



Ordinary Time II

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
20 August 2023

Cover Art

Esther Gray, Saturn 1: Call, fabric, 2023

Through her multimedia paintings and sculptures, the Esther expresses the concept of existence as an inheritance and the impact of interconnectedness on us and our surroundings.

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

The Kid’s Club Kids, Quest, foil paper, 2023

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.

South Window

Marcia Jones and Susan Jones

Communion Set

Craig Dodge Lile

Call to Worship

from Romans 12

Leader Jesus gave up everything to save an imperfect, rebellious world.
we are called to respond to his mercy:

All **I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.**

Leader Jesus gave up everything to save an imperfect, rebellious world.

All **His mercy is unsearchable! His love is boundless!**

Opening Hymn

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

All

**Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee
Swift and beautiful for thee**

**Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my king
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee
filled with messages from thee**

**Take my love my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be, ever only all for thee
ever only all for thee**

words: Frances Havergal, 1874; music: Louis Hérold, 1839

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

“Abide with Me”

All

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.**

**Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee.
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.**

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

Song in the Gospel

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

All

**Arise my soul arise shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands**

**Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise**

**He ever lives above for me to intercede
His all-redeeming love is precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace**

**Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise**

**Five bleeding wounds He bears received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me
“Forgive Him, oh forgive” they cry, “Forgive Him, oh forgive” they cry
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die”**

**Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise**

**My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh
And “Father, Abba, Father” cry**

**Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Arise (*arise*) arise (*arise*) arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise**

words: Charles Wesley, 1742; music and chorus: Kevin Twit, 1996

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 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]



Ministry Spotlight

STUDENTS SUMMER CONFERENCE

This summer Redeemer Students took 56 students to two different camps. Both were great opportunities to connect with Jesus and build deeper relationships outside the normal routines of life.

This morning we will hear from Elliott Rader who went to Ridgehaven in North Carolina and Melissa Tolbert who went to The Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Florida about their experiences.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 26

Reader

- ¹ Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- ² Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
- ⁴ I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- ⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- ⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
- ⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- ¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- ¹² My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

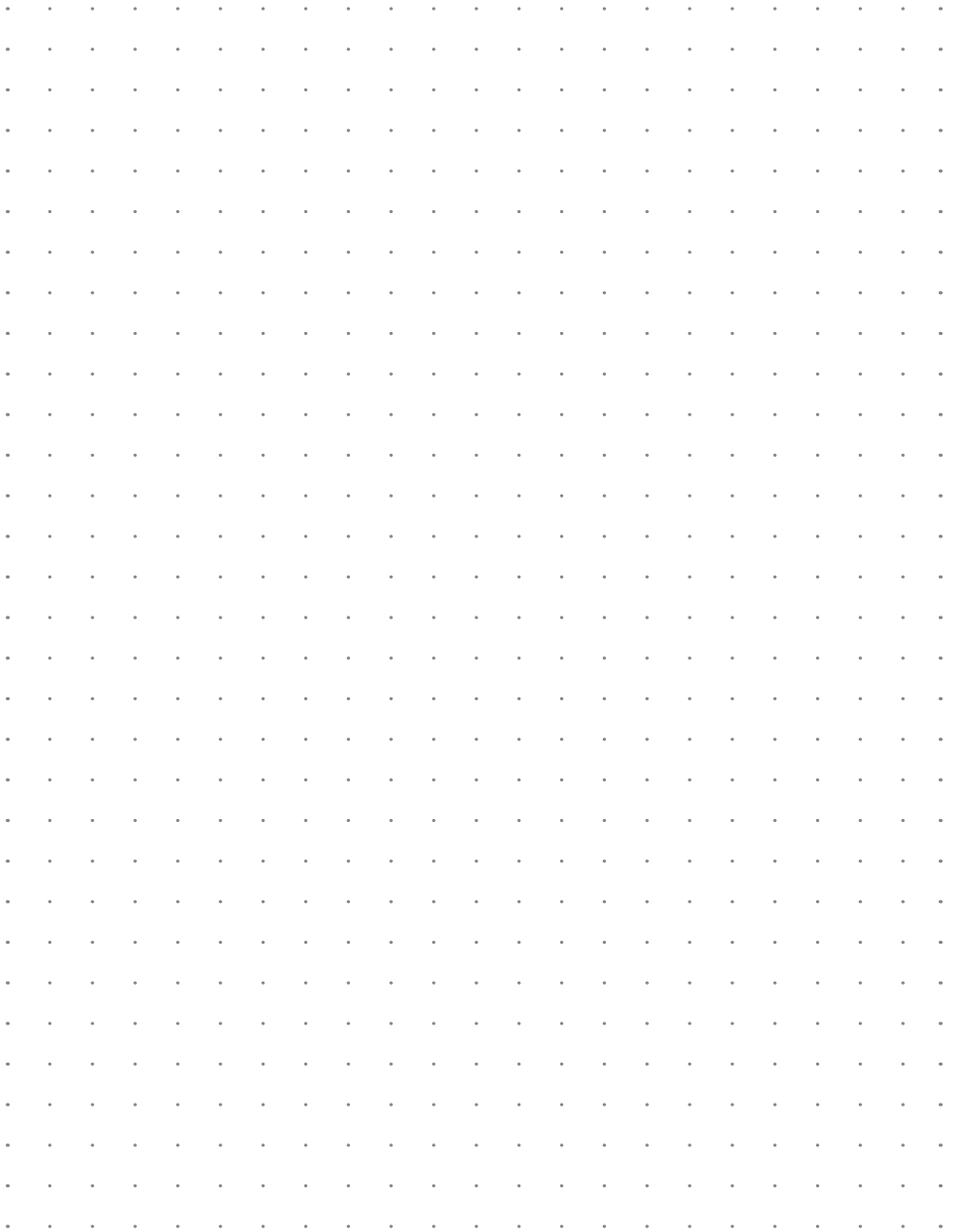
People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

