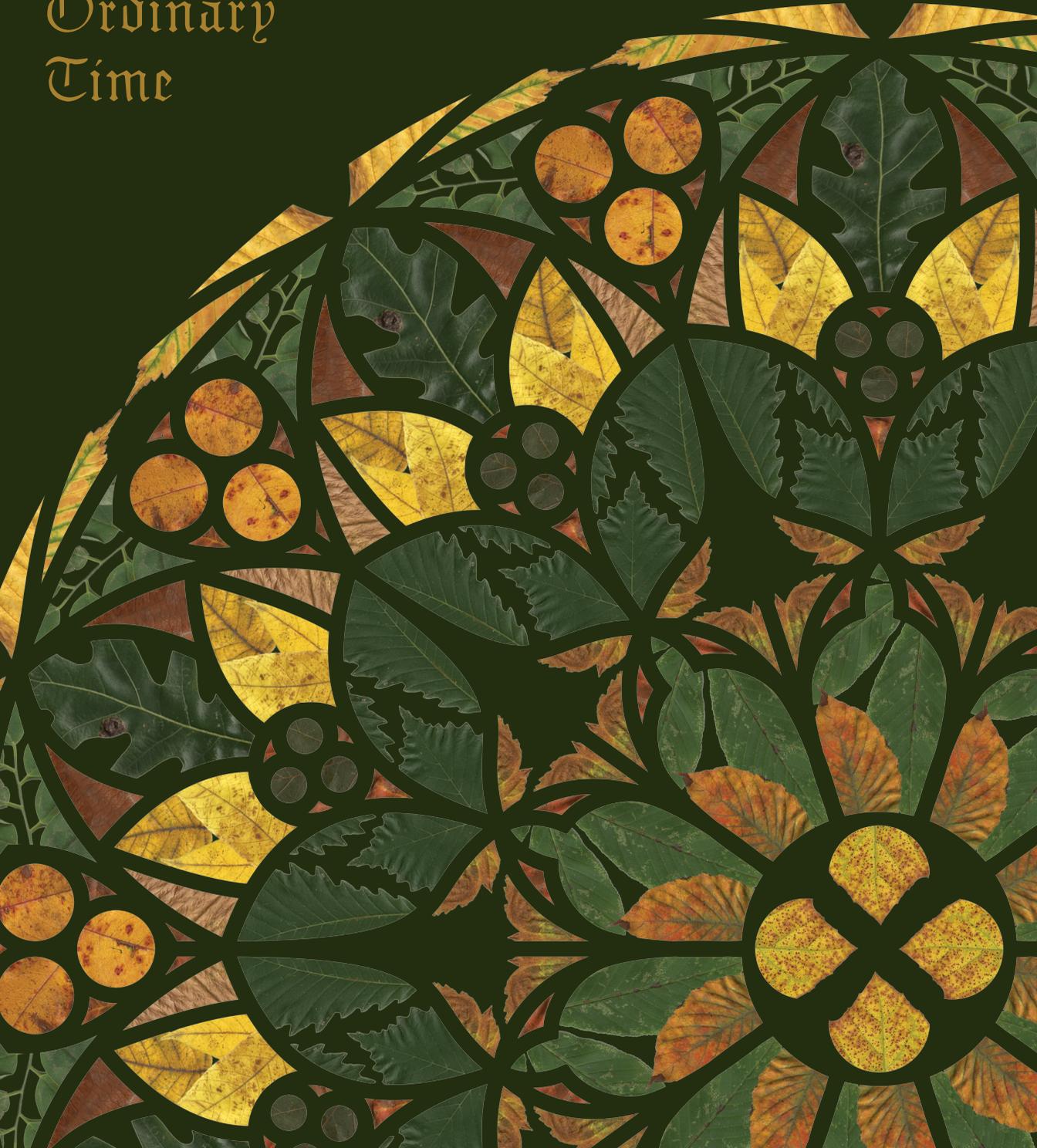


Ordinary Time



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!

