



# Ordinary Time II

Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
10 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 Isaiah 40:9-11*

*Leader*      O Zion, messenger of good news,  
                  shout from the mountaintops!  
Shout it louder, O Jerusalem.  
                  Shout, and do not be afraid.  
Tell the towns of Judah,  
                  “Your God is coming!”

*All*            **Yes, the Sovereign LORD is coming in power.  
                  He will rule with a powerful arm.**

*Leader*      See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.  
                  He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

*All*            **He will carry the lambs in his arms,  
                  holding them close to his heart.  
He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young.**

# Opening Hymn

*“How Firm a Foundation”*

*All*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.**

**“That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

*Words: K. (1787) Tune: Adeste Fideles*

# 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

*“Thy Mercy, My God”*

*All*

**Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last  
Has won my affection and bound my soul fast**

**Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I’ve found**

**Great Father of mercies! Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

**All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

*Words: John Stocker Music: Sandra McCracken (2001)*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Man of Sorrows / Hallelujah! What a Savior!”*

*All*

**“Man of Sorrows,” what a name,  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned he stood;  
Sealed my pardon with his blood:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we:  
Spotless Lamb of God was He:  
Full atonement, can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Lifted up was He to die,  
“It is finished,” was His cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**When he comes, our glorious King,  
All his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

*original: P.P.Bliss (1875) updated: Ascend the Hill (2010)*



# Prayer of Dependence

*AJ & Jennie Rader*

## 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](https://redeemindy.org/give)]*



## Storied Lives

*Storied Lives are groups that explore the participants' pasts for them to live more freely in their present. They are offered through New Hope Counseling, Redeemer's counseling service.*



# Scripture Reading

*Psalm 28*

*Reader*

- <sup>1</sup> To you, LORD, I call;  
you are my Rock,  
do not turn a deaf ear to me.  
For if you remain silent,  
I will be like those who go down to the pit.
- <sup>2</sup> Hear my cry for mercy  
as I call to you for help,  
as I lift up my hands  
toward your Most Holy Place.
- <sup>3</sup> Do not drag me away with the wicked,  
with those who do evil,  
who speak cordially with their neighbors  
but harbor malice in their hearts.
- <sup>4</sup> Repay them for their deeds  
and for their evil work;  
repay them for what their hands have done  
and bring back on them what they deserve.
- <sup>5</sup> Because they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD  
and what his hands have done,  
he will tear them down  
and never build them up again.
- <sup>6</sup> Praise be to the LORD,  
for he has heard my cry for mercy.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy,  
and with my song I praise him.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is the strength of his people,  
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.
- <sup>9</sup> Save your people and bless your inheritance;  
be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*Reader*  
*People*

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

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

## Notes

A large grid of small dots for taking notes, consisting of 20 columns and 25 rows.

# 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 AJ & Jennie Rader 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

*"In Tenderness"*

*All*

**In tenderness he sought me  
Weary and sick with sin  
And on His shoulders brought me  
Back to His fold again  
While angels in His presence sang  
Until the courts of heaven rang**

*Refrain:*

**Oh, the love that sought me!  
Oh, the blood that bought me!  
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God**

**He died for me while I was sinning  
Needy and poor and blind  
He whispered to assure me  
"I've found thee; thou art Mine"  
I never heard a sweeter voice  
It made my aching heart rejoice**

*[Refrain]*

**Upon His grace I'll daily ponder  
And sing anew His praise  
With all adoring wonder  
His blessings I retrace  
It seems as if eternal days  
Are far too short to sing His praise**

*[Refrain]*

*Words: W. Spencer Walton music: Sing Team (2017)*

## 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**  
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, even if you haven't signed up.

**\*NEW\* Daily Prayer Guides** Desperate dependence on Jesus is one of our values as a church, and prayer is a big part of how we learn to live that out. To that end, we've partnered with the Daily Prayer Project for daily prayer and Bible reading plans that take some of the guesswork out of how and where to start. Grab a new prayer guide for Ordinary Time today!

**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. 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 picnic at Garfield Park. Bring food to share, games to play, and enjoy an afternoon in the park!



**Sept. 30**  
9am-1pm

**Saturday Seminary | Self-stewardship** Join Covenant Theological Seminary professor Dr. Tasha Chapman for a conversation about vocation, embodiment, work, agency, and finitude, and consider what research and creational norms teach us about pursuing flourishing and stewarding all that God has given us. *Childcare will be provided, but registration is required. Use the QR code to register.*



**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! *Use the QR code to register.*



**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. *Childcare will be available for children age 1 year old through 3rd grade. Registration and additional info can be found with the QR code here.*



**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. *If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please scan the QR code to apply*



**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 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 Sunday Morning Bible Study will take place in the Speck Gallery.*

*The Faith + Work Cohort will take place in the Art Mix Studio (room 146).*

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*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 morning, we invite you to join us for the Artist Talk. Sarah Peacock, Harrison Center Gallery Coordinator, will interview Tom Peck about his show in the Hank & Dolly Gallery. Next Sunday (September 17) we will have our Church Plant Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary with Ben Hein.*

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*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

*“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

*All*

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
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Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

*words: Haldor Lillenas, 1918 alt. lyrics, music, and refrain: Nathan Partain, 2011*

## Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$1,760,225

January-September 2023 budget:

\$2,089,432

## Congregational Giving

September 3, 2023 .....	\$	55,684
<b>September Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>55,684</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 Desk in the back of the sanctuary for a small gift!* We'll be in touch.

### I AM A...

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

### FIRST & LAST NAME

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- Male     Female

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Male     Female

### CONTACT

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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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