



Epiphany

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
7 January 2023

God



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Back Wall

Kyrie Lewis, Esther Gray, and Katie Ito with the Yeomans and Peacock families, *Sacred Lineage, Holy Dependance*, 2023, oil of canvas, fabric, baskets, and clay

Themes of hospitality, womanhood, and human dependance are woven together in this piece. The women mentioned in Jesus' genealogy: Ruth and Tamar, Bathsheba and Rahab, call out to us across generations before Mary. Their words and wombs bear witness to the protective and steadfast love of God, represented in the cluster of baskets at the center. Their portraits flank the table-like installation, illustrating the intimate meeting of heaven and earth through a teenager that made space in her literal body to bear Christ.

We call attention to Mary through the clay artifacts in each basket that honor her pregnancy, as her cells expanded and divided, as her body stretched, bled, and tore to make way for the Living Word to dwell as flesh among us. The edge of the table is lined with a braided rope, reminiscent of an umbilical cord. Christ baptizes our human dependency through his reception of Mary's nourishment, hospitality, and affection.

Hanging Installation

Nick Dodge, *Tracing Our Roots*, 2023

As Jesus comes in the flesh he is intertwined with a family blood line and their ancestral roots. This piece expresses how truly tangible Jesus' connection to humanity was by blending the ideas of tree roots and blood lines. Much like a tree is rooted to a specific place, Jesus had a specific place where he was born, lived and matured. Much like blood lines show who we are related to, Jesus had a family tree that connected him to real people. The central intertwined light represents how Jesus takes root in history to instill new life. He brings light to the whole of the family tree and is the root from which the tree will give new life to many others.

Procession Art

Barb Knuckles, Susan Jones, Tom Peck, and Marcia Jones, 2023

Jesus was incarnate at the hidden level of cells and DNA. The four stands are made from a fallen sycamore branch, with the processed symbols of life sprouting from the dead "stumps". Week One is blood cells, Week Two is nerve and skin cells, Week Three is bone and muscle cells and Week Four is ultrasound images. The four "trees" also allude to the Body of Christ, made up of many parts, with Christ as the Head.

Banners

Karyl Boring, *Dwelling as We Wait*, 2023

The patchwork of our dwelling together as God's people is joined piece-by-piece with all those who have lived or will live, past, present and future, eagerly longing for Jesus' Return in Glory. Yet, in all of life, Jesus comes to us to dwell in and through us by his Holy Spirit. In joy and sorrow, in community and in solitude, in conflict and peace, in work and rest, in birth and death, in the light of day and the darkness of night, he is present with us as we wait. What wonder in this glorious, mysterious Truth!

Columns

Josie Thompson with Maggie Lotz, Merri Goebel, Moriah Taft, Sam Ueltschi, Megan Smith, and Quinton Thompson, 2023

South Window

Caleb Keitt and Derek Bender with Mendy & Emma Foster and Trisha McHugh, *In Your Mercy*, 2023

Communion Set

Emily Johnston

Opening Hymn

“Another Year Is Dawning”

All

**Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with thee.
Another year of leaning upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.**

**Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of thy face.
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving thy presence all the days.**

**The shelter of the gospel, the knowledge of your word,
In gathering together our hearts and minds are stirred;
You show us your creation, we’re called to create too,
Depending on you, Jesus, in everything we do.**

**Another year of service, of witness for thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.**

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874; music (“The Church’s One Foundation”) Samuel Wesley, 1864. Third verse Tom Peck, 2023

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Leader Father, your love draws us to confess our sins.
Your love is greater than our deep brokenness.

All **We have wandered our own way,
declared ourselves in charge of our lives,
and made ourselves outcast from you and others.**

Leader Your love is greater than our blindness to our brokenness.

All **We minimize our sin,
acting like we're fractured but not broken,
like we can get by on our own strength.**

Leader Your love is greater than our complacency in our brokenness.

All **We sometimes treat the truth of brokenness like a get out of jail free card.
We don't push forward and fight.
We under-believe that you can transform us.**

Leader Father, Son, and Spirit, have mercy on us.

All **Cover over our sins in the depths of your love.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Isaiah 30; John 15; Romans 4; Revelation 21

Leader

Children of our Father,
you whom he has called in Indianapolis,
You will weep no more—
how gracious he will be when you cry for help.

All

**Whether we turn to the right or the left,
our ears will hear a voice behind us, saying,
“This is the way, walk in it.”**

Leader

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

All

**It is good news that he died for our sins,
was raised to life for our justification,
and ascended to heaven to take up his throne.**

Leader

Jesus received his calling by believing God’s word
that he was the well-loved, chosen Son.

All

We, therefore, are made God’s well-loved sons and daughters in him.

