**Redeemer Presbyterian Church** 

21 January 2024

# GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING



## **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.

Rejoice! Christ has put on flesh and bone for you. May we extend kindness and reverence to our bodies and our limits as we bear Christ in our daily life to our communities.

## **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

One can find a few meanings from this piece's colors. The light and dark clay symbolizes how, during birth, the baby emerges from the dark in the womb and into the light outside. It also illustrates the belief that Jesus was the light coming into the dark world. The swirl pattern shows the movement of the dark when lightened. The blue color is in honor of Mary, who delivered Jesus.

## **Call to Worship**

from Psalm 24

Leader

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it.

The world and all its people belong to him.

For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

All

Who may climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols
and never tell lies.

Leader

They will receive the LORD's blessing and have a right relationship with God their savior. Such people may seek you and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.

All

Open up, ancient gates!

Open up, ancient doors,
and let the King of glory enter.

Leader

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty;
the LORD, invincible in battle.

All

Open up, ancient gates!
Open up, ancient doors,
and let the King of glory enter.
Who is the King of glory?
The LORD of Heaven's Armies—
he is the King of glory.

## **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 by Francis Jones, Andrew Osenga (c) 2005 The Velvet Eagle Admin by The Loving Company

# **Prayer of Adoration**

## **Prayer of Confession**

based on Isaiah 45-46; Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 8

Leader This is what the LORD says,

he who created the heavens and the earth,

"I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God."

All We're not truth seekers. We're truth suppressors.

We dull the sense that God is there, and try to keep him at a safe distance.

Leader There is but one God, the Father,

from whom all things came and for whom we live.

All We live as if what we have comes from us,

from our hard work and our own hands; We forget to say thank you,

because we don't really believe it comes from a heavenly Father.

Leader And there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ,

through whom all things came and through whom we live.

All We live as if we get to decide what's right for our lives.

Our standard is based on what we think makes sense.

Leader The LORD is trying to wake us up.

"Who will you compare me to?" he asks.

"Who is my equal?"

All We make the things of this world into idols.

We run after achievement, love, reputation, and say to them, "You're my security! You're my hope for the life I want!"

Good things you created, Lord, take your place.

# **Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel**

based on the Apostle's Creed; Psalms 121; 123; Isaiah 40; Colossians 1

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

Leader Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He doesn't get tired or worn out.

All

My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
I lift my eyes to you,
until you show me your mercy.

Leader God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in the Son, and through him to reconcile to himself everything—

All the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe:

People and things,
animals and atoms,
by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Leader Christ, therefore, is pre-eminent in creation and re-creation.

All He is supreme in the beginning and the end.

# Song in the Gospel

"All Those Who Sow Weeping"

All Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing, The seeds of Your Kingdom, for the day you will reap them. Your sheaves we will carry, Lord, please do not tarry. All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.

The nations will say, "He has done great things!" The nations will sing songs of joy. Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

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Isaac Wardell, 2012

# Song in the Gospel

"The Lord is My Joy"

All The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.

The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength, When I am too weak to go on, I find The Lord is my strength.

My all in all is he, my healing King, My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.

The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock, When all I have faith in fails, I find The Lord is my rock.

The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight, Above all the joys of life, I find The Lord is my delight.

My all in all is he, my breath, my song. In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.

Women I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.

Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you.

(Repeat)

Men
 And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
 I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.
 And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
 I offer all my plans and dreams.

All You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love. Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.

You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love. Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.

My all in all is he, my dearest friend. I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.

Nathan Partain, July 29, 2008

# **Prayer of Dependence**

Marshall & Terry Overley

## 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]





Family Hope is a Christian non-profit that offers temporary host families for children and provides resources and support for parents in real, tangible ways.

Jeff Nottingham is interviewing Amy Tenney, who's in charge of Church Engagement at Family Hope, along with Jessica Carter, who helps serve.

# **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:1-2: Acts 14:8-18 NIV

Reader

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

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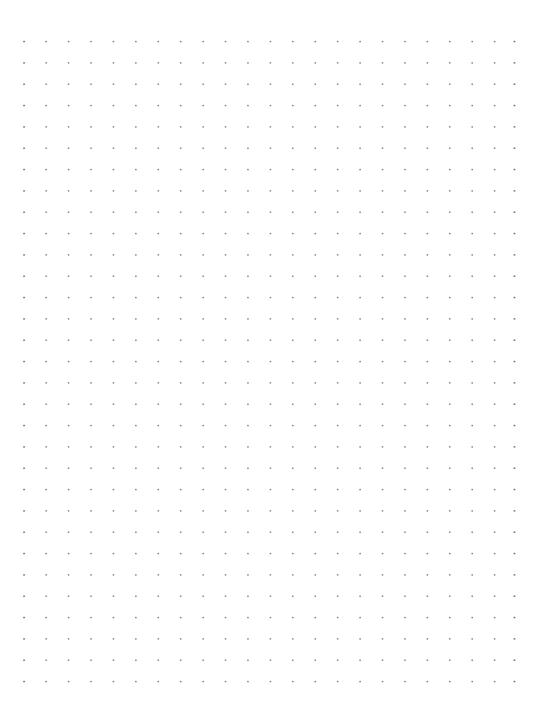
- <sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.
- <sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.
- <sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup> "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup> In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup> Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

Reader People This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Charles Anderson
God the Creator

# Notes



## **Additional Text**

#### Genesis 1:14-19

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

#### Psalm 24:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
- <sup>2</sup> for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

#### Abraham Kuyper

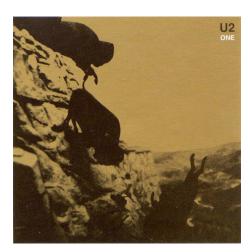
There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!"

