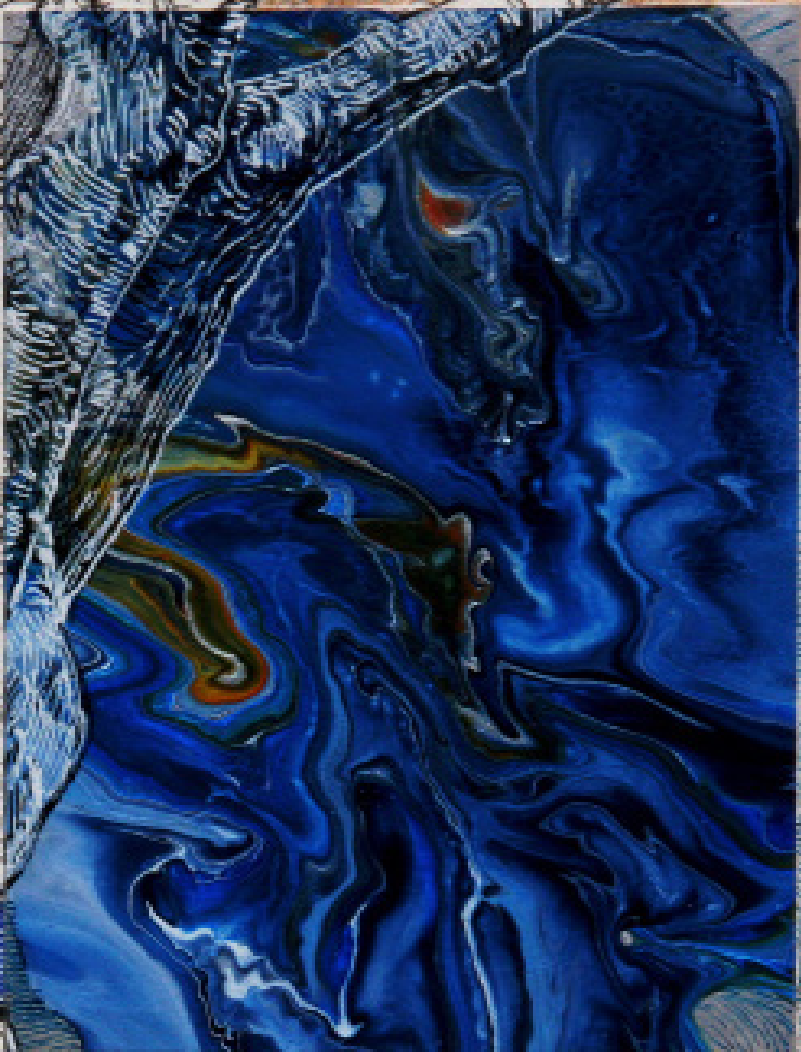


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Cover Art

“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

Tom Peck

Window Covering

Molly Kelley

Vestments

Barb Knuckles and Kathryn Dart, with help from the congregation

Paintings Over Doors

“Red Aviator” and “Edge of a Storm”

Will Lutz

Backdrop Sculptures

Ryan Collier

Communion Set

Becca Ito

Welcome

Call to Worship

From Deut 10:14-21

Leader Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens,
the earth with all that is in it.

All **Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers
and chose their offspring after them,
you above all peoples, as you are this day.**

Leader The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great, the mighty, and the awesome God,
who is not partial and takes no bribe.

All **He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.**

Leader He is your praise.

All **He is your God,
who has done for you these great and terrifying things
that your eyes have seen.**

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!**

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

words: Charles Wesley, 1744; music: Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 7, Matthew 7:3-5

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 We say we want justice when we really want vengeance.

All **We make an idol of our reputation.
We believe this idol is more powerful than you,
the God of perfect righteousness and justice.**

Leader We see the speck of sawdust
in our brother's eye, but ignore the plank in our own.

All **We want injustice driven from the earth,
as long as we can ignore the ways we are agents of injustice.**

Leader We lack faith that you will bring justice to bear on this world.

All **We are angry at your silence,
but we ignore the Spirit's prompting for us to speak against injustice.
We want you to act, but only in ways that do not challenge or confront us.**

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

“Rock of Ages”

All **Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to Thy cross I cling
Naked, come to Thee for dress
Helpless, look to Thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior, or I die**

words Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music Thomas Hastings, 1830

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Isaiah 61:10; Philippians 3:8-9, the Nicene Creed

Leader If you have confessed your sins in Jesus’ name, you are forgiven!

All **Our God has clothed us with garments of salvation.
He has wrapped us in a robe of righteousness.**

Leader Everything else is worthless when compared
with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **For his sake we have discarded everything else,
counting it all as garbage,
so that we could gain Christ and become one with him.**

Leader We no longer count on our own righteousness through obeying the law;
rather, we become righteous through faith in Christ.

All **For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.**

Leader Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

All **And his perfect, just kingdom will have no end.**

Song in the Gospel

“Be Still My Soul”

All

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

music: Finlandia, Jean Sibelius, 1899

Song in the Gospel

“His Kingdom Now Has Come (Behold! Behold!)”

