

**MERCY & JUSTICE**

Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
19 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 Isaiah 9:2-7*

*Leader*      The people walking in darkness  
                  have seen a great light;  
                  a light has dawned  
                  on those living in the land of darkness.

*All*            **You have enlarged the nation  
                  and increased its joy,  
The people have rejoiced before you.**

*Leader*      For you have shattered their oppressive yoke  
                  and the rod on their shoulders,  
                  the staff of their oppressor.

*All*            **For a child will be born for us,  
                  a son will be given to us,  
                  and the government will be on his shoulders.**

*Leader*      He will be named  
                  Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
                  Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
The dominion will be vast,  
                  and its prosperity will never end.

*All*            **He will reign on the throne of David  
                  and over his kingdom,  
                  to establish and sustain it  
                  with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.**

# Opening Hymn

*"Rejoice the Lord is King!"*

*All*

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

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

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

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

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice, I say, rejoice!**

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

## 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

*“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”*

*All*

**O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.**

**O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.**

*words: George Matheson, music: Christopher Miner 1997*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Psalm 90—O Lord Come Make us Whole”*

*All*

**You have been our hiding place through all the generations  
You have cherished us by name before the earth’s foundation  
Father, we fall in your presence, nothing is hidden in your sight.  
Father, without your forgiveness, we are consumed beneath your might.**

**Have mercy! Hear your children call. O Lord come make us whole!  
Come Holy Spirit fill us all! O Lord come make us whole!  
Restore the fellowship we lost. O Lord come make us whole!  
Return to us, or we turn to dust, O Lord.**

**Ages pass before your face, the nations sprout and wither.  
You remain as shadows fade, and glories turn into vapor.  
Father, we fight, but our labor is like a striving in the sand.  
Father, we bow and we’re waiting, if only you would make us stand.**

**Have mercy! Hear your children call. O Lord come make us whole!  
Come Holy Spirit fill us all! O Lord come make us whole!  
Restore the fellowship we lost. O Lord come make us whole!  
Return to us, or we turn to dust.**

**Break through the bonds that veil our clouded minds,  
Your favor rest, your joy in us revive,  
Grant us that we would number right, each day a living sacrifice,  
Partaking now in our eternal life.**

**Father, we seek your compassion, the Loving Kindness of your name.  
Father, we turn in repentance, you have redeemed, will you remake?**

**Have mercy! Hear your children call. O Lord come make us whole!  
Come Holy Spirit fill us all! O Lord come make us whole!  
Restore the fellowship we lost. O Lord come make us whole!  
Return to us, or we turn to dust, O Lord.**

*Nathan Partain and Phil and Sarah Majorins, 2021*



# Prayer of Dependence

*Kevin & Amy Hern*

## Children's Worship + Nursery

Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We love having children of any age join us in the worship service and also provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally.

The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.

Children'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](mailto: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](https://redeemindy.org/give)]



## Ministry Spotlight



**Christmas  
(DAY) CAMP**



*Child Registration*



*Volunteer Sign-up*

Get ready for Christmas Camp with Redeemer Kids! Children from age 4 to 5th grade are invited to spend the Friday morning before Christmas at Redeemer to learn the story of Christ's birth, play some fun games, and make cool crafts.

Just like Kid's Club we are going to need help from our awesome students and adults, so if you are free December 22nd please consider volunteering.

# Scripture Reading

*Matthew 11:1-6*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

*Reader*

This is the Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Anderson

# Notes



# Additional Text

## *Matthew 3:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Saw Jesus as one to come.

## *Matthew 3:11-12*

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

## *Isaiah 35:3-6*

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;  
<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
“Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

## *Isaiah 29:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll,  
and out of gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind will see.

<sup>19</sup> Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord;  
the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>20</sup> The ruthless will vanish,  
the mockers will disappear,  
and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down.

## *Isaiah 61:1-2a*

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,

# Call to Communion

## *Guidelines for the Reception of Communion*

*Redeemer welcomes to Communion all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please use the hand sanitizer. You will receive the bread into your hands and take a cup from the tray. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Wait to eat the bread and drink the wine until we all do so together, once we are back in our seats. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to share in Communion.*

*Communion is a time of connection with the Lord Jesus and with each other. Feel free to sing with the band during Communion. The ministry of prayer is also a way we live together as a community of believers and seekers. Please take the time to pray on your own, or with someone else in the pews.*

## Prayer

*If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders Kevin & Amy Hern located in the back.*

### *Prayer for Guidance to Truth*

*God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.*

### *Prayer of Belief and Repentance*

*Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

### *Prayer of Doubt and Faith*

*God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.*

# Song of Celebration

*“Psalm 3”*

*All*

O Lord, how many are my foes?  
Many rise against me and say to my soul:  
“There is no salvation for him”  
But you, Lord, are a shield about me

Glory, glory, O Lord  
The lifter of my head; I lay me down  
And you awake me again  
O God, you have sustained me.  
Save me, O God!

