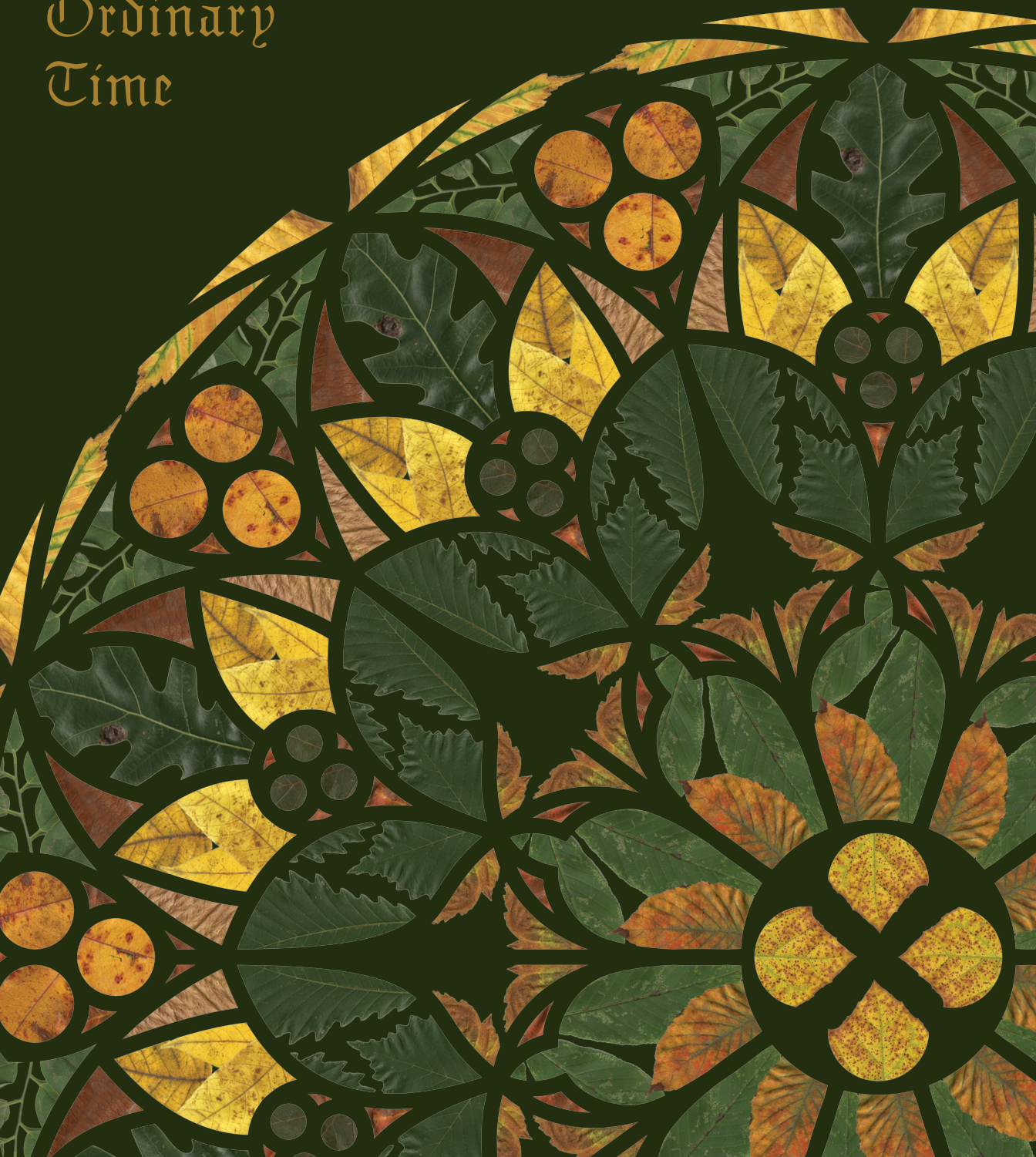


# Ordinary Time



## Cover Art

*“Rose Window” by Derek Bender*

## Back Wall

*Gates and cymbals*

*Symbols and gates*

*In loving memory of Brian Allee*

## Banners

*“Haloes” by Tom Peck*

*Haloes—those mysterious circles surrounding the heads of people in ancient paintings—have been used throughout history to connote holiness, majesty, or splendor. Since at least the fourth century they have been included in Christian art to signify the sanctity of God the Father, Jesus, and the early saints.*

