



Ordinary Time II

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
24 September 2023

Cover Art

Esther Gray, A Dance, fabric, wood, and cardboard, 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 Luke 18:9-14

Leader Jesus is merciful to those who seek his mercy.
He does not look favorably
on those whose righteousness is found anywhere in themselves.

All **Just as the Pharisee said,
“I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—
cheaters, sinners, adulterers; even this tax collector.”
Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.**

Leader Anyone who boasts in their own accomplishments is not justified before God.

All **But any of those who humble themselves will be exalted.
We are like the tax collector who humbled himself;
we sinners are justified before God.
We know that we belong in the presence of God.**

Leader Truly, the sinner who cries
“O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner”
is both justified before God and exalted by him.
Come, worship in the house of God!

This morning our worship team features a few of our student musicians who will be serving at the CIP Students Fall Retreat and all songs today are selections for the worship sessions. Please, be praying for the 150 Redeemer and Fountain Square students who will be attending the conference.

Opening Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

All

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime,
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

words: Matthew Bridges (1851)

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

“What Wondrous Love is This”

All

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down!
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on
And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on
And when from death I’m free I’ll sing and joyful be
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on
And through eternity I’ll sing on**

Anonymous

Song in the Gospel

“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 endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.**

**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 silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**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.**

Frances R. Havergal (1874)

Prayer of Dependence

Jeff & Autumn Nottingham

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]



Mercy Movement

The mission of Mercy Month 2023 is to begin a Mercy Movement to grow and sustain a culture of mercy among us year-round. We believe that mercy lies at the core of the gospel message, and as followers of Christ, we have received this unmerited mercy, and are called to embody this mercy, in all aspects of our lives. In our pursuit of growing and sustaining a culture of mercy, we commit to the goal of 500 individual acts of mercy in October.

This morning Julianne Vastbinder will interview Drew Myler and Jamison MacKillop about how everyone can serve more in the coming weeks, and why we are revising our message to Mercy Movement.

Use the QR code to visit our site and learn more.



Scripture Reading

Psalm 30

Reader

- ¹ I will exalt you, LORD,
for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.
- ² LORD my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me.
- ³ You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.
- ⁴ Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.
- ⁶ When I felt secure, I said,
“I will never be shaken.”
- ⁷ LORD, when you favored me,
you made my royal mountain stand firm;
but when you hid your face,
I was dismayed.
- ⁸ To you, LORD, I called;
to the LORD I cried for mercy:
- ⁹ “What is gained if I am silenced,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?”
- ¹⁰ Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me;
LORD, be my help.”
- ¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- ¹² that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.
LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Additional Text

Proverbs 1:32

For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them.