Leader

The moon will shine like the sun, and the sun like the light of seven full days,
when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people
and heals the wounds he has inflicted.

All

**When God builds his city, it will not even need the moon or sun,
for his glory will give it light, and the Lamb will be our lamp forever.**

Song in the Gospel

“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

All

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love,
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more.
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
’Tis an ocean full of blessing, ’tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ’tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!**

words Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875

Song in the Gospel

“Abide In Me”

All Abide in me, O Lord, and I in Thee;
From this good hour, oh, leave me nevermore;
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o'er.

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.

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.

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 heaven's own sweetness seems around it thrown.

Abide in me; there have been moments blest
When I have heard Thy voice and felt Thy power;
Then evil lost its grasp; and passion, hushed,
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.

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.

These were but seasons beautiful and rare;
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfill at once Thy precept and my prayer;
Come, and abide in me, and I in Thee.

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

Prayer of Dependence

Kevin & Amy Hern

Children's Worship + Nursery

Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We love having children of any age join us in the worship service and also provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally.

The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.

Children's Worship welcomes kids ages 4-Kindergarten. We are glad to extend this age and make additional accommodations on a case by case basis (e-mail emily@redeemindy.org.)

You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship must be picked up by the end of communion. Nursery and Children's Worship spaces are located through the doors on the front left of the sanctuary.

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Reader

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

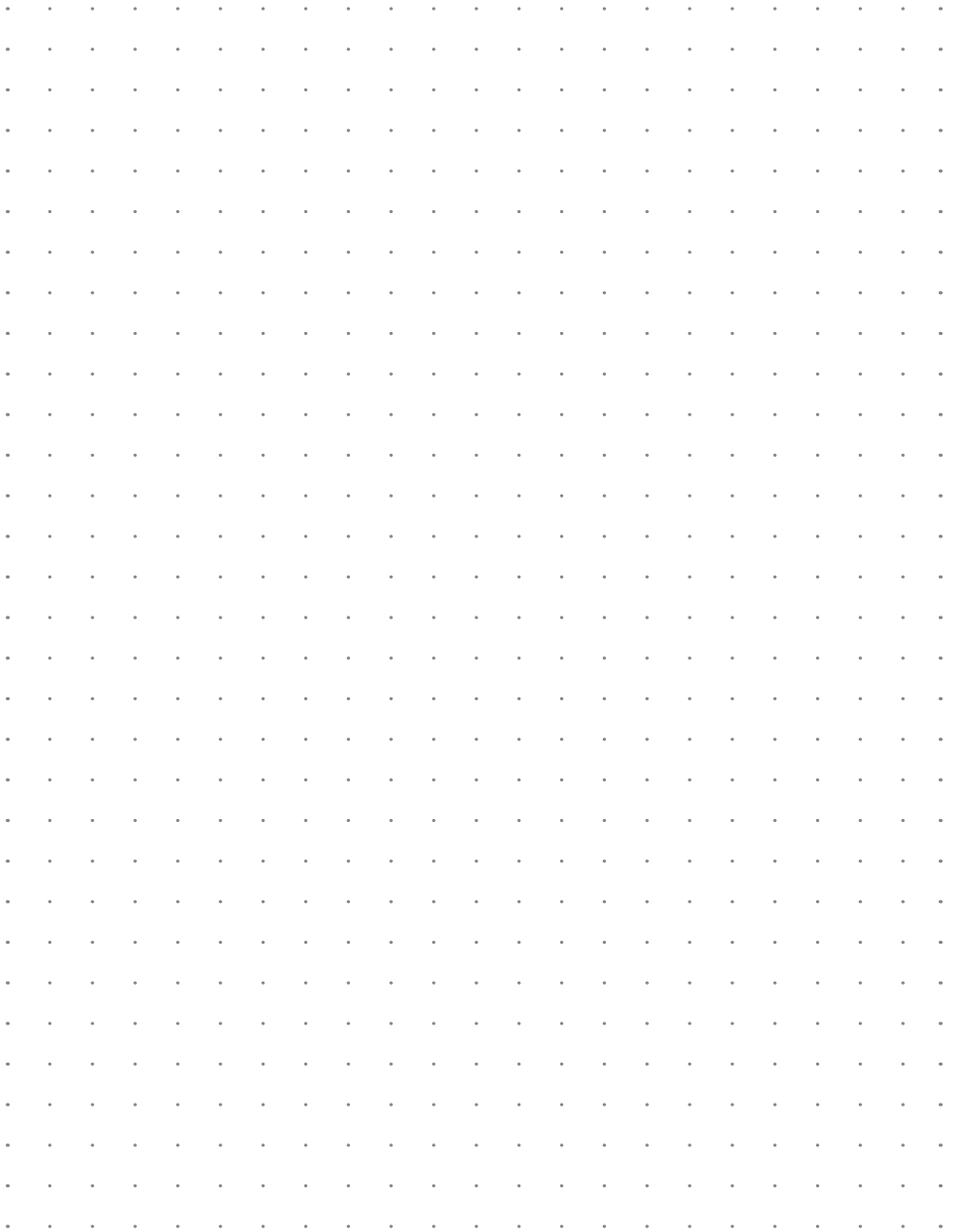
People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

Notes



Last Week's Doughnuts



Prayer

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders Kevin and Amy Hern located in the back.