All

The light shines (*The light shines*)
In the darkness (*In the darkness*)
And the darkness cannot overcome (*And the darkness cannot overcome*)
The light shines (*The light shines*)
In the darkness (*In the darkness*)
And the darkness cannot overcome (*And the darkness cannot overcome*)

Behold! Behold!
His kingdom now has come!

The valleys (*The valleys*)
Will be lifted (*Will be lifted*)
And the mountains will be brought down low (*And the mountains will be brought down low*)
The valleys (*The valleys*)
Will be lifted (*Will be lifted*)
And the mountains will be brought down low (*And the mountains will be brought down low*)

Behold! Behold!
His kingdom now has come!

Hear the voice cry (*Hear the voice cry*)
From the highway (*From the highway*)
Make way for the Prince of Peace (*Make way for the Prince of Peace*)
Hear the voice cry (*Hear the voice cry*)
From the highway (*From the highway*)
Make way for the Prince of Peace (*Make way for the Prince of Peace*)

Behold! Behold!
His kingdom now has come!

God of justice (*God of justice*)
Righteous judge (*Righteous judge*)
Behold, behold, behold
Our Defender (*Our Defender*)
Prince of Peace (*Prince of Peace*)
Behold, behold, behold
Father to the fatherless (*Father to the fatherless*)
Our strong Deliverer (*Our strong Deliverer*)
Behold, behold, behold
He’s troubling the water (*He’s troubling the water*)
And we’re marching through

Behold! Behold!
His kingdom now has come!

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

What is Baptism?

All

Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

All

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Saward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Covenant Baptism

First Service

Hazel Dorothy Bain

Second Service:

Clara Joann Boot

Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Hazel's/Clara's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Hazel/Clara to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

All

Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,

**"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call."**

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Hazel Bain/Clara Boot into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround her with Christian love, to pray for her, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All

**We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ's name, welcomes him.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

Scripture

Psalm 7

Reader

¹ LORD my God, I take refuge in you;
save and deliver me from all who pursue me,
² or they will tear me apart like a lion
and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

³ Lord my God, if I have done this
and there is guilt on my hands—
⁴ if I have repaid my ally with evil
or without cause have robbed my foe—
⁵ then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;
let him trample my life to the ground
and make me sleep in the dust.

⁶ Arise, LORD, in your anger;
rise up against the rage of my enemies.
Awake, my God; decree justice.

⁷ Let the assembled peoples gather around you,
while you sit enthroned over them on high.

⁸ Let the LORD judge the peoples.

Vindicate me, LORD, according to my righteousness,
according to my integrity, O Most High.

⁹ Bring to an end the violence of the wicked
and make the righteous secure—
you, the righteous God
who probes minds and hearts.

¹⁰ My shield is God Most High,
who saves the upright in heart.

¹¹ God is a righteous judge,
a God who displays his wrath every day.

¹² If he does not relent,
he will sharpen his sword;
he will bend and string his bow.

¹³ He has prepared his deadly weapons;
he makes ready his flaming arrows.

¹⁴ Whoever is pregnant with evil
conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.

¹⁵ Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out
falls into the pit they have made.

¹⁶ The trouble they cause recoils on them;
their violence comes down on their own heads.

¹⁷ I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness;
I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ben Reed

The God Who Brings Justice

Notes

Community Group Questions

1. *David assumes that God is the only one who can bring about perfect justice, and he expects God to bring about that justice now. What thing/things make it difficult for you to trust that God will in fact bring justice into the world?*
2. *In Psalm 7:3-5, David tells God to punish him if he is in fact guilty of the crimes he is accused of committing. His assurance in the Lord is so strong that he can face the possibility these accusations are true. What keeps you from having a similar posture, and how does your assurance of salvation help you open your heart to the conviction of the Holy Spirit?*
3. *In Psalm 7:14-16, David tells us that those who sow trouble and injustice will ultimately have their sin “come down on their own heads” and bury them. Take a moment to reflect on two aspects of this. If you have experienced injustice, how is this passage a message of hope from your God? What sins in your life (even the seemingly small sins) are in danger of becoming the kinds of sins David talks about? Only share specifics if you feel comfortable, but take some time to pray for each other in light of the message of Psalm 7.*

Children’s Question

This psalm is about justice. Justice is when we make bad things right. Can you think of examples when someone in your life has taken something wrong (like someone lying or being mean) and made the situation right? How do you think God can use you in your relationships with your friends and siblings to make things right when you see wrong things happening?

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

"We Need to Hear Your Word"

All

**Train our hearts to love what you command.
We let go of our perceptions,
As you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you,
As we follow further on.
As you give us your desire,
We obey with all we are.**

**Oh we need to hear your word.
Oh we need to hear your word.
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to heal ourselves.
Show the emptiness fulfillment is
Outside your perfect will.
Oh how easily like sheep deceived
Without their shepherd's voice.
Make alive in us your scripture,
Melody against the noise.**

**Oh we need to hear your word.
Oh we need to hear your word.
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Oh we need to hear your word.**

**Father, help our souls to hear you.
Spirit, by your power, break through.
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

**Oh we need to hear your word.
Oh we need to hear your word.
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

Nathan Partain, 2020

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

Sunday Services, starting September 12
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Fall Preview
Upcoming events and Sunday classes

Benediction

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