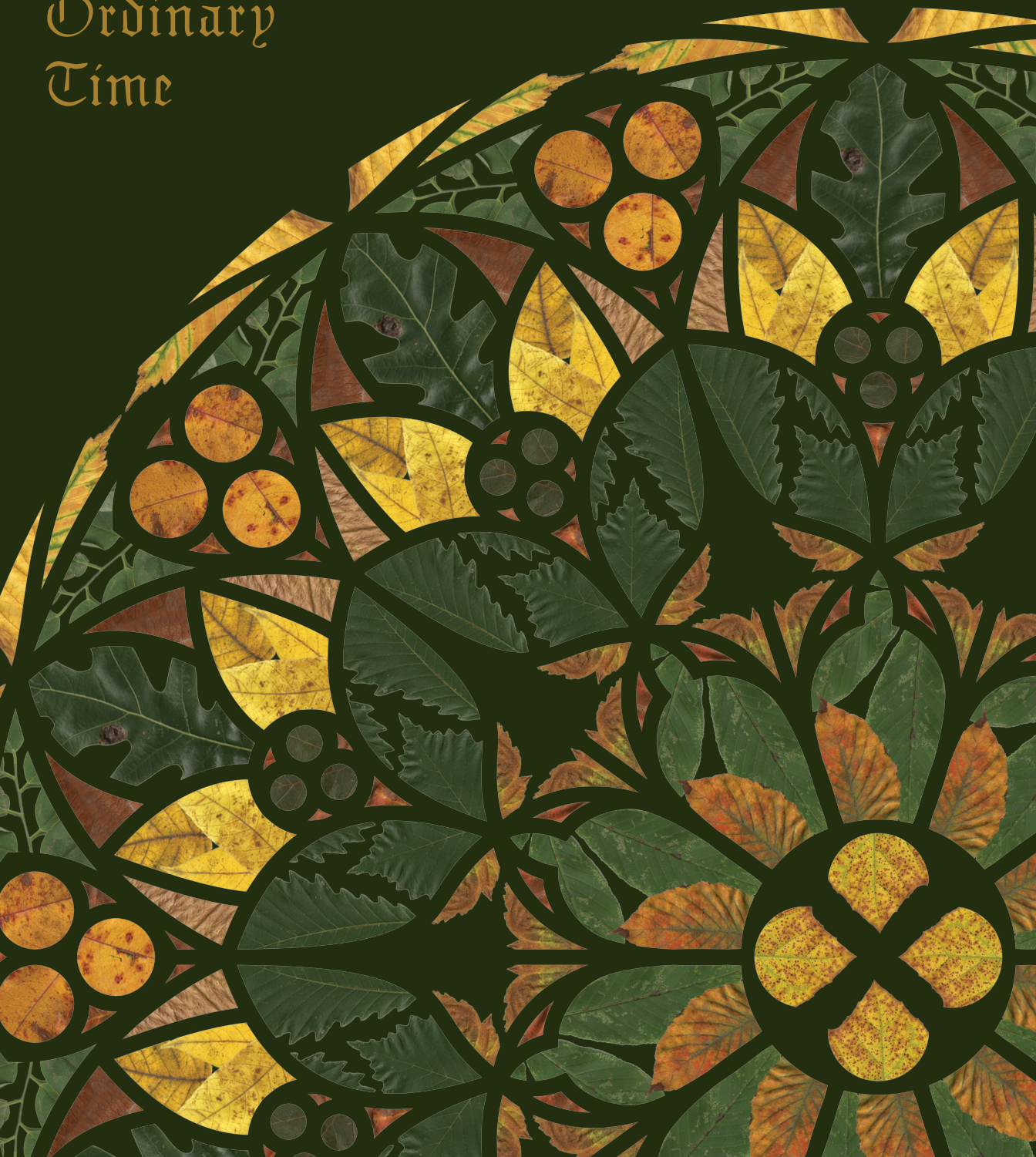


Ordinary Time



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 Psalm 29

Leader Honor the LORD, you authorities and powers,
confess the glory and strength of the LORD.
You know his name, who he is, what he has done,
give him all that he deserves.

All **Fall down before him,
in the presence of his incomparable splendor.**

Leader The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over the mighty waters.

All **The voice of the LORD is a frightening force;
the voice of the LORD is full of beauty and splendor.**

Leader The powers of the earth cannot withstand the voice of the LORD
it breaks into pieces the mighty cedars,
like earthquakes that make the mountains come unhinged,
leaping and kicking like a calf.

All **The voice of the LORD pounds like the branches of lightning.**

Leader The voice of the LORD puts the wilderness in anguish,
Terrifies the deer and strips the forests bare.

All **In his throne room, everything together cries, “Glory!”**

Leader The LORD rules over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

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 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

“Bring your Sick”

All

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,
Who would kill for some relief from, all the itching in their bones.
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,
Some sweet drink to drive the poison, from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.
Yes, bring all those who could never, return any of their cost**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I'm your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!
I'm your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.
Those who live with their aggressor, whisp'ring doubts into their ear,
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

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I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.”**

Nathan Partain, 2014

Song in the Gospel

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

All

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827

Prayer of Dependence

Children's Worship

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 but also want to provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they're at developmentally. Starting today, Nursery is welcome children ages 0-3. Children ages 3-5 are also still welcome to attend Children's Worship. We hope this added flexibility encourages all families as they teach their children about what it means to worship.*

**If you would like your three year-old to attend Nursery and are able, we'd love to encourage you to attend the 11:00 service where more classroom space is available.*

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



New Leader Nominees

Elders



Andrew Christenberry



Matthias Lind



Marshall Overley



Mark Smith

Deacons



Luke Granholm



Warren Griffin



Jamison MacKillop

Deaconesses



Jenny Baenziger



Erin Hall

Women's Shepherding Team



Susan Jones



Sarah Nottingham



Terry Overley



Jane Smith

Scripture Reading

Ezra 8:15-20; 24-36

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 Joiarib 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.

