

MERCY & JUSTICE

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
5 November 2023

Cover Art

Josh Huron, *Consuming Love*, 2023

Making this series of ink drawings was a way to process deep questions I've had regarding God's character. Historically, my ears have been more in tune to hearing the provoking questions Jesus asked only, without taking adequate time to absorb his answers. Truthfully, I did have a feeling of lostness when I first started, and maybe had for some time, but as I navigated through God's word, and labored with my pen to express what was revealed there, the condemnation I originally heard in Jesus' questions has dissolved as I now better understand the fierce and consuming love behind them.

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 Acts 2; Joel 2 NLT

Leader

What you have seen was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

'In the last days,' God says,
 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
 Your young men will see visions,
 and your old men will dream dreams.
In those days I will pour out my Spirit
 even on my servants—men and women alike—
 and they will prophesy.

All

**And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.
The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.
But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD
will be saved.'**

Leader

God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene
 by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him,
 as you well know.

All

**God raised Jesus from the dead,
and we are all witnesses of this.
Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven,
at God's right hand.**

Leader

And the Father, as he had promised,
 gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us,
 just as you see and hear today.

Opening Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

All

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

Ancient Irish poem and melody, 8th cent; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Public Domain, arr. Greg Johnson

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Isaiah 59:2; Micah 6:1-8; Zechariah 4:10

- Leader* Your sins have cut you off from God
and hidden his face from your sight.
- All* **We'll acknowledge that we're bad,
but not that we're bankrupt.
We fail to believe how spiritually needy and poor we truly are.
We cheapen grace,
make your mercy a nice add-on,
and shrink our need for a savior.**
- Leader* The LORD has redeemed us and shown us how to respond:
To act justly,
to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with him.
- All* **We're content just to express dismay at injustice:
We'll post for justice but won't work for justice.
We want to look just more than to we want to live out justice.
We find good reasons to spend more on ourselves than we need
and excuses not to love our neighbors in theirs.**
- Leader* Our LORD knows the depth of the need, he's given us his Spirit,
promises his kingdom will come, and encourages us,
"Don't despise the day of small things."
- All* **News reports and footage on social media paralyze us.
We despair because all the brokenness is so overwhelming.
What difference can we make?
And so we think God's work depends on us and our effort.**
- Leader* LORD, in your mercy, meet your needy people.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Psalm 146:6-9; Isaiah 9:7; Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 53:5; Luke 11:21-24; Romans 6:13; Psalm 33:5

- Leader* Praise you, God, maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
- All* **You remain faithful forever.**
- Leader* You uphold the cause of the oppressed
and give food to the hungry.
- All* **The LORD sets the prisoners free
and gives sight to the blind.**
- Leader* You lift up those who are bowed down;
you love the righteous.
- All* **You watch over the foreigner
and sustain the fatherless and the widow,
but you frustrate the ways of the wicked.**
- Leader* God promised a king who will establish his kingdom,
upholding it with justice and righteousness, now and forever.
- All* **Jesus came to proclaim good news to the poor,
release for the prisoners,
sight for the blind,
freedom for the oppressed—
that the time of the Lord's favor has come.**
- Leader* Jesus has done justice at the cross—
bearing the punishment of evil
and delivering his people from the oppression of sin.
- All* **We are the poor, the blind, the lame.
We bring nothing to the table,
yet Jesus has invited us to his party
and seated us at his table in grace and mercy.**
- Leader* The resurrection of Jesus has unleashed the power of righteousness
First in us, and for all of creation.
- All* **Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your righteousness.
Come and put right the world you love;
establish your justice
that your unfailing love may fill the earth.**

Song in the Gospel

“Be Still My Soul”

All

**Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav’nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
to guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the veil of tears,
then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay
from His own fullness all He takes away.**

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hast’ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

words: Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1855; music: Finlandia, Jean Sibelius, 1899

Song in the Gospel

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

All

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watcheth o’er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best;
‘tis an ocean vast of blessing,
‘tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
‘tis heav’n of heav’ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

words: Public Domain; music: 2005, UBP

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]



Mercy Movement Closing Events

Deacon chair Drew Myler will offer some final words about the conclusion of Mercy Month.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 59:1-20

Reader

- ¹ Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
- ² But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.
- ³ For your hands are stained with blood,
your fingers with guilt.
Your lips have spoken falsely,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.
- ⁴ No one calls for justice;
no one pleads a case with integrity.
They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies;
they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.
- ⁵ They hatch the eggs of vipers
and spin a spider's web.
Whoever eats their eggs will die,
and when one is broken, an adder is hatched.
- ⁶ Their cobwebs are useless for clothing;
they cannot cover themselves with what they make.
Their deeds are evil deeds,
and acts of violence are in their hands.
- ⁷ Their feet rush into sin;
they are swift to shed innocent blood.
They pursue evil schemes;
acts of violence mark their ways.
- ⁸ The way of peace they do not know;
there is no justice in their paths.
They have turned them into crooked roads;
no one who walks along them will know peace.
- ⁹ So justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not reach us.
We look for light, but all is darkness;
for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows.
- ¹⁰ Like the blind we grope along the wall,
feeling our way like people without eyes.
At midday we stumble as if it were twilight;
among the strong, we are like the dead.
- ¹¹ We all growl like bears;
we moan mournfully like doves.
We look for justice, but find none;
for deliverance, but it is far away.

