Ordinary Time

Redeemer Presbyterian Church 3 September 2023

Cover Art

Esther Gray, Saturn 1: Call, fabric, 2023

Through her multimedia paintings and sculptures, the artist 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.

South Window

Marcia Jones and Susan Jones, South Window Collaboration, 2023

The Jones sisters in Christ met nine years ago this August. Their piece hanging in the south window is their first official collaboration.

Depicted in glass is the Crown of Life, a heavenly reward for those saints who resist temptation, endure life's trials, or suffer persecution. The quilted side panels are a reminder of not only Christ's kingship but also the other crowns received by his saints in heaven.

During the process, Marcia and Susan would often spontaneously sing, "Crown Him with many crowns!"

Communion Set Craig Dodge Lile

Call to Worship

from 1 Corinthians 15

- Leader I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time.
- All
 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.
- Leader But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.
- All It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.
- Leader So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable.
 Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

All A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing Our Helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great and armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

> Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he! Lord Sabbaoth his name, from age to age the same And he must win the battle

> And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us We will not fear for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him His rage we can endure for lo, his doom is sure One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs no thanks to them abideth The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also The body they may kill. God's truth abideth still His kingdom is forever

Martin Luther

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

"Psalm 136–The LORD is All That's Good"

All The LORD is all that's good.
He is the Power of powers.
He is the Beauty of beauties.
He is the Fear of fears.
He alone is the Author of wonders.
His thoughts are like the universe.
His care spread the earth on the water.
He's the Truth of the day. He's the Hope through the night.

His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful. His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able. To make us stand pure in his sight.

He crushed the head of death, Delivered us from the reach of his hand. With his mighty arm he made us a path, A way through the deep, we walk on dry land. While Pharaoh is damned to darkness, He guides us through the wilderness. He breaks every scepter, makes low every name. In us he has planted his kingdom, his flame.

His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful. His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able. To make us like stars in the night.

He never forgets our weakness. He spares us from the enemy. He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth. Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!

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Nathan Partain, 2000

Song in the Gospel

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

All Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

> King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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Gerard Moultrie (1864)

Prayer of Dependence

Katie Pourcho and Barb Knuckles

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 27

 ² When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. ⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and est me high upon a mode. 	Reader	Reader
this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent		
and set me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.		

7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

 Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

ReaderThis is the Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sermon

Jeff Nottingham

Notes

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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 Katie Pourcho and Barb Knuckles 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

"Oh How Good to Be Together"

All Oh how good to be together In this weary world we trod What a gift what a treasure Kindred in the house of God

> On this day the Lord has fashioned Come rejoice with all your might Raise a banner of salvation He has led us through the night

Refrain:

Oh the joy oh the sweetness To be gathered in the name of the Lord Evermore, he will keep us From the valley to the golden shore

When it looked like evil conquered When we felt the darkest hour In despair we sought the Father And he has proved his mighty power

[Refrain]

Tell the theme of his provision How he met our every need He has been our firm foundation And he will ever always be

[Refrain]

Wood Drake Sessions feat. Sandra McCracken (2021)

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

lowy	and prayer is a big part of how we learn to live that out. To that end, we've partnered Daily Prayer Project for daily prayer and Bible reading plans that take some of the gu out of how and where to start. Grab a new prayer guide for Ordinary Time today!	with the
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. <i>This class is mandatory</i> <i>for membership, so use the QR code to register.</i>	
Sept. 17 12-2 pm	Fountain Square Pres 10-Year Anniversary Please consider joining our daughter church Fountain Square Pres as they celebrate their 10th anniversary with a pitch- in picnic at nearby Garfield Park. Bring food to share, games to play, and enjoy an afternoon in the park!	
Sept. 29 –Oct. 1	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! <i>Use the QR code to register</i> .	
Nov. 3-4	Apologetics Conference Our sister church, New Life Presbyterian Church in Yorktown, will offer its second annual free apologetics conference. On November 3-4 Dr. Jeff Zweerink and Dr. Eric Hedin will help attendees navigate the relationship between science and faith. <i>Childcare will be available for children age</i> <i>1 year old through 3rd grade. Registration and additional info can be found with the</i> <i>QR code here.</i>	
	Wednesday Morning Childcare Helper 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. <i>If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please scan the QR code to apply</i>	
	New Hope Bookkeeper Job Opening New Hope Counseling is looking for a part- time bookkeeper (10-15 per week). We are looking for someone who is proficient	

