



Ordinary Time II

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
17 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 John 1

Leader God's word is powerful!

All **By God's word He created the universe.
From giant stars to single cells.
He is the author of the unsearchable wonder
and complexity of the world.
The overwhelming hugeness and intricacy
of the universe came about
when he spoke it into existence.**

Leader God's word is gracious!

All **God promised to redeem us:
a broken people with hearts postured against our loving Father.
His word became flesh in Jesus who died to fulfill this promise.
His powerful word has brought us grace upon grace.**

Leader Let's sing in awe of a powerful and gracious God!

Opening Hymn

“The Love of God”

All

**The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.**

**When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God’s love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam’s race—
The saints’ and angels’ song.**

**Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints’ and angels’ song.**

**Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.**

**Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints’ and angels’ song.**

lyrics and music: Frederick Martin Lehman

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

from Psalms 29-34; Genesis 3

Leader The LORD, the LORD, strong in love and goodness,
 sits enthroned over all he has made,
 Credit him with the glory due his name.

All **We confess, God, that you're more a part, or an afterthought,
 than the heart of our time, our thoughts,
 our relationships, our resources.
We don't bear your name joyfully and carefully;
 we're so often embarrassed
 even to be called by your name as Christians.**

Leader At times we feel so confident, like we're unshakeable,
 like a king with an overwhelming army,
 or a warrior well-armed and strong.

All **We trust in our family,
 our upbringing,
 our education,
 our gifts and abilities,
 our privilege,
 our jobs and net worth,
to keep us safe, to deliver us, to make us acceptable.**

Leader At times we feel covered in shame, like we're worthless,
 which gives a seedbed for sin.

All **In shame we isolate and disconnect from people;
 we hide in darkness and secrets.
We buy the lie that we deserve to be alone,
 that God doesn't want us.
Then, like our first parents, we cover our shame with fig leaves,
 rather than turn to our maker and redeemer.**

Leader Father, Son, and Spirit, we call out to you!

All **Hear our cry for mercy!**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

from Psalms 29-34; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 4:6

Leader

Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!

All

**Yes, what joy for those
whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!**

Leader

Your unfailing love has come through once and for all.
No one who takes refuge in the Lord will be condemned,
for Christ has been condemned in our place.

All

**Let your face shine on your servants.
Make our faces radiant,
reflecting your glory,
glowing from Jesus,
never covered in shame.**

Leader

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you threw away my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy!

All

**Give us full-throated singing,
from hearts that sing your praises out.
Fill us with joy at your mercy!**

Song in the Gospel

"Rejoice the Lord is King!"

All

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744 / Music: Nathan Partain, 2003

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 aught 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

Kevin & Amy Hern

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 29

Reader

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes
with flashes of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nicholas McDonald



Additional Texts

“Safetyism is the cult of safety - an obsession with eliminating threats (both real and imagined) to the point at which people become unwilling to make reasonable trade-offs demanded by other practical and moral concerns...” Avoid pain, avoid discomfort, avoid all potentially bad experiences.”...*[This makes] us more fragile, anxious and prone to seeing ourselves as victims. The modern obsession with protecting young people from feeling unsafe is, we believe, is one of the (several) causes of the rapid rise in rates of adolescent depression (and) anxiety...”*

—Jonathan Haidt and Greg Lukianoff, *“The Coddling of the American Mind”*

“Now I say to you in conclusion, life is hard, at times as hard as crucible steel. It has its bleak and difficult moments. Like the ever-flowing waters of the river, life as hits moments of drought and its moments of flood. Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons, life has the soothing warmth of its summers and the piercing chill of its winters. And if one will hold on...he will discover that God walks with him, and that God is able to lift you from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope, and transform dark and desolate valleys into sunlit paths of inner peace...God still has a way of wringing good out of evil. And history has proven over and over again that unmerited suffering is redemptive.”

—Martin Luther King Jr., *“Eulogy for the young victims of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing”*

Genesis 3:8

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Exodus 20:18-19

¹⁸ *When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”*

1 Kings 19:11-12

¹¹ *The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.*

Additional Texts (CONTINUED)

Mark 4:37-41

³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

John 1:14

"We beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Notes

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

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 Kevin & Amy Hern 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

“All Glory Be To Christ”

All

**Should nothing of our efforts stand; no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!**

**His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!**

**When on the day the great I am the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be all glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!**

**All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!**

words: Dustin Kensrue, to the tune of Auld Lang Syne

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

Fountain Square Pres 10-Year Anniversary Join 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. 25-27
4-5 hr. shifts

The Gospel Coalition Volunteers Please consider volunteering for TGC conference in Indy. Volunteers get free entry to the conference and a chance to show Hoosier hospitality to visitors. Food and parking are covered, along with a highly coveted TGC23 volunteer t-shirt. *Email volunteer@thegospelcoalition.org if interested.*

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.*



DEADLINE
Oct. 16

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. The groups use biblically-faithful material based on Dan Allender's work. *Email Carrie Sinsabaugh at carrie@newhopeindianapolis.org to learn more. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate, please use the QR code to apply.*



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.*



Friday
Mornings

Herron HS Volunteers Did you know we partner with Young Life at Herron High School? Young Life exists to build relationships with high school students, sharing the light of Christ. 1-2 times a month, Redeemer/Harrison Center hosts a pancake breakfast and bible studies for students interested in community and exploring faith. Naptown Young Life is in a season of rebuilding and would love to invite you to be involved. From prayer to flipping pancakes, there are many opportunities to serve. Join Corey Blade, the new Staff Associate, **on Oct 11th from 7-9 pm** for dessert in the Speck Gallery to meet him and hear how God is moving in this ministry. *Questions? Reach out to Jennie Rader (jennierader@gmail.com)*

Wednesday Morning Childcare Helpers 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).

The Creatives Class will kickoff this week in the City Gallery.

***The Formation Hour in the Harrison Gallery!** 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. Next Sunday (September 24) we will have the Mercy Movement Ministry Fair in the Courtyard.*

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

“The Lord is King”

All

**The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice, O earth and all ye heav’ns rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring, “The Lord omnipotent is king!**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days,
Sing his praise, sing his praise, all your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! who then shall dare, resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees, or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days,
Sing his praise, sing his praise, all your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! bow down you must, the Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways; let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days,
Sing his praise, sing his praise, all your days, all your days.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days,
Sing his praise, sing his praise, all your days, all your days.**

words Josiah Conder, 1824, Public Domain; music Nathan Partain, 2003, UBP

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$1,802,372



January-September 2023 budget:

\$2,089,432

Congregational Giving

September 3, 2023	\$	55,684
September 10, 2023	\$	42,147
September Total	\$	97,831

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.

I AM A...

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

FIRST & LAST NAME

- Male Female

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

CONTACT

Email

Phone

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