- ¹² For our offenses are many in your sight,
and our sins testify against us.
Our offenses are ever with us,
and we acknowledge our iniquities:
- ¹³ rebellion and treachery against the LORD,
turning our backs on our God,
inciting revolt and oppression,
uttering lies our hearts have conceived.
- ¹⁴ So justice is driven back,
and righteousness stands at a distance;
truth has stumbled in the streets,
honesty cannot enter.
- ¹⁵ Truth is nowhere to be found,
and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.
- The LORD looked and was displeased
that there was no justice.
- ¹⁶ He saw that there was no one,
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;
so his own arm achieved salvation for him,
and his own righteousness sustained him.
- ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on the garments of vengeance
and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.
- ¹⁸ According to what they have done,
so will he repay
wrath to his enemies
and retribution to his foes;
he will repay the islands their due.
- ¹⁹ From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD,
and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory.
For he will come like a pent-up flood
that the breath of the LORD drives along.
- ²⁰ “The Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,”
declares the LORD.

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Additional Texts

James 4:2

You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.

Genesis 1:4

God separated the light from the darkness.

Ephesians 6:13–17

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Notes

A large area of dotted lines for taking notes, consisting of 20 horizontal rows of 25 dots each.

First Communion

First Service:

Eden Haist

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

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Johann Sebastian Bach; (BWV 208, 1713)

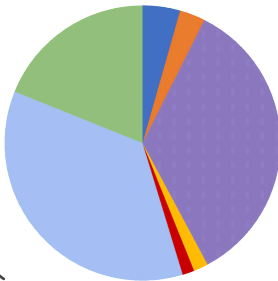
Doxology

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.**

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. *Use the QR code here or wait until the end of the service when the ushers will pass the plates around a second time.*



2023 Mercy Expense Funds

Walk in Assistance	4.39%
Internal Teams & Initiatives (Legacy Ladies, Meal Train team, 16 Park, and Weekend Respite)	3.00%
Misc Care Needs (i.e. rent & utilities, groceries, car repairs, etc.)	34.82%
Administrative Expenses	1.71%
Grants (Foster and Adoption and Individual Development)	1.39%
Counseling Scholarships	35.81%
Partner Ministry Gifts	18.89%

Total \$69,116.07

Community Life

Today
12:30 pm

Mercy Movement Closing Lunch Join us in the Underground for our closing Mercy Month lunch! The Deacon Team is hoping this will be a sweet time to share a meal together and hear stories about how God engaged our hearts during Mercy Month. We will plan to close by 1:30 and will have coloring pages and activities for kiddos as well.

3:50 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. *Email Mary Paxton or Nicholas with any questions.*

Nov. 12
9:30am
-12pm

Advent Workshop Join us in the gym for our annual craft event for all ages, where we will create sanctuary art for this year's Advent worship. There will be multiple projects to participate in and to show your creativity. *This year we are asking everyone to send in an abstract and close-up picture of their hands for one of the installations, which you can send to Caleb at caleb.keitt@redeemindy.org. If you have any questions, email Kyle at kyle@harrisoncenter.org.*

Near West Coat/Winter Clothing Drive Redeemer for the Near Westside is hosting another winter clothing and supply drive for the students and teachers at Matchbook Learning, a K-8 school on the Near Westside. We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing (coats, gloves, hats) for K-8 children and their families, as well as basic supplies for teachers. *We also have an Amazon list to purchase new items and supplies for teachers, but all donations are welcome.*



Nov. 15
5:15-7 pm

Prayer Service We are excited to meet for fellowship and worship. This will be a time of coming together in the midst of our busy schedules. We will serve dinner at 5:15 pm in the underground. The service will start at 6 pm, and we will have nursery workers available to care for children aged 0-5. *Please use the QR code to help prepare for childcare.*



Nov. 17
6:30-9 pm

Men's Chili Cookoff + Game Night It's time for our fourth annual men's chili cook-off! We will have fire pits, drinks, games, and lots and lots of chili. Entries will be judged by an elite team of chili specialists. Make sure to bring your A game if you compete. *Questions? Email Sam at sam@redeemindy.org. Use the QR code to RSVP.*



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.*



Support Our Partners in Kenya A small group from Redeemer will be in Kenya in December to help our missions partners, the Makukus, with their high school camp. The ministry has several tangible needs our missions team is trying to help meet. They need musical instruments (guitar, bass, and amps), peanut butter, jelly, and Dawn dish soap. Our team hopes to take as many of these items as possible. We are also hoping to donate an additional \$1500 to cover the camp's food cost. You can contribute to the Missions—Special Projects fund if you would like to help the Missions Team meet these needs. *If you have a musical instrument you would like to donate, please email Ben Reed (ben@redeemindy.org).*



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.*



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

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

The Creatives Class will be in the City Gallery.