*Halo is a synonym for glory. The word halo, interestingly, derives from the Greek word for threshing floor—the hard-packed surface where oxen continuously moved round and round, making a circular path. Haloes, aptly, trace the arc of God’s story: from the humble to the glorious; from the coarseness of the threshing floor to a sign of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God.*

*The wood that I used to make these haloes was commonplace—plywood, construction-grade pine, and scrap from previous projects. These modest materials reflect the shape of the threshing floor ultimately becoming the shape of glory. I worked on this project without a firm direction in its meaning; only that it was unusually enjoyable and a delight to turn each of these pieces. It was in conversation with Berenice Rarig that the full circle of their story became clear. Thanks, B!*

## Window Covering

*“Prophecies: Fullfilled” by Neva Hein; executed by Moriah Miller and Michael Taft*

*The ribbon display highlights the continuity of God’s grand redemptive story, and the way in which Jesus Christ holds all of Scripture together.*

*The left and right banners represent the Old and New Testaments, respectively. The ribbon connections depict the Scriptural location (X:Book, Y:Chapter) of the Old Testament prophecy to the New Testament fulfillment. The color key is based on the theme of the prophecy regarding God’s promised Messiah:*

- *His Ancestry (orange)*
- *His Birth (teal)*
- *His Death (lime)*
- *His Life (yellow)*
- *His Reign (pink)*

*“For all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)*

*“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)*

## Communion Set

*Tom Peck*

# Call to Worship

*from Ephesians 1:3, Psalm 100, Colossians 1:13*

*Leader* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places!

*All* **For the Lord is good;  
His steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Leader* Indeed, he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

*All* **It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD!**

# Opening Hymn

*“Father Long before Creation”*

*All*

**Father long before creation,  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and his cov'nant,  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise his name.**

**God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing,  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before thee,  
We will ever praise thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing,  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;**

**Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb.**

*words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones;  
Andrew Osenga, 2005*

# Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*based on Ezra 8:28; Exodus 19:5*

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are his treasured possession in all the earth.

*All*

**How are we treasured?  
We see ourselves as just ordinary—nothing special.  
Some of us sink even lower into self-loathing  
and see ourselves as worthless.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You belong to him.

*All*

**We act like we belong to ourselves:  
Free to do what we want with our bodies and our time.  
We chase after power, recognition, and pleasure.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are holy for him.

*All*

**We hear holy and think “holier than thou.”  
We don’t want to be a fanatic or one of “those Christians.”  
So, we blend in and go along,  
Sometimes baptizing it as “being relevant.”**

*Leader*

Brothers and sisters, why do we shrink back from our devotion to the LORD?

*All*

**We’re not devoted to the LORD,  
Because we don’t see him as worthy of devotion.  
We confess, God, our sin underneath our sin:  
We think that you’re small and only sort of important.  
We fail to trust you as the merciful and majestic God  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on 1 Corinthians 1:2, 18; 2:8; 6:11*

*Leader*

Church of God called Redeemer Presbyterian in Indianapolis:  
Holy and special,  
Loved in, through, and with Jesus Christ—

*All*

**We join with those in our city and in all sorts of places from Tehran to Tuscaloosa  
Who call on his name—  
He's their Lord and ours.**

*Leader*

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*All*

**The Lord of glory was crucified for our sins—  
It's a mystery of God's surprising love, power, and justice.**

*Leader*

You were washed in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All*

**Our sin and guilt have been scrubbed away!**

*Leader*

You were sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All*

**We have been made beautiful, clothed in glory, we are the joy of our savior!**

*Leader*

You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All*

**We have been declared innocent, and the slate is wiped clean!**

*Leader*

The Lord has devoted himself to us:  
Taking on humanity eternally in the resurrected Son,  
Joining himself to us in his Son by the Spirit who lives in us.

