



Ordinary Time  
Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
23 July 2023

## Cover Art

*LEGO sanctuary by Felix Hein*

## Banners

*Luci Rader*

*Following the church calendar, we are in ordinary time. Just before his ascension Jesus sent out his disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28). The painted lines on the fabric map out a section of the Middle East, including Israel and surrounding countries. They can remind us of the story that Jesus began in his time with his disciples—one of lifelong faith and trust that God will work through us wherever we go.*

## Back Wall

*“Quest” by the Kid’s Club Kids*

*This year at Kid’s Club, knights and ladies in training were on a Quest to know our true King and follow him with our lives. At our Friday night celebration, children, volunteers, and family members created foil crown panels to celebrate all that we learned about our King and his everlasting kingdom.*

## Hanging Installation

*“Letters of Hope” by Nick Dodge & Michael Taft with the Fossy Posse*

*Much like Luke’s Gospel, dedicated to Theophilus, comes as a message of hope about Jesus’ coming into the world, these hanging letters are meant to remind us of different words of hope we heard from God and our loved ones the Advent Season. Most of these letters are simply white but if you look closely some of them are misted with gold paint, reminding us of the divine words that come through ordinary letters.*

## South Window

*Ancient Redeemer Advent Window*

## Communion Set

*Craig Dodge Lile*

# Call to Worship

*from Psalm 9*

*Leader*

The LORD reigns forever;  
He has established his throne for judgment.  
He rules the world in righteousness  
and judges the peoples with equity.

*All*

**The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

*Leader*

Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

*All*

**Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations what he has done.  
For he who avenges blood remembers;  
he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.**

# Opening Hymn

*“The Glory of His Name”*

*All*

**Let my whole soul bloom like a morning flower,  
Spread out my arms to sing my Maker’s praise;  
And let that sound, a flock of birds, come pouring.  
The rivers rise and flood their rocky banks;  
The flute o’erflows, the drum o’erflows, the voice o’erflows  
The glory of his name.**

**Then breaks my soul, a mighty clap of thunder;  
The pillars shake, the heav’ns begin to fall;  
The mountains split, a world of fear and wonder.  
The dark is day, the forest stripped and bare;  
The wise laid low, all might laid low, all thoughts made known  
The glory of his name.**

**Yet in my soul his calm is ever speaking,  
Through every hour, against the violence there.  
He is the King, though all I see is dying;  
When all has passed, his word will still be there.  
The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice  
The glory of his name.**

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*Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*based on Psalm 15; Romans 8; Psalm 34*

*Leader* Who may enter and worship in your presence, O Lord?

*All* **Those who live blameless lives and do what is right;  
those who speak the truth from sincere and honest hearts.**

**Give us grace to speak the truth about ourselves  
and confess our sin to you.**

*Leader* God says, “nothing can separate you from the love of Christ Jesus;  
not hardship, nor betrayal; not even our death.”

*All* **But when the idea of our life has been smashed,  
we want it fixed,  
we do not long for more of you,  
we just want things to be back to how they were,  
we do not take every moment to you for redemption,  
we push you away with demands,  
instead of humbly seeking you to lead us.**

*Leader* God is near to the brokenhearted;  
he saves us when we’re crushed.  
He hears the humble who call to him,  
and says we’re the apple of his eye.

*All* **But in suffering and struggle, we sink deep in self-pity;  
we turn to bitterness for protection,  
and pursue relief instead of you.  
We prefer our version of strength,  
to your call of dependence.**

*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.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on Psalm 16; John 15:11; Ephesians 1:11-14; Philippians 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 1 John 3:20*

*Leader* You are our God, apart from you we have no good thing.

*All* **Whatever is good, whatever is beautiful,  
whatever is pure, these all radiate from you.**

*Leader* You have set us in a safe and pleasant place.

*All* **We are secure in Christ, and sealed with His Spirit;  
a sure deposit on our promised inheritance!**

*Leader* Therefore, we will keep our eyes fixed on the Lord.

*All* **With Christ beside us, we will not be shaken.  
Not by the lies our hearts tell us,  
by the constant fears which haunt us,  
nor by the real threats which assail us.**

*Leader* You will never leave us alone, nor abandon us in death.

