

MERCY & JUSTICE

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
12 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 Ephesians 2

Leader Once you—we—were dead because of our disobedience and our many sins.
We used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world.

All **All of us used to live that way,
following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature.
By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger,
just like everyone else.**

Leader But God is so rich in mercy,
and he loved us so much,
that even though we were dead because of our sins,
he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.
It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!

All **So God can point to us in all future ages as examples
of the incredible wealth of his grace
and kindness toward us,
as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.**

Leader God saved you by his grace when you believed.
And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.
Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done,
so none of us can boast about it.

All **For we are God’s masterpiece.
He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

All

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

words: Reginald Heber 1763-1826; music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

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 it.
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

“The Lord will Provide”

All **The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied
Just as long as it’s written, “The Lord will provide.”**

**Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
Just one thing secures us, whatever betide,
His Spirit assures us, “The Lord will provide.”**

Refrain:

Leader And this promise remains,

All **Our Lord has redeemed us, our Lord will provide**

Leader Through all ages unchanged,

All **Our Lord has redeemed us, our Lord will provide**

Leader In all our want, in our pain

All **Our Lord has redeemed us, our Lord will provide**

Leader Faithful through all of our days.

All **When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we stand but by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart glad’ning gospel, “The Lord will provide.”**

**No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known of the Savior’s great Name,
But in this strong tow’r for safety we hide:
For the Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”**

[Refrain]

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Yet, since we have known of the Savior’s great Name,
But in this strong tow’r for safety we hide:
For the Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”**

[Refrain]

words: John Newton, 1775, alt words and refrain by Nathan Partain; music: Nathan Partain, 2012

Song in the Gospel

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

All

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

words: Thomas Chisholm, 1866-1960; music: William M. Runyan 1870-1957

Prayer of Dependence

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's Worship welcomes kids ages 4-Kindergarten. We are glad to extend this age and make additional accommodations on a case by case basis (e-mail emily@redeemindy.org.)

You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship 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]



Baptism

First Service:

Mathias Drew McCormick

Second Service:

Enzo Francis Homoya

Parents: Andrea & Aaron Homoya

Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

What is Baptism?

All

**Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water,
in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
does signify and seal our grafting into Christ,
and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace,
and our engagement to be the Lord's.**

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

All

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Seward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Vows of Baptism

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Enzo's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Enzo to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God."

All

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call."**

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Mathias Drew McCormick/ Enzo Francis Homoya into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All

**We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ's name, welcomes Christ.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

Scripture Reading

Job 31:13-28

Reader

¹³ “If I have denied justice to any of my servants,
whether male or female,
when they had a grievance against me,
¹⁴ what will I do when God confronts me?
What will I answer when called to account?
¹⁵ Did not he who made me in the womb make them?
Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?

¹⁶ “If I have denied the desires of the poor
or let the eyes of the widow grow weary,
¹⁷ if I have kept my bread to myself,
not sharing it with the fatherless—
¹⁸ but from my youth I reared them as a father would,
and from my birth I guided the widow—
¹⁹ if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing,
or the needy without garments,
²⁰ and their hearts did not bless me
for warming them with the fleece from my sheep,
²¹ if I have raised my hand against the fatherless,
knowing that I had influence in court,
²² then let my arm fall from the shoulder,
let it be broken off at the joint.
²³ For I dreaded destruction from God,
and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things.

²⁴ “If I have put my trust in gold
or said to pure gold, ‘You are my security,’
²⁵ if I have rejoiced over my great wealth,
the fortune my hands had gained,
²⁶ if I have regarded the sun in its radiance
or the moon moving in splendor,
²⁷ so that my heart was secretly enticed
and my hand offered them a kiss of homage,
²⁸ then these also would be sins to be judged,
for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.

Reader
People

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

Sermon

Sam Haist

Notes

A large grid of small dots, intended for taking notes.

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

“Thy Mercy My God”

All

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

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

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

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

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

words John Stocker, 1776; music Sandra McCracken; Same Old Dress Music, 2001

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
10 am-1pm

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.

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-Kindergarten. *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.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Nursery is open for children ages 0-3 the whole morning.