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. Enjoy coffee from Dry Bones Mud House and baked goods from Amelia's Bakery.

Next Sunday we will have our Advent Workshop in the Gym.

PLEASE NOTE: NEXT WEEK WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AND THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED IN BETWEEN SERVICES.

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

"You were Not My People"

All

**You hid from me, and so I called to you, then you accused, and so I blessed you.
Your heart was cold, so jealous was I for you, you had contempt, and I just held you**

**You closed your ears, so I displayed for you, you shut your eyes, so I fed you
You fought but I, was patient to wait for you, you yelled and cried, while I clothed you**

**You, you were not my people, but I called you my own
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home**

**Your mind was bent and so I sang for you, your feet were bound, I untied you
You could not speak, and so I taught you to, you were so scared, but I gently drew**

**You, you were not my people, but I called you my own
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home
You, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine
You, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.**

**You spit on me, even as I kissed you, you struck my face, while I bathed you.
You raged, I poured my spirit all over you, you crucified, and I let you**

**You, you were not my people, but I called you my own
You, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home
You, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine
You, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.**

Nathan Partain, 2014

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,127,029

January-October 2023 budget:

\$2,321,591

Congregational Giving

October 1, 2023	\$	64,802
October 8, 2023	\$	29,712
October 15, 2023	\$	71,144
October 22, 2023	\$	50,236
October 29, 2023	\$	36,603
October Total	\$	253,203

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

USE THE QR CODES IF YOU'D LIKE TO...*

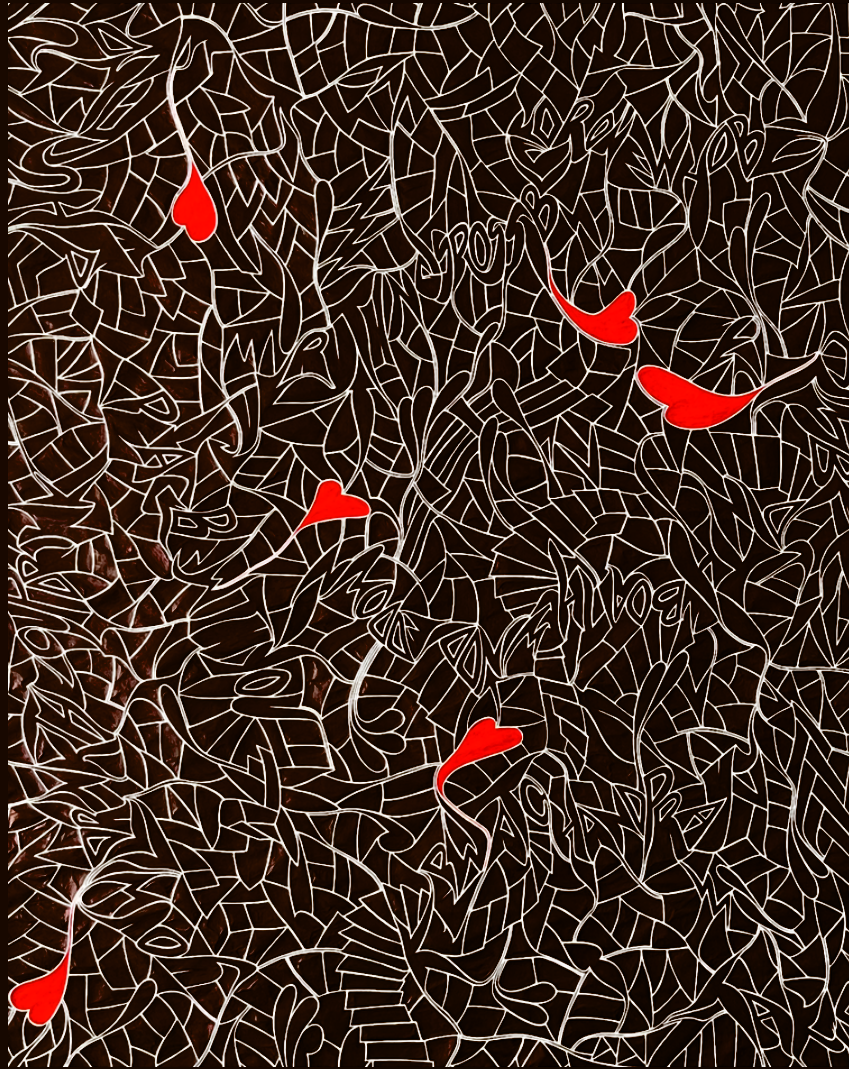


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