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 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

"I Am One of Those"

All

I am one of those, at the table not invited,
and to all here at the feast it's very plain,
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
but Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried,
and I still bear every stigma of decay,
There is no way I can hide just what I've been through,
'cause when Jesus called I came fresh from the grave.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low,
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious,
the deformities and scars I have today,
Yet while I was vile with sickness Jesus loved me,
he healed, restored and through and through remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison,
and I've done more evil things than I could say,
But Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles,
and to set me free, he died and took my place.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low,
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly,
self-righteous critical religion was my stain,
So I ran to Christ to wash and be discovered,
Jesus called me out and covered up my shame.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low,
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

Nathan Partain, 2009

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

Evangelism Coaching Info Meeting Consider joining us for an informational meeting to hear more about an opportunity for gentle coaching and low-key accountability. *We will meet in the Speck Gallery.*

6:30 pm

Redeemer Students Parents' Meeting Parents, if you have a child in 6th–12th grade, we would love for you to join us for a parent get-together in the Underground. You can meet Mary Paxton, Nicholas, and our incredible team of volunteer leaders, and hear our plans for the fall.

August 30

6:7 pm

Prayer Service We are excited to meet for fellowship and worship. This will be a time of coming together in the midst of our busy schedules. We will serve 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 0–5. *Please, use the QR code to help prepare for childcare.*



Sept. 10

12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch Join us for lunch and meet Redeemer leaders and other newcomers, hear some of our stories, ask questions, and find out next steps for getting involved. This is an excellent opportunity to get connected! All ages are welcome. Childcare and pizza will be provided in the children's worship room. *Use the QR code to RSVP.*



Begins

Sept. 17

9:30 am

-10:50 am

REGISTER
BY **SEPT. 13**

Discovering Redeemer Class Join us for our revamped membership class! Discovering Redeemer is now a 6-week class taking place during the Sunday School hour, culminating with a Saturday night dinner. We will cover core topics like what we believe about the gospel, the church, membership, stewardship, and the city, as well as how to live well as a follower of Christ. *This class is mandatory for membership, so use the QR code to register.*



Sept. 29th

–Oct. 1st

CIP Youth Fall Retreat Join us for a weekend of fun activities, worship, robust biblical teaching and more, alongside students from all over Central Indiana. Be sure to register soon, invite a friend, and we hope to see you there! *Use the QR code to register.*



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 have a heart to give respite to moms through care of their little ones. Team members will be paid competitively. *If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please scan the QR code to apply*



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

The Creatives Class kickoff this week in the City Gallery.

The Formation Hour starts this week in the Harrison Gallery! The Formation Hour rotation features Artist Talks, teaching and Q&A with Redeemer leaders, as well as updates and prayer for the Near Westside church plant, we'll have something different happening every Sunday. We hope you'll join us!

Today, we'll hear from Pastor Ben Hein, who will share what God is up to in the Haughville neighborhood, and lead us in prayer for Redeemer's church planting ministry.

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)*

TODAY ONLY EVANGELISM COACHING INFO MEETING

Please consider joining us for an informational meeting to hear more about an opportunity for gentle coaching and low-key accountability. This is not a Sunday school class, but a cohort created to tackle questions like "How do I have more intentional and meaningful conversations with co-workers?" or "Should I be concerned that I don't have non-believing friends?" *We will meet in the Speck Gallery and talk more about what our monthly meetings will be like.*

Closing Hymn

“It is Well”

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

Though Satan should buffet, tho’ 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, (*it is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*).
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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

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

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

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

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$1,644,327

January-August 2023 budget:

\$1,857,273

Congregational Giving

August 6, 2023\$ 57,176

August 13, 2023\$ 43,151

August Total\$ 100,327

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

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
 Do Something Else:

*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