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.

Call to Communion

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes to Communion 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. 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.

Song of Celebration

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

All

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.
Go, tell it on the mountain . . . that Jesus Christ is born.**

words John W. Work, Jr., 1907; Spiritual; Public Domain

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!
Amen.**

Prayer of Sending

Russ & Ruth Schwartz and Kevin & Julie Green

Community Life

**OPEN
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CLOSES**
Jan. 14

Spring Bible Study Registration is Open Redeemer Women and Men will study the Book of Proverbs this spring. You will choose the option and time that works best for you (these are the same as the fall times.) Your Bible study leader will contact you by email as soon as possible after registration closes on January 14th. *Register at redeemindy.org/spring-bible-studies or by using the QR code included here.*



Jan. 14
10 am

Congregational Meeting The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on calling Ben Hein as an associate pastor. Ben is currently an assistant pastor. This move to associate pastor is part of the process for him to be able to plant a church. As an associate pastor, he will be a member of the session and able to do certain things required of a church planter that our denomination does not allow an assistant pastor to do. We encourage all members to make it a priority to be at the meeting.

Jan. 21
10 am

Christianity Explored Interest Meeting Please consider joining us for this information meeting in the Hank & Dolly Gallery if you have thought: "What is Christianity Explored all about?" "I'd like to invite someone, but I don't know how to extend the invitation!" or "I grew up in the church, but I don't really understand the gospel. It's kind of embarrassing to admit that..." We will cover these questions/thoughts and more. We'd love to have you join us. *Any questions before then, please email Erin at erin@redeemindy.org.*

Jan. 21
12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch If you are new or newish to the church, we'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. *Use the QR code to register.*



2023 Giving Update Thank you for your generosity to Redeemer this past year. Thanks to you, we exceeded our giving goal for the year. We will have a full financial report and ministry review in late February. Thank you for all the ways you have helped the ministry of Redeemer grow and flourish.

More information can be found at our website: redeemindy.org.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday School classes and 10 am Nursery will resume January 21st.

The Nursery will be closed between services this morning.

Closing Hymn

“It is Well With My Soul” [with Swahili translation]

All

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

It is well (*echo*), **with my soul** (*echo*)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

It is well (*echo*), **with my soul** (*echo*) *Salama (echo), rohani (echo)*
It is well, it is well with my soul. *Salama, salama, rohani.*

**My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

It is well (*echo*), **with my soul** (*echo*) *Salama (echo), rohani (echo)*
It is well, it is well with my soul. *Salama, salama, rohani.*

**And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.**

It is well (*echo*), **with my soul** (*echo*) *Salama (echo), rohani (echo)*
It is well, it is well with my soul. *Salama, salama, rohani.*

words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873, music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,801,562.12

January-December 2023 budget:

\$2,785,909

Congregational Giving

December 3, 2023	\$ 45,068
December 10, 2023	\$ 126,982
December 17, 2023	\$ 59,915
December 24, 2023	\$ 94,353
December 31, 2023	\$ 133,796.12
December Total	\$ 460,114.12

Membership at Redeemer

Membership is meaningful in multiple ways. First, we believe that as Christians, it is a part of our calling to be active and engaged in the Church. When you become a member, you take public vows to confirm your faith in Christ and commit to his Church. These vows submit members to the leadership and discipline of the church. We submit ourselves to accountability just like in marriage, friendship, citizenship, and any other relationship or institution that we enter into.

Membership also allows you certain benefits. Members in good standing are able to vote on church matters. They elect elders, call pastors, and have a say in other church business.

To become a member at Redeemer you must take our Discovering Redeemer class and meet with an elder for an interview. You will take membership vows privately and then publicly before the church. To begin this process, email info@redeemindy.org.

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Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Classes
10:00 a.m.

Nice to Meet You

We're glad you're here and we'd love to get to know you better. Please help us do that by filling out whatever information you are comfortable sharing below. *Tear it off and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the Welcome Desk in the back of the sanctuary for a small gift!* We'll be in touch.

I AM A...

- 1st/2nd-time Guest Out-of-Town Guest
 Regular Attendee Redeemer Member

FIRST & LAST NAME

- Male Female

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

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