PLEASE NOTE: THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED **IN BETWEEN** SERVICES.

Closing Hymn

“With All of Our Strength”

All

**Our life, no more owning, we were bought at a price;
Living not for our own will, but for you, our Lord Christ.
We renounce each allegiance, race and national pride.
We are now of the one true King, and His Kingdom of Light.**

**So now where we find violence, we are called to defend.
Where humiliation, we cover the offense.
Where there is injustice, the weak is our cause.
And wherever a debtor owes, we pay all of their cost.**

Refrain:

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It’s the substance of praise we now sing—
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you.**

**Where there are young ones, we protect and hold dear.
Where we have power, the Most High we will fear.
Where there’s need of labor, there the burdens we’ll bear.
And where we find brokenness, we will work to repair.**

[Refrain]

**So there is no effort, no errand too small.
Each action a moment, to answer your call.
So in every mercy and in all that we do,
Is your love shown to others and our affections for you.**

[Refrain]

Nathan Partain, 2016

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,181,293

January-October 2023 budget:

\$2,553,750

Congregational Giving

November 5, 2023	\$	54,769
November Total	\$	54,769

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

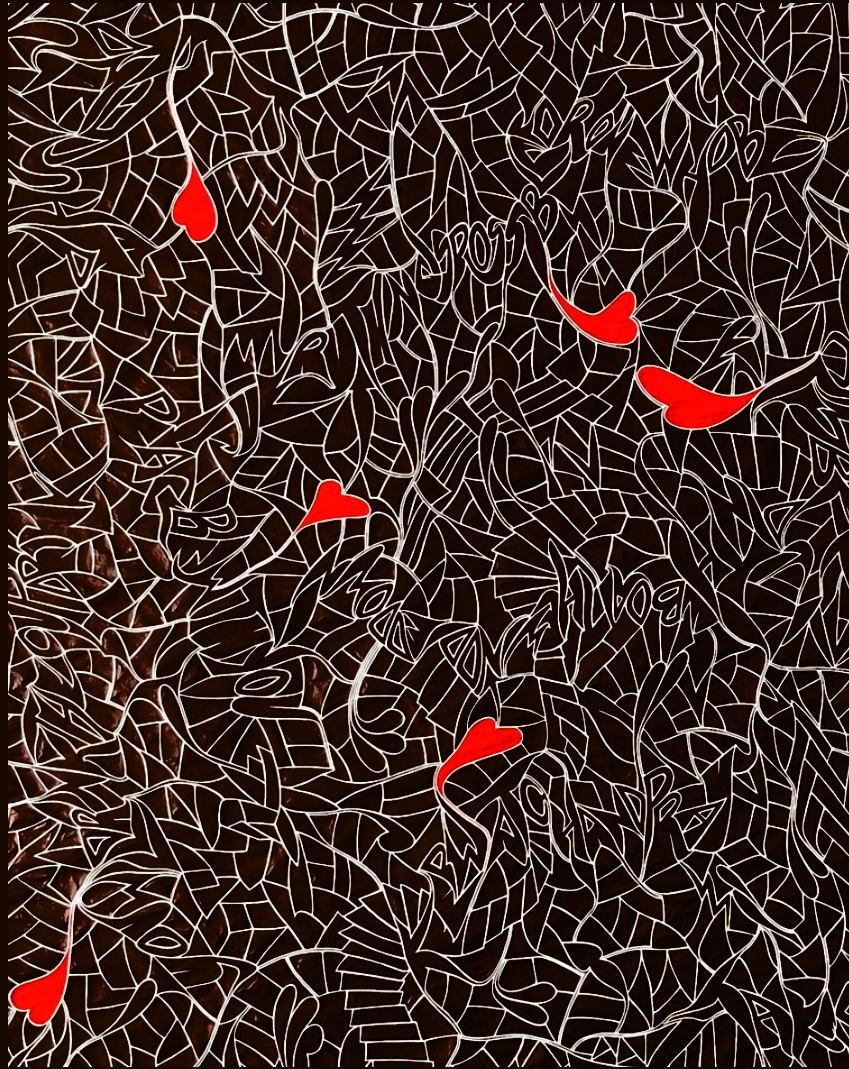


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