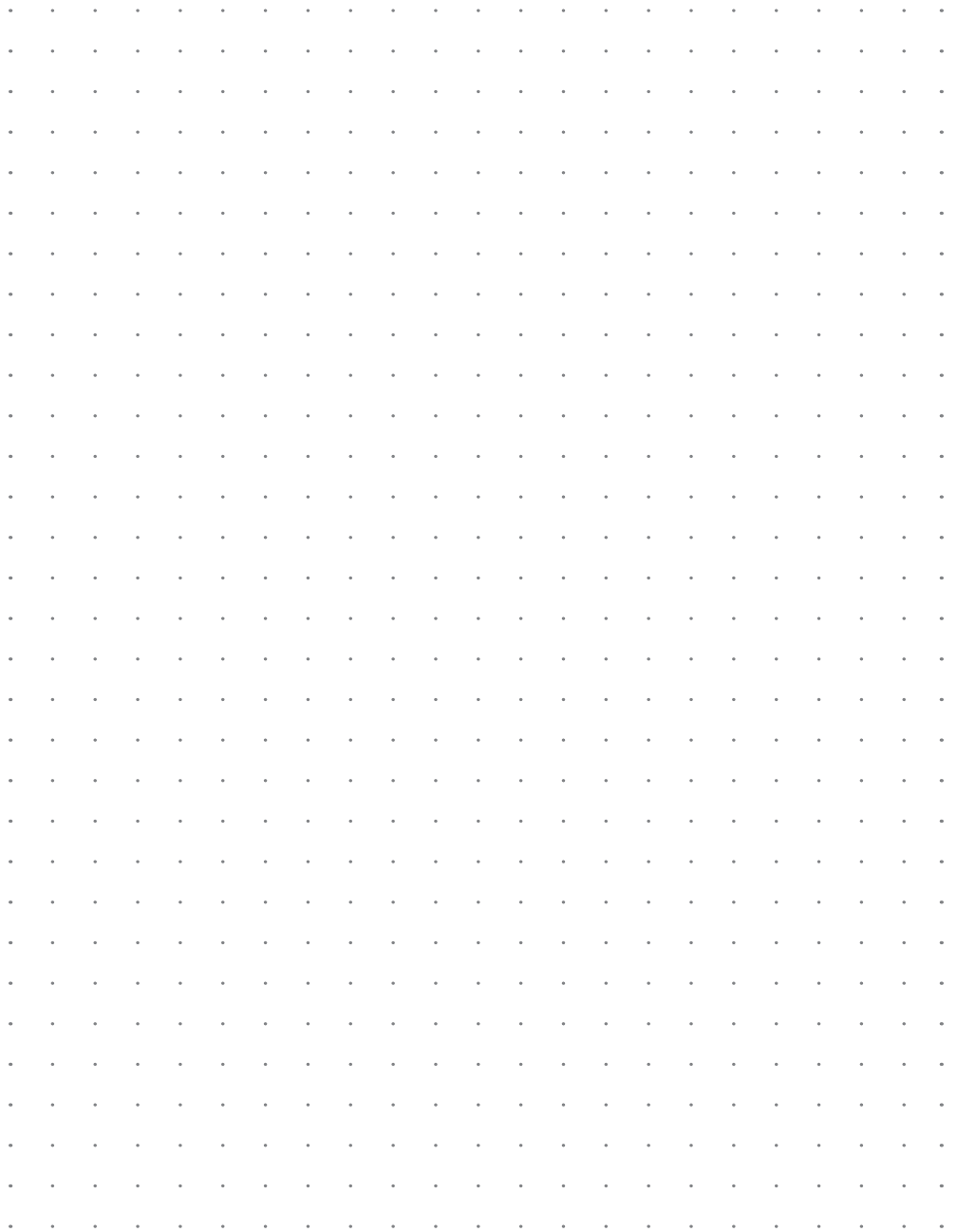
Richard Dawkins, *River out of Eden: A Darwinian View of Life*

The universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but pitiless indifference.

Acts 2:23-24

²³ Jesus of Nazareth was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Notes



First Communion

First Service:

Caleb and Maggie Froyd

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

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

“Your Labor is Not in Vain”

All

**Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain.**

**Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
but your labor is not unknown.**

Refrain:

**For I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you
For I have called you,
called you by name
Your labor is not in vain.**

**The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
the fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new:
the vineyards you plant will bear fruit.**

[Refrain]

**The houses you labored to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
and all that is broken be healed.**

[Refrain]

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell (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
3:5 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle and high school students, please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. *Email Mary Paxton Lind or Nicholas McDonald with any questions.*

Sept. 30
9am-1pm

Saturday Seminary | Self-stewardship This coming Saturday we will hear Dr. Tasha Chapman share what it looks and feels like to have a godly work-life balance. While she doesn't promise to have 'all the answers,' this will be a great time to think deeper about our faith in our vocation, relationships, and everyday challenges. All are invited to attend. *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.*



Oct. 28
3:30-5:30pm

Trunk-or-Treat at 16 Park We need your help to reach out to our neighbors at 16 Park apartment complex to build relationships with residents there. We are hoping to see 75-100 Redeemer volunteers. *(Costumes are encouraged!) Use the QR code to discover the different ways to be involved.*



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

Young Life 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. Once or twice a month, Redeemer and the Harrison Center host 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)*

Church Plant Newsletter Want to learn more about our current church planting team and what they are up to in the Near Westside/Haughville area? *Use the QR code to sign-up for their newsletter to stay up to date.*



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 Creatives Class continues this week in the City Gallery.

Mercy Movement Ministry Fair in the gym! Today, our deacon team has organized several booths for everyone to learn more about different volunteer opportunities in the next month. Next Sunday (October 1) we will have Sunday Social in the gym along with Small Business Sunday.

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

"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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

Words: W. Spencer Walton music: Citizens (2013)

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$1,829,219

January-September 2023 budget:

\$2,089,432

Congregational Giving

September 3, 2023	\$	55,684
September 10, 2023	\$	42,147
September 17, 2023	\$	26,847
September Total	\$	124,679

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

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