²⁴ Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests, namely, Sherebiah, Hashabiah and ten of their brothers, ²⁵ and I weighed out to them the offering of silver and gold and the articles that the king, his advisers, his officials and all Israel present there had donated for the house of our God. ²⁶ I weighed out to them 650 talents of silver, silver articles weighing 100 talents, 100 talents of gold, ²⁷ 20 bowls of gold valued at 1,000 darics, and two fine articles of polished bronze, as precious as gold.

²⁸ I said to them, "You as well as these articles are consecrated to the LORD. The silver and gold are a freewill offering to the LORD, the God of your ancestors. ²⁹ Guard them carefully until you weigh them out in the chambers of the house of the LORD in Jerusalem before the leading priests and the Levites and the family heads of Israel."

³⁰ Then the priests and Levites received the silver and gold and sacred articles that had been weighed out to be taken to the house of our God in Jerusalem.

³¹ On the twelfth day of the first month we set out from the Ahava Canal to go to Jerusalem. The hand of our God was on us, and he protected us from enemies and bandits along the way. ³² So we arrived in Jerusalem, where we rested three days.

³³ On the fourth day, in the house of our God, we weighed out the silver and gold and the sacred articles into the hands of Meremoth son of Uriah, the priest. Eleazar son of Phinehas was with him, and so were the Levites Jozabad son of Jeshua and Noadiah son of Binnui. ³⁴ Everything was accounted for by number and weight, and the entire weight was recorded at that time.

³⁵ Then the exiles who had returned from captivity sacrificed burnt offerings to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven male lambs and, as a sin offering, twelve male goats. All this was a burnt offering to the LORD.

³⁶ They also delivered the king's orders to the royal satraps and to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, who then gave assistance to the people and to the house of God.

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ben Hein

Confidence in the Mediator

Additional Passages

Numbers 3:11-13

¹¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹² “Behold, I have taken the Levites from among the people of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the people of Israel. The Levites shall be mine, ¹³ for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for my own all the firstborn in Israel, both of man and of beast. They shall be mine: I am the LORD.”

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Hebrews 7:23-25

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Community Group Questions

1. *How might the Levites have been tempted in their vulnerabilities to disobey or walk away from the Lord? The people? Ezra? In your own life, is there a particular pattern in vulnerable seasons in how you are tempted in similar ways (a lack of confidence, shrinking back from your calling, doubt, chasing idols, etc.)?*
2. *Read Numbers 3:5-13, 40-51. What do these verses reveal about God's heart? Why are mediators so important to God's redemptive story?*
3. *Read Romans 12:1. Be honest, how does this verse hit you? Are there positive feelings of conviction, delight, grace, or beauty? Or do you tend toward feelings of anxiety, fear, dread, or burden? Why?*
4. *Read Hebrews 7:23-25. How does Christ as mediator fulfill what we learn about God from places like Numbers 3 and Ezra 8? How does the knowledge and experience of Christ as mediator inform our knowledge and experience of God's heart toward us? What practical difference does that make in our moments of vulnerability and weakness?*

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

"You are Healed"

All

**Jesus prayed late in the garden, he was fighting for our souls,
Against the dread that tried to shake him from the path where he must go.
The torment of separation, made his pores to burst with blood,
Cause for us to be brought close, he must be cast out from his God.**

**By his wounds you are healed, by his nails your sin is gone.
By his blood you have been washed, O Lord,
By his groans, by his tears, you are healed.**

**Jesus bore their accusations, never opening his mouth;
Not defending, not rebuking ,never speaking for himself,
Knowing with the smallest gesture, he could swarm his angels down,
But for us, our King was beaten, stripped and wore the thorny crown.**

**By his wounds you are healed, by his nails your sin is gone.
By his blood you have been washed, O Lord,
By his groans, by his tears, you are healed.**

**Jesus, hung by nails and gasping, did not curse or burn in wrath,
He put on all the shame and madness, that had drove his bride to death.
He forgave his wicked captors, he forgave the contrite thief,
And alone our Jesus bore our sins and died upon the tree.**

**By his wounds you are healed, by his nails your sin is gone.
By his blood you have been washed, O Lord,
By his groans, by his tears, you are healed.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

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 10 am. 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. *Middle School Students will meet in the Underground, while High School Students will be in Room 205.*

Administer Justice Interest Meeting Join us in the sanctuary 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!

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 get the address to Tom & Sandy Peck's house.*



New Leadership Candidates Meetings In lieu of some of our adult Sunday School Classes we will be hosting three interview and Q&A meetings for you to get know your leadership candidates. These meetings will lead up to the Congregational Meeting on October 23 at 10 am where we will vote on elder and deacon candidates.

Meeting Schedule

October 2 *Get to Know Our Elder Candidates*

October 9 *Get to Know Our Diaconal Candidates*

October 16 *Get to Know Our Women's Shepherding Team Candidates*

October 23 *Congregational Meeting to Vote on Elders and Deacons (everyone is welcome to attend, but members especially should make this a priority)*

Other Upcoming Events

October 1
5-6:30 pm

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. *Use the QR code to register. Sign-ups close today.*



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

Branden & Danielle Wilson

Closing Hymn

“Hold Thou My Hand”

All

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,
I dare not take one step without thy aid;
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003

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2022 year to date giving:
\$1,507,698

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

Congregational Giving

September 4, 2022	\$ 36,383
September 11, 2022	\$ 27,848
September 18, 2022	\$ 25,989
September Total	\$ 90,220

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

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