#### Psalm 121:1-2

- I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

#### Jeremiah 33:19-21

<sup>19</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>20</sup> "This is what the LORD says: 'If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, <sup>21</sup> then my covenant with David my servant—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne.



U2, "One," 1992 copyright artwork by David Wojnarowicz

## **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.

## **Prayer**

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders Marshall & Terry Overley 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.

# **Song of Celebration**

"Where Were You?"

All
I said God I do not understand this world
Everything is dying and broken
Why do I see nothing but suffering

God I'm asking could this be Your plan Sin has taken hold of this whole land Will You not say anything else to me?

He said where were you the day that I measured Sunk the banks and stretched the line over All the earth and carved out its corner stone?

Where were you the day that I spoke and Told the sun to split the night open Caused the morning dark with its light to show

Who shut in the ocean with stone doors Marked the reach of tides on those new shores Hung the day the waves rose and first broke forth

Have you seen the springs of that great sea Walked the caverns carved in the black deep Through the gates of darkness there on its floor

Have you seen the armoury i hold Snow and hail are stacked up in silos For the times of trouble and war and strife

Can you raise your voice to the storm cloud Would the thunder answer and ring out Does the lightning ask you where it should strike

Who has cleft the channels for torrents Rain to sprout the desert with forest In the wilderness that my hand has built

Can you hunt the prey for your lions
Can you use the cords of orion
Is this whole world bending beneath your will?

I spoke of things I did not understand Things too wonderful for me Although I had no right to ask My God knelt and answered me

Ghost Ship, 2013

# 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.

## **Community Life**

Today 10 am **Christianity Explored Interest Meeting** Please consider joining us for this information meeting in the Hank & Dolly Gallery. We'd love to address any questions or thoughts you have about joining this year's group.

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 this morning. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer.

3-5 pm

**Youth Group this Evening** Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. *Email Mary Paxton or Nicholas with any questions*.

**Feb. 14** 6 pm

Ash Wednesday Service We are excited to meet for Ash Wednesday this year as we head into the season of Lent. We will serve pizza for dinner at 5:15 pm in the Underground. The service will start at 6 pm, and we will have nursery workers available to care for children aged o–kindergarten. Please use the QR code here so we can provide enough childcare.



Feb. 16-18

DEADLINE Feb. 2 High School House Party Join us for the 3rd annual High School House Party! This is a great opportunity for students to spend time with each other and their leaders. There will be teaching, small groups, worship, games, good food and more! Please don't hesitate to contact Mary Paxton and Nicholas for scholarship information. Use the OR code here to sign up.



Join the Stream Team If you are interested in or gifted with cameras, computers, or helping out at the church, then this is a great opportunity for you to serve. The stream team is a behind-the-scenes ministry (literally) that serves our members who are not able to make it to services in person. It's easy to learn and we are also recruiting high school students. If you or someone you know would be a good team member, please contact David Atwell at davidatwell@gmail.com.

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

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will be in the Speck Gallery.

The Creatives Class will be in the City Gallery.

The Formation Hour is back! Today, we have our Artist Talk in Harrison Gallery with Johnny McKee about his show "beafterfore." Next Sunday we will have a Family Hope info meeting in the Harrison Gallery.

Nursery is open for children ages 0-3 the whole morning.

#### REDEEMER STUDENTS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- Middle School: the Underground
- High School: Room 205

#### REDEEMER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- Preschool 3: Nursery
- Preschool 4-5: Room 160 (Children's Worship)
- Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 204
- 2nd-3rd Grade: Room 201
- 4th-5th Grade Boys: Room 203
- 4th-5th Grade Girls: Sky Gallery (3rd Floor)

# **Closing Hymn**

"All You Do is Good"

All
You are full of compassion and abounding in love,
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into praise.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. And all you do is good, and all you do is good.

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves Those who hate you, you ransom, Give you blood for their shame. With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. And all you do is good, and all you do is good.

You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you, You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you, You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free, it's, Who you are, it's who you were, it's who you will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind
Flowing over with healing, inexhaustible might.
You in us, we in you, the delight of your face.
Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. And all you do is good, and all you do is good.

Nathan Partain, 2015

## **Benediction**

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2024 year-to-date giving: \$60,184

January-December 2023 budget:

\$254,909

Congregational Giving

 January 7, 2023
 \$ 42,820

 January 14, 2023
 \$ 18,764

 January Total
 \$ 60,184

#### **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.

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