

### **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 40

Leader Blessed is the one

who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

All Many, LORD my God,

are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.

Leader None can compare with you;

were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

All You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

## **Opening 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 thanks.

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, all you do is good, All you do is good.

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves. Those who hate you, you ransom, give your 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, all you do is good, 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; Running over with healing, inexhaustible might. You in us, and we in you, the delight in 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, all you do is good, All you do is good.

Nathan Partain, 2015

# **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

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.

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

"The Lord Will Provide"

All The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied as long as it's written, "The Lord will provide."

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, Just one thing secures us, whatever betide, His Spirit assures us, "The Lord will provide."

#### Refrain:

All

Leader And this promise remains,

All Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.

Leader Through all the ages unchanged,

All Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide.

Leader In all our want, in our pain,

Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide. Faithful through all of our days.

We're told we are weak, and our hope is in vain, The good that we seek we never shall obtain, But when such suggestions, our graces have tried, This answers all questions, "The Lord will provide."

[Refrain]

When life sinks apace, and when death is in view, The word of His grace shall comfort us through, Not fearing or doubting, with Christ on our side, We hope to die singing, "The Lord will provide."

[Refrain]

words: John Newton, 1775; alt words and refrain: Nathan Partain; music: Nathan Partain, 2012

# Song in the Gospel

"Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness"

All
Jesus, thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day; For who ought to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved, through these I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.

And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!

Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,

In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.

This spotless robe the same appears, When ruined nature sinks in years; No age can change, its glorious hue, The robe of Christ is ever new.

So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.

And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!

Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,

In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.

O let the dead now hear thy voice; Now bid thy banished ones rejoice; Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.

So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed. And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King! Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His, In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.

words Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; music Nathan Partain, 2010

## **Prayer of Dependence**

Blake & Renata Jackson

## **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]



# **Offertory Song**

"By His Word (Psalm 33)"

Leader

By His word the heavens were made, All the stars by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the sea into jars; Puts them deep in His storehouse.

All

Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all people revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

Leader

From the heavens Jesus looks down, His mind on all of mankind He sculpted our hearts and our souls With his eyes on those who hope

We will wait in hope for the Lord He's our help and shield In Him all our hearts will rejoice For we trust His name.

By His word we're held in His love, In that thought we could never be lost. He suffered the ultimate cost We are now found free in Him!

Josie Aalsma, 2023

# **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 25

Reader

- In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.
- I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
- <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.
- Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
- <sup>10</sup> All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
- For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
- Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?
  He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.
- They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.
- The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.
- My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

- Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
- <sup>17</sup> Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish.
- Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.
- <sup>19</sup> See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!
- <sup>20</sup> Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- <sup>21</sup> May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.
- <sup>22</sup> Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

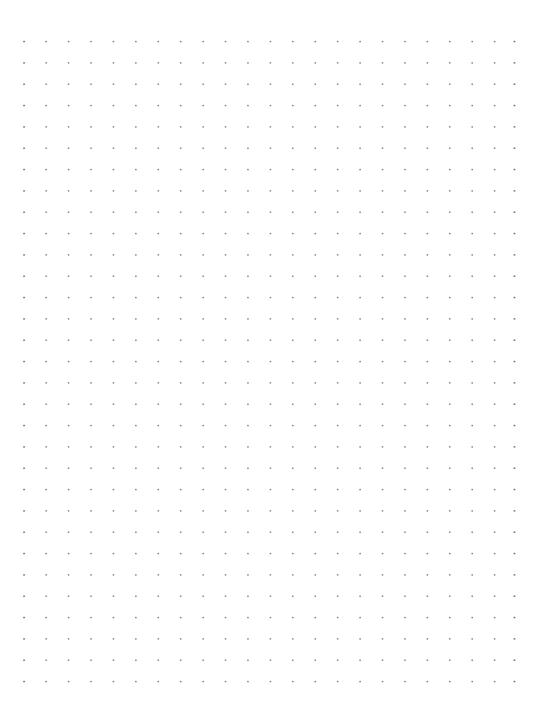
Reader This is the People Thanks be

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

## Sermon

Ben Reed

# Notes



### **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 Blake & Renata Jackson 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

"Penitence"

All Weary I come, Lord, to Thee,
Low at Thy feet I fall;
Wilt Thou hear my penitent plea,
As I upon Thee call?

I sink beneath this all-cleansing wave, Which now by faith I see; Simply I trust Thy power to save, My Lord has died for me.

May every thought now depart From this poor heart of mine; And wilt Thou peace and glory impart— Make me entirely Thine?

Ohhhhh, ohhhhh I sink underneath, all His waves of peace Love so vast and deep, He has covered me

Rhoda K. Byrum, Josie Aalsma

## 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**

We want to take the time thank Josie Aalsma for all her ministry this summer before she goes back to school at Covenant College.

# **Community Life**

Today

Church Plant Prayer Join us at 10 am this morning in the Sanctuary to pray for our church planting ministry. This time will be a place for our congregation to support this ministry through our prayers and seeking Christ together. We gather to pray for church planting on the first Sunday of every month.

OPEN
TODAY
CLOSES
NEXT
WEEK

Fall Bible Study Registration is Open Redeemer Women and Redeemer Men will study the Book of Psalms this fall. There are multiple meeting days and times, so please 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 tomorrow 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

**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.

**August 13** 12:30 pm

**RK Volunteer Training Lunch** Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We'd love for you to join our volunteer team this fall. We have needs in Nursery (0-3) and Children's Worship (4-Kindergarten) once a month and in each of our Sunday School classs. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail emily@redeemindy.org. Also, use the QR code to register for our Fall Volunteer Training Lunch.



August 20

Evangelism Coaching Info Meeting Have you ever wanted to invite someone to Christianity Explored or church but can't figure out how? Do you have a co-worker you want to have more intentional meaningful conversation with? You're not alone! Consider joining us for an informational meeting to hear more about an opportunity for gentle coaching and low-key accountability while tackling these questions. We will meet in the Speck Gallery. No need to register; just show up to hear more.

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.



Wednesday Morning Childcare-takers Please consider joining our child care team if you are an adult or teen, have a heart to give respite to moms through care of their little ones, and have experience with babies and/or young children. Team members will be paid competitively and need to be available 9am-noon on Wednesdays. If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please scan the QR code to apply, or contact Sarah Partain (sarah.partain@redeemindy.org) with any questions.



More information can be found at our website: 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**

"We Will Feast"

All We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid; For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One; And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored. "He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015

### **Benediction**

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2023 year-to-date giving: \$1,544,000

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

#### Congregational Giving

July 2, 2023\$	63,684
July 9, 2023\$	23,719
July 16-23, 2023\$	139,088
July 30, 2023\$	51,959
July Total\$	278,451

#### **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 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
□ Out-of-Town Guest □ Redeemer Member
FIRST & LAST NAME
□ Men □ Women
SPOUSE OR FRIEND
□ Men □ Women
CONTACT
Email
Phone
I'D LIKE TO *
Become a Member
Join a Community Group
Use my Artistic Talents
Talk to Someone About Counseling
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