*All* **Christ was abandoned for our sake.  
Our life is now bound up in his.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”*

*All*

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.**

**Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye**

*Indelible Grace Music, 2002*

# 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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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 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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I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love."**

*Nathan Partain, 2014*



# Prayer of Dependence

## 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 ages 4-Kindergarten are welcome to attend Children's Worship.*

*You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship (ages 4-Kindergarten) 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

*Psalm 23*

*Reader*

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
  
- <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
  
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

*Reader*

This is the Word of the Lord.

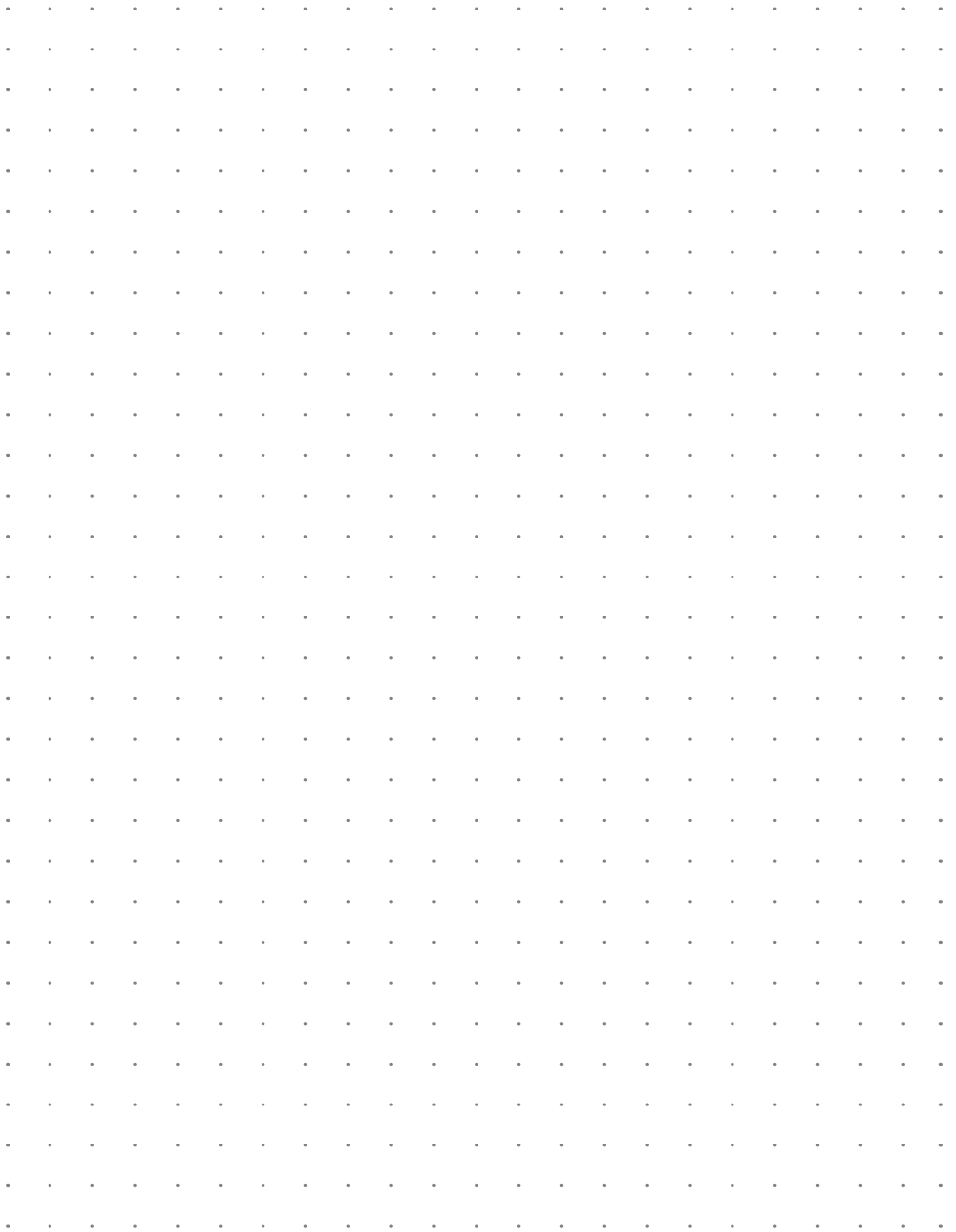
*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Nicholas McDonald