*All*

**May we, by grace in the power of the Spirit,  
devote ourselves to our God who has called us and loves us.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Psalm 136 (The Lord is All That’s Good)”*

*All*

**The Lord is all that’s good. He is the Power of powers.  
He is the Beauty of beauties. He is the Fear of fears.  
He alone is the Author of wonders. His thoughts are like the universe;  
His care spread the earth on the water.  
He’s the truth of the day. He’s the hope through the night.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us stand pure in his sight.**

**He crushed the head of death, delivered us from the reach of his hand.  
With his mighty arm, he made us a path,  
A way through the deep, we walk on dry land.  
While Pharaoh is damned to darkness, he guides us through the wilderness.  
He breaks every scepter, makes low every name.  
In us, he has planted his kingdom, his flame.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To make us like stars in the night.**

**He never forgets our weakness. He spares us from the enemy.  
He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth.  
Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able.**

**His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful.  
His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able  
To raise us from death unto life.**

*Nathan Partain, 2001*

# Song in the Gospel

*“The Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

*All*

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost,  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus' name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power, making him God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven, for all eternity;  
The wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.**

**More patient than my fight, more faithful than my doubt,  
Persistent though I run, O how his grace abounds!  
Broader than my sin, deeper than my shame,  
Stronger than my evil, O praise Jesus' name!**

**The wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?**

*words by Haldor Lillenas, 1918; chorus and music by Nathan Partain, 2011*



# Prayer of Dependence

## Children's Worship

*Children's Worship, for kids ages 3-5, is where children can begin to learn how to worship as a church family. Please check in your child before the service either in the back of the sanctuary or at the nursery desk. They will be dismissed right before the sermon, and we will bring them back into the sanctuary during communion. Parents must have their security tag when picking up their child in the sanctuary.*

## Offering of Gifts and Service

*Online giving available at [[redeemindy.org/give](https://redeemindy.org/give)]*



# Covenant Baptism

*First Service:*

James Charles Dickmeyer

*Parents: David and Donna Grace Dickmeyer*

## 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

## Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge James'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 James 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 James Charles Dickmeyer 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 him.  
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

# Scripture Reading

*Ezra 7:11-28*

*Reader*

<sup>11</sup> This is a copy of the letter King Artaxerxes had given to Ezra the priest, a teacher of the Law, a man learned in matters concerning the commands and decrees of the LORD for Israel:

<sup>12</sup> Artaxerxes, king of kings,

To Ezra the priest, teacher of the Law of the God of heaven:

Greetings.

<sup>13</sup> Now I decree that any of the Israelites in my kingdom, including priests and Levites, who volunteer to go to Jerusalem with you, may go. <sup>14</sup> You are sent by the king and his seven advisers to inquire about Judah and Jerusalem with regard to the Law of your God, which is in your hand. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, you are to take with you the silver and gold that the king and his advisers have freely given to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem, <sup>16</sup> together with all the silver and gold you may obtain from the province of Babylon, as well as the freewill offerings of the people and priests for the temple of their God in Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup> With this money be sure to buy bulls, rams and male lambs, together with their grain offerings and drink offerings, and sacrifice them on the altar of the temple of your God in Jerusalem.

<sup>18</sup> You and your fellow Israelites may then do whatever seems best with the rest of the silver and gold, in accordance with the will of your God. <sup>19</sup> Deliver to the God of Jerusalem all the articles entrusted to you for worship in the temple of your God.

<sup>20</sup> And anything else needed for the temple of your God that you are responsible to supply, you may provide from the royal treasury.

<sup>21</sup> Now I, King Artaxerxes, decree that all the treasurers of Trans-Euphrates are to provide with diligence whatever Ezra the priest, the teacher of the Law of the God of heaven, may ask of you—<sup>22</sup> up to a hundred talents of silver, a hundred cors of wheat, a hundred baths of wine, a hundred baths of olive oil, and salt without limit. <sup>23</sup> Whatever the God of heaven has prescribed, let it be done with diligence for the temple of the God of heaven. Why should his wrath fall on the realm of the king and of his sons?

