



Ordinary Time II

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
22 October 2023

Cover Art

Esther Gray, *A Dance*, fabric, wood, and cardboard, 2023

A dance features an unlikely grouping of pattern and color, which rests between call and response. Each element mimics the voice of its counterpart in a new way, translating the song to its own tune. It is as if the three dance a dance all their own. A dance that holds unity and distinctiveness together in lockstep.

Banners

Marcia Jones

Entryway Signs

Anna Vanest

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

Chris DePrez

Call to Worship

from 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Leader The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
All **but it is the power of God to us who are being saved.**

Leader Where is the one who is wise?
Where is the teacher of the law?
Where is the debater of this age?
Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish?

All **God chose things the world considers foolish
in order to shame those who think they are wise.
And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.**

**God chose things despised by the world,
things counted as nothing at all,
and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.**

Leader God has united you with Christ Jesus.
For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself.
Christ made us right with God;
he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

Opening Hymn

“Praise the Savior Now and Ever”

All

**Praise the Savior now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.**

**Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb, he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever; unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

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*words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson, 1863-1949
music: Attr. to William Moore, 1825, arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005 (c) 2006 Cardiphonia Music*

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

“From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)”

All **From the depths of woe I raise to thee a voice of lamentation.
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?**

Echo *Who shall stand before Thee? Who shall stand before Thee?*

All **To wash away the crimson stain: grace, grace alone availeth.
Our works, alas, are all in vain. In much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in thy sight. All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.**

Echo *Live alone by mercy. Live alone by mercy.*

All **Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit.
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support.
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.**

Echo *Wait for it with patience. Wait for it with patience.*

All **What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might. It doubteth not nor feareth.
Do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
And wait ‘til God appeareth. And wait ‘til God appeareth.**

Echo *Wait ‘til God appeareth. Wait ‘til God appeareth.*

All **Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth.
His helping love no limit knows. Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. From all their sin and sorrow.**

Echo *All their sin and sorrow. All their sin and sorrow.*

Words: Martin Luther Music: Kevin Twit

Song in the Gospel

"We Need to Hear Your Word (Psalm 119:33-40)"

All

**Train our hearts to love what you command
We let go of our perception as you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you as we follow further on
As you give us your desire, we obey with all we are.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word,
Lord, we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to fill ourselves.
Show the emptiness fulfillment is outside your perfect will,
O how easily like sheep deceived without their shepherd's voice.
Make alive in us your scripture, melody against the noise.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word,
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Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Father, help our souls to hear you,
Spirit, by your power, break through,
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

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Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

Nathan Partain, 2020

Prayer of Dependence

Blake & Renata Jackson

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]



NWS Church Plant Update

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34

Reader

- ¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.

- ⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
¹⁶ but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
²⁰ he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.
- ²¹ Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
²² The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Additional Text

Acts 14:17

Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”

Numbers 10:29

Now Moses said to Hobab son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses’ father-in-law, “We are setting out for the place about which the Lord said, ‘I will give it to you.’ Come with us and we will treat you well, for the Lord has promised good things to Israel.”

Romans 8:28-29

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Notes

A large area of dotted lines for taking notes, consisting of 20 horizontal rows of 20 dots each.

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 Blake & Renata Jackson 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

"You Have Redeemed My Soul"

All

**You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul from death.
You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul from death.**

**I was a hungry child, a dried up river.
I was a burned out forest
and no one could do anything for me.
But you put food in my body, water in my dry bed
and to my blackened branches,
You brought the spring time green of a new life.
And nothing is impossible for You**

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Don Chaffer © 1999 Blue Renaissance Music

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.

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. 19
12:30pm

Newcomer's Lunch If you are new or newish to the church, we'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. Use the QR code to register.



Facilities Team Member Redeemer has grown considerably in the last few years. That has put a unique stress on our building and our facilities team. We are looking for facilities team members who can help us care for and improve our building. If you are interested in applying for the job, email Ben Reed (ben.reed@redeemindy.org), or use the QR code to learn more.



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.

Mercy Movement

The mission of Mercy Month 2023 is to begin a Mercy Movement to grow and sustain a culture of mercy among us. In our pursuit of growing and sustaining a culture of mercy, we commit to the goal of 500 individual acts of mercy in October. So far we have seen 190 people serve our community during this season. Use the QR code to visit our site and learn more.



Mercy Movement Closing Lunch Join us in the Underground at 12:30 pm on Sunday, November 5th, for our closing Mercy Month lunch! This is to serve as a thank you for your engagement and a space for us to enjoy a meal together. We will share stories about how God engaged your heart during Mercy Month.

Special Offering As a part of Mercy Month each year, the Deacon team collects a special offering to be used for mercy and justice needs in the congregation and in the city. This includes providing scholarships for counseling sessions, rent and utilities assistance, groceries, partner ministry giving, and other miscellaneous care needs. Be looking out for the QR code in the coming weeks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will be in the Speck Gallery.

The Creatives Class will be in the City Gallery.

Charles and Sam will host an open time of Q&A in the sanctuary. Next Sunday we will hear from author Alexandra Hudson about her new book *“The Soul of Civility.”*

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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

All

**Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

**Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

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Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,039,484

January-September 2023 budget:

\$2,321,591

Congregational Giving

October 1, 2023	\$	64,802
October 8, 2023	\$	29,712
October 15, 2023	\$	71,144
October Total	\$	165,658

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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