# Notes



# Additional References

1. *I need to understand my* \_\_\_\_\_

*“We wake, if we ever wake at all, to mystery, rumors of death, beauty, violence. . . . “Seem like we’re just set down here,” a woman said to me recently, “and don’t nobody know why.”*

*—Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek**

2. *I need to understand my* \_\_\_\_\_

*When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept.*

*John 11:33-35*

3. *I need to understand my* \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.*

# First Communion

Alistair Brumbaugh

*Second Service*

# Prayer

## *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

*"I Belong to Jesus"*

*All*

**I belong to Jesus  
I am not my own.  
All I have and all I am  
Shall be his alone.  
I belong to Jesus  
He is Lord and King,  
Reigning in my inmost heart,  
Over everything.**

**I belong to Jesus  
Blessed, be the thought!  
With his own most precious blood  
He my soul has bought.  
I belong to Jesus  
He has died for me;  
I am his, and he is mine,  
Through eternity.**

**I belong to Jesus  
He will keep my soul,  
When the deathly waters dark,  
Round about me roll.  
I belong to Jesus;  
And fore'er I'll stand,  
With my precious Savior there,  
In his glorious land.**

*words M. Fraser; music Nathan Partain, July 29, 2005*

## 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

OPENS  
NEXT  
SUNDAY

**Fall Bible Study Registration Opens Next Week** Redeemer Women and Redeemer Men will study the Book of Psalms this fall. Once the registrations are open, you will choose the option and time that works best for you. *Please reach out to Emily (emily@redeemindy.org) if you have any questions.*

August 12  
9 am-12 pm

**Weekend Respite** Our care ministry partners with Redeemer Kids to provide quarterly respite childcare events to single parents, parents of children with special needs, and foster and adoptive parents. Our respite care event includes lunch. *Please sign up by August 7th with the QR code, so we can assure that we have enough volunteers. Sign-ups also help us plan for one-on-one support and food allergies. If you are interested in volunteering to serve the families of Redeemer in this way, email Amanda Huron (amanda.huron@redeemindy.org).*



August 13  
10 am

**Town Hall Meeting** This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about what our Sunday sermons will focus on this Fall and what we're excited about, like Mercy Month and our new Discovering Redeemer format.

Sept. '23  
-May '24  
9:30 am  
-12 pm

**MOPS** Join us this September through next May on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month in the Underground for good discussion, thought-provoking speakers, and the support of other moms. *Use the QR code to register.*



*More information can be found at our website: [redeemindy.org](http://redeemindy.org).*

## SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR

*We invite you to join us for a Summer Social Hour, taking the place of Sunday classes. Grab a cup of coffee, yummy treat, and sit and chat for a bit. If you attend the 8:30 am service, plan to stay after the service! If you attend the 11:00 am service, plan to come early! It will be a great time to connect with old and new friends.*

*Please note that our nursery will close after the first service and will open back up before the second service at 10:45 am. So please know that you are responsible for your children's whereabouts during the Summer Social Hour.*



# Closing Hymn

*“My Hope is Built”*

*All*

**My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest upon unchanging grace;  
In every rough and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,  
O may I then be found in him;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

*words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury 1863*

## Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:  
\$1,352,953

January-July 2023 budget:  
\$1,625,114

## Congregational Giving

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|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| July 2, 2023 .....      | \$        | 63,684        |
| July 9 2023 .....       | \$        | 23,719        |
| <b>July Total .....</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>87,404</b> |

## 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](mailto: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 Table for a small gift! We'll be in touch.

### I AM A...

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

### FIRST & LAST NAME

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- Men     Women

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Men     Women

### CONTACT

Email 

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Phone 

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### I'D LIKE TO... \*

- Become a Member  
 Join a Community Group  
 Use my Artistic Talents  
 Talk to Someone About Counseling  
 Do Something Else:

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\*Go to [www.redeemindy.org/ministries](http://www.redeemindy.org/ministries) for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.



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