<sup>24</sup> You are also to know that you have no authority to impose taxes, tribute or duty on any of the priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, temple servants or other workers at this house of God.

<sup>25</sup> And you, Ezra, in accordance with the wisdom of your God, which you possess, appoint magistrates and judges to administer justice to all the people of Trans-Euphrates—all who know the laws of your God. And you are to teach any who do not know them. <sup>26</sup> Whoever does not obey the law of your God and the law of the king must surely be punished by death, banishment, confiscation of property, or imprisonment.



## Community Group Questions

1. *Take a minute to read Ezra 7:11-28. Here, the Persian king Artaxerxes writes to Ezra: “I want you and your people to be able to worship God in Jerusalem, and I’ll give you everything you need in order to make that reality possible.” According to Ezra, this only happens through God’s intervention; that God “put it on the king’s heart to bring honor to the house of the LORD” (v. 27). As you read these verses, what stands out? What do you find most surprising about the king’s words?*
2. *As you think about your own story, are there places you can name where God showed up and surprised you? Maybe it was a situation that felt impossible to navigate. Maybe it was a relationship that felt stuck or in shambles. Where have you experienced God’s kindness and power in places you didn’t expect?*
3. *As you look at your life right now, where are the places you find yourself most fearful? Are there places in your life where you’re prone to hopelessness or despair? How might God’s commitment to his people and his mission speak into those fears? How might knowing the kindness of God in Jesus address or bring comfort to your doubts or unbelief?*

# 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.*

## Prayers

### *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

*“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”*

*All*

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to His,  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed.**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,  
Through the deepest valley He will lead,  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**



*All*

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me,  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
All the glory evermore to Him,  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

*CityAlight - Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson, 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  
10 am

**Sunday School Today** Join us for Sunday School at 10 AM today. Our Westminster Confession Reading Group will gather in the Underground, while Redeemer Kids classes take place at the same time. *[classes and rooms listed below]*

- Redeemer Kids
  - Nursery (0-2): Room 150
  - Preschool 3: 160A
  - Preschool 4-5: 160B
  - Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 204
  - 2nd-3rd Grade: Room 201
  - 4th-5th Grade Boys: Room 203
  - 4th-5th Grade Girls: Sky Gallery

**Small Business Sunday** We will have coffee from *Shuv Coffee* and baked goods from *Amelia's* in the Harrison Gallery after service.

September 18  
12:30 pm

**Newcomer's Lunch** New-ish to Redeemer? We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service on September 18. It's a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages welcome. *Use the QR code here to register.*



September  
23-24

**A Praying Life Seminar** New City Church in Irvington is hosting A Praying Life Seminar (from Paul Miller's book *A Praying Life*). There are open spots remaining if you are interested in attending. *Use the QR code to register.*



Tuesdays  
6 am

**Zumba** Join us for our 45 minute Zumba Class in the Gym. Enter through the courtyard door.

**Join a Community Group** Community groups are starting soon. If Redeemer is your home church, we'd love for you to be in a group. Groups meet weekly through the year for fellowship, worship, bible study, and prayer. Community groups are intergenerational and family-friendly.



*More information can be found at our website: [redeemindy.org](http://redeemindy.org).*

# Closing Hymn

*“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 follows all my way,  
I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.**

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

**O Cross that now lifts 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, 1882; music Chris Miner, 1994*

# Benediction

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2022 year to date giving:  
**\$1,417,377**

January-August 2022 budget:  
**\$1,834,613**

## Congregational Giving

August 7, 2022 .....	\$ 55,211
August 14, 2022 .....	\$ 24,321
August 21, 2022 .....	\$ 23,732
August 28, 2022 .....	\$ 51,838
<b>August Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 155,103</b>

# 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 Table 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## I'D LIKE TO... \*

- Become a Member  
 Join a Community Group  
 Use my Artistic Talents  
 Talk to Someone About Counseling  
 Do Something Else:

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

## 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.

