallelujah!
He lives and doth within me dwell; Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives to bless me with His love; Glory Hallelujah!
He lives to plead my cause above; Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**He lives all glory to his name; Glory Hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, Glory Hallelujah!
The dead’s alive, and the lost is found, Glory Hallelujah!**

words: Samuel Medley, 1775; music: F. C. Wood, 1850

Song in the Gospel

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

All

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine, can peace afford.**

**I need Thee, O, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r, when Thou art nigh.**

**I need Thee, O, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.**

**I need Thee, O, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises, in me fulfill.**

**I need Thee, O, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.**

words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; music: Robert Lowry, 1872

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture

Psalm 8

Reader

¹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory
in the heavens.

² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

⁹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

A Little Lower than the Angels

Community Group Questions

- 1) Without ignoring the reality of sin and brokenness (see, for example, verse 2), Psalm 8 is all about the inherent dignity God has placed on human beings. How has God made us “a little lower than the angels?” What do you think it means to be “crowned” with “glory and honor?” If these things are true, how would that shape the way we look at other people?
- 2) The background of this Psalm is an idea called the Image of God: a concept in the Bible that says God created each of us as a divine self-portrait, meant to reflect God’s beauty in the world (see Genesis 1-2). Is this easy for you to see in yourself and other people? Or is it something that feels a bit more complicated or difficult? Why or why not?
- 3) In verse 4, the writer says that God is “mindful” of us. That is, God sees us and takes care of us. As read the Bible, look at your life, or consider the stories of the people around you, what are some of the ways you’ve seen that play out?

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 One of Those"

All

I am one of those, at the table not invited,
And, to all here at the feast, it's very plain;
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
But Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried,
And I still bear every stigma of decay;
There is no way I can cover what I've been through,
'Cause when Jesus called, I came fresh from the grave.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious,
The deformities and scars I have today;
Yet while I was vile with sickness, Jesus loved me,
And he healed, restored, and, through and through, remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison,
And I've done more evil things than I could say;
Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles,
And, to set me free, he died and took my place.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly,
Self-righteous critical religion was my stain.
So I ran to Christ to wash and be discovered;
Jesus called me out and he covered up my shame.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

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

Praying for the School Year
Today @ 11:20 a.m. in the Speck Gallery

Installation and Welcome Lunch
August 8; more information @ redeemindy.org.

RedeemerKids Orientation and Training
August 29; more information @ redeemindy.org.

Thanksgiving for Paul Crimmons

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:
\$1,095,596.32

Congregational Giving

July 25 th	\$	\$26,314.91
July Total	\$	\$154,441.84
July Budget	\$	\$207,296.17