Stair Cap Decoration

Stained glass lanterns with wooden housing by Susan Jones & Ryan Collier

Window Covering

Marcia Jones

Communion Set

Tom Peck

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 6:1-6

Leader

Hear what prophet Isaiah testifies! He says,
"I saw the LORD, high and exalted, seated on a throne;
and the train of his robe filled the temple.
Above him were heavenly creatures, seraphim, each with six wings:
With two wings they covered their faces,
with two they covered their feet,
and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another:

All

**"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."**

Leader

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook
and the temple was filled with smoke.

I cried out in my realization:

All

**"Oh help! I am dying!
For everything I am, my thoughts and words, are polluted and wrong,
me and everyone around me,
and now my eyes have seen the ultimate King,
the Ruler of every power there is."**

Leader

Then one of the seraphim flew to me
with a live coal in his hand,
which he had taken with tongs from the altar.
With it he touched my mouth and said,

All

**"See, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away
and your sin atoned for."**

Opening Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

All

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow;
Thy Spirit send with grace divine
And let thy truth within us shine.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,
Our souls to thee in worship raise;
Make strong our faith, increase our light,
That we may know thy name aright.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Until we join the hosts that cry,
“Holy art thou, O Lord, Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place,
Fore’er behold thee face to face.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

words Duke Wilhelm II, 1651; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Nathan Partain, 2001

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

“Rock of Ages”

All

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know?
Could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to thy cross, I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.**

words Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music Thomas Hastings, 1830

Song in the Gospel

"The Lord is my Joy"

All **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

Women **I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you. (Repeat)**

Men **And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything.
And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams.**

All **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.
You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

Nathan Partain, 2008

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]



Justice for All Celebration

Get to know Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic by attending their Justice for All Celebration on Thursday, October 6th, from 5:30 to 8:45 pm at the Crane Bay Event Center in downtown Indy.

Please consider attending with your family and friends to support the Clinic's important work! Learn more and get tickets today with the QR code.



Offertory Song

"Let the Walls Fall (Psalm 63)"

All God you are my God, desperately I seek you, Lord, I'm thirsty.
I can't seem to drink of what is true.
Have the springs gone dry. Will you soak my earth in resurrection?
Clear the river flowing from your throne?
In your grace and by your blood alone,
Break through in your mercy, come revive me.

Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down.
Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down.

You breathed me to life, Waking in the laughter of your glory.
Where is now the joy that once I knew?
Did I leave your side? Have I turned to striving not receiving?
Break my heart to grasp your love anew,
Don't relent til nothing's left but you,
Take me wrecked and ravaged to your presence.

Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down.
Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down.

You died so that we would share your rising,
You became for us our Victor and our King.
You are not our King to leave us captive.
So to all that stands between us you decree, "Fall!"

Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down.
Let the walls fall down, let the walls fall down.

Love beyond my questions, Deeper than my scars,
More than words can answer, Lord, I find in who you are.
Laid out in surrender, Wave on wave of peace.
I could not get near you, so you made your way to me.

I can not get near you, will you make your way to me?

Nathan Partain, 2022

Scripture Reading

Ezra 8:15-23

Reader

¹⁵ I assembled them at the canal that flows toward Ahava, and we camped there three days. When I checked among the people and the priests, I found no Levites there.

¹⁶ So I summoned Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah and Meshullam, who were leaders, and Joarib and Elnathan, who were men of learning, ¹⁷ and I ordered them to go to Iddo, the leader in Kasiphia. I told them what to say to Iddo and his fellow Levites, the temple servants in Kasiphia, so that they might bring attendants to us for the house of our God. ¹⁸ Because the gracious hand of our God was on us, they brought us Sherebiah, a capable man, from the descendants of Mahli son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Sherebiah's sons and brothers, 18 in all; ¹⁹ and Hashabiah, together with Jeshaiiah from the descendants of Merari, and his brothers and nephews, 20 in all. ²⁰ They also brought 220 of the temple servants—a body that David and the officials had established to assist the Levites. All were registered by name.

²¹ There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. ²² I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king, “The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him.” ²³ So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Vulnerable and Desperately Dependent

Notes

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing notes.