NEW Daily Prayer Guides Desperate dependence on Jesus is one of our values as a church,

looking i at Quickbooks Online and Google Suite Applications, and skilled at analyzing and interpreting financial reports. If you would like to apply for the job, send your resume to Tara Page at tara@newhopeindianapolis.org. Learn more about the position with the QR code here.

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

The Formation Hour continues this week in the Harrison Gallery! The Formation Hour features Artist Talks, teaching and Q&A with Redeemer leaders, as well as church planting prayer. We'll have something different happening every Sunday.

This week, we invite you to join us for Sunday Social Hour. Grab a cup of coffee, yummy treat, and sit and chat for a bit. It will be a great time to connect with old and new friends. Next Sunday (September 10) we will have our Artist Talk 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)

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR THE FAITH & WORK COHORT

Through partnerships with Redeemer New York's Gotham City Fellowship, Circle City Fellowship and Leaf Vocational Guild, we're pleased to be offering eight new spaces for our Faith and Work Cohort this semester. This 12-week group is devoted to exploring how the gospel impacts the why, how and what of our workplace as we seek to bless the city of Indianapolis and seek its flourishing under Jesus.

The fee to join is \$45 per semester, which includes books, workbooks and special events (if considering joining as a couple, the \$45 fee will cover you both). For any *questions, contact Nicholas McDonald.* Use the QR code to learn more.



Closing Hymn

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

All On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

> All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Refrain:

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land, I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

[Refrain]

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

[Refrain]

text: Samuel Stennett; music: Christopher Miner (1997)

Benediction

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> 2023 year-to-date giving: \$1,704,540

> > January-August 2023 budget: \$1,857,273

Congregational Giving

August 6, 2023\$	57,176
August 13, 2023\$	43,151
August 20, 2023\$	29,559
August 27, 2023\$	30,655
August Total\$	160,541

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

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🗌 Male 🛛 Female

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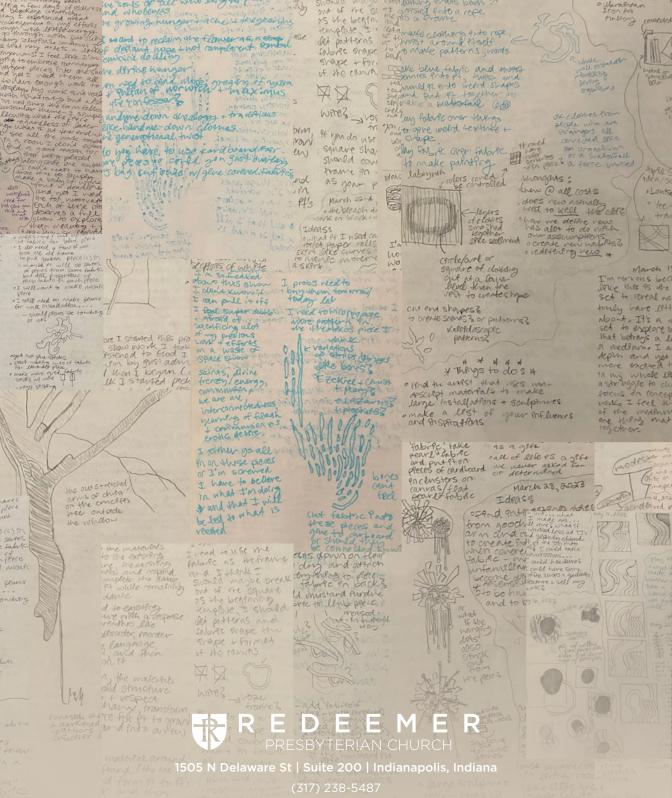
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