Many set themselves against me all around  
I will not be afraid; I cried aloud and he answered  
You strike all my enemies on the cheek  
The teeth of the wicked you will break  
Salvation belongs to the Lord!  
Your blessing be on your people!

Glory, glory, O Lord  
The lifter of my head; I lay me down  
And you awake me again  
O God, you have sustained me.  
Save me, O God!

Glory, glory, O Lord  
The lifter of my head; I lay me down  
And you awake me again  
O God, you have sustained me.  
Save me, O God!

*Brandon Buller, 2018*

## Doxology

*All*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Amen.

# Community Life

Today  
12:30 pm

**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.

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.

Dec. 16 AM  
Dec. 18 AM  
Dec. 18 PM  
or  
Dec. 19 PM

**Redeemer Women's Advent Book Discussions** Too often our preparation to celebrate the incarnation is overshadowed by the hustle and bustle of the season. Redeemer Women invites you to slow down and savor Advent. Read *Advent* by Tish Harrison Warren and enjoy festive food, connection, and discussion with other women on a date/time that works best for you. *Use the QR code to register for one of four times.*



**Near West Coat/Winter Clothing Drive CONTINUES** 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.*



**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](http://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.*

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*The Formation Hour in the sanctuary! Today, we'll hear from Pastor Ben Hein, who will share what God is up to on the Near Westside, and lead us in prayer for church planting. Next Sunday we will have our Artist Talk with the Harrison Gallery.*

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*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

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

*All*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name  
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil  
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay  
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne  
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand**

*Words: Edward Mote, 1834 Music: William B Bradbury, 1863*

# Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,247,614

January-October 2023 budget:

\$2,553,750

## Congregational Giving

November 5, 2023 .....	\$	54,769
November 12, 2023 .....	\$	68,196
<b>November Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,090</b>

## 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](mailto: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

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- Male     Female

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Male     Female

### CONTACT

Email 

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Phone 

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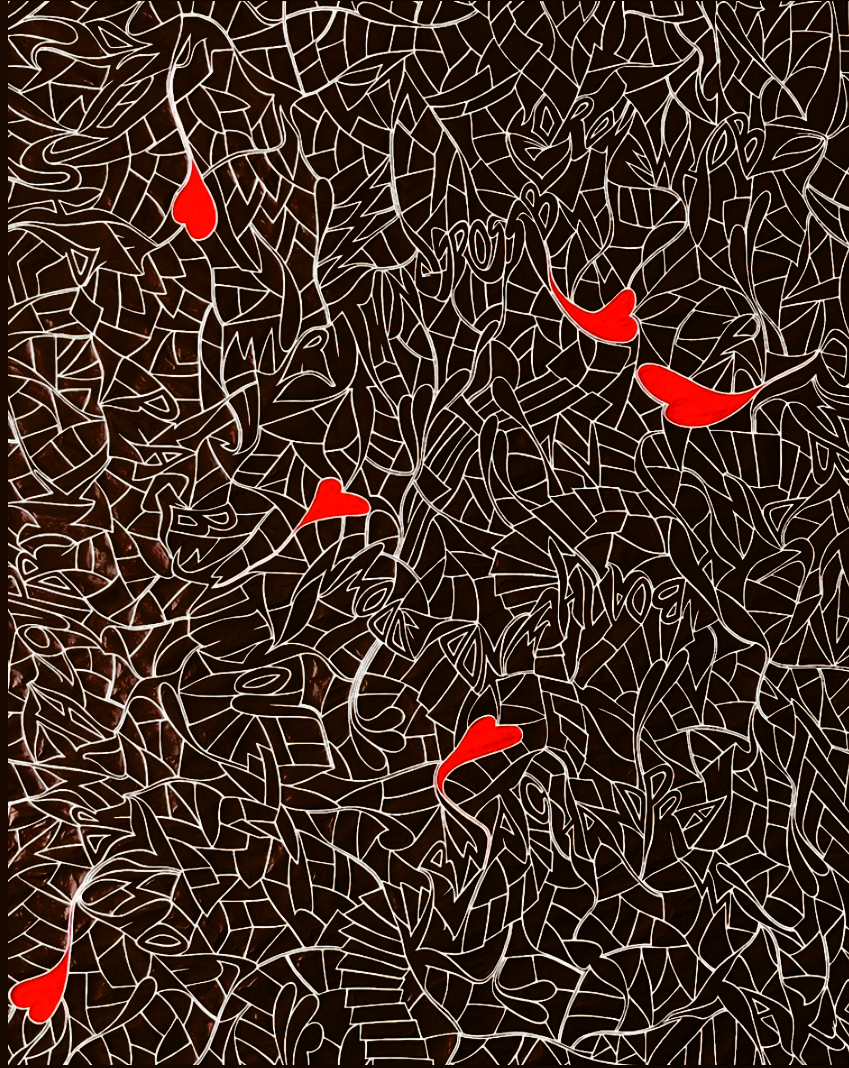
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\*Go to [www.redeemindy.org/ministries](http://www.redeemindy.org/ministries) for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

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