Community Group Questions

1. *How were the Israelites vulnerable as they got ready to set out on their journey to Jerusalem? In what ways do you feel vulnerable in life right now? (Share to the extent that your group feels like a safe place in which to be vulnerable.) What are ways we tend to respond to our vulnerabilities?*
2. *Our willingness to entrust our vulnerabilities to God is tied in with what we believe to be true about him and what we've seen of his track record. What do we see from Ezra 7:1-8:23 of God's track record with the Israelites? Brainstorm together what you really believe is true about God and what you've seen of his track record. How can that list shape your willingness to humble yourself before God and bring him your vulnerabilities?*
3. *What are one or two specific places of need and vulnerability that you could bring to God right now? What would a posture of desperate dependence on Jesus look like for those needs? How could that practically play out?*

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

“This Breaks my Heart of Stone”

All

Jesus let thy pitying eye
Call back a wandering sheep.
False to Thee like Peter, I
Could I, like Peter, weep?
Let me be by grace restored;
On me be all it's freeness shown
Turn and look upon me Lord;
And break my heart of stone
And break my heart of stone.

Savior, Prince, enthroned above,
Repentance to impart,
Give me, through Thy dying love,
The humble, contrite heart;
Give what I have long implored,
A portion of Thy love unknown;
Turn, and look upon me, Lord,
And break my heart of stone.
And break my heart of stone.

Look, as when Thy pitying eye
Was closed that we might live;
“Father,” at the point to die
My Savior cried, “forgive!”
Surely, with that dying word,
He turns, and looks, and cries, “’Tis done!”
O my bleeding, loving Lord,
This breaks my heart of stone!
This breaks my heart of stone!

words: Charles Wesley, 1749; music: Benj Pocta, 2006

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 Adults and kids alike can join us for Sunday School at 10am. Our Westminster Confession reading group will be in the Gym, the 1 Samuel Bible Study will be in Speck Gallery, and Redeemer Kids classes will take place in their normal locations. *No Redeemer Students classes this week because of Fall Retreat.*

12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch New-ish to Redeemer? We'd love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service today! And if you didn't sign up in advance, we've got you covered. This is a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages welcome.

September 25
12:30 pm

Artist Lunch Are you a creative of any kind—writer, painter, musician, designer, or someone who needs to express artistic ideas? We would love to have you join us for a special gathering of artists to talk about liturgical arts at Redeemer. *Use the QR code to learn more and register.*



October 1
5-6:30 pm

Redeemer Kids Family Dinner Exchange Share a meal with us. Host families will provide the main dish at their home and you just have to provide sides, desserts, and drinks. We will do our best to place you with families who have kids of similar ages. *Use the QR code to register.*



Other Upcoming Events

September 25
10 am

Administer Justice Interest Meeting Join us on September 25th at 10 am as we provide an overview of the Administer Justice organization and the kind of volunteer roles you could fill to help us make this ministry a successful and fruitful one! *Meeting location coming soon.*

DEADLINE
October 14

Storied Lives (New Hope Groups for Women) New Hope is seeking adult, female applicants to our next round of Storied Lives Groups. This will be our tenth year offering these wonderful groups! If you have any questions, please email Carrie Sinsabaugh at carrie@newhopeindianapolis.org. *Use the QR code to apply today.*



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

Prayer of Sending

Micah & Lydia Ito

Closing Hymn

“A Child of God”

All

I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,
And I see delight there in my Father’s face.

I am last and low, cause I fight no longer,
To be right or good or to prove my own worth;
I’m not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty;
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,
And I pray and wait for my God to provide;
I lean all of my weight on him who is able,
And I set aside every effort of mine.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I know now, I’m safe, cause nothing can harm me
Or break in and take what’s been stored up for me;
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;
I can ask anything of my Father the King.
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

Nathan Partain, 2011

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2022 year to date giving:
\$1,481,609

January-September 2022 budget:
\$2,063,940

Congregational Giving

September 4, 2022	\$	36,383
September 4, 2022	\$	27,848
September Total	\$	64,232

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:

*Go to 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.

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8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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