



EPIPHANY

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1.9.2022

Cover Art

Quincy Owens

Window Covering

Barb Knuckles

The window is a map of rebuilding: the rings represent us, our families, tribes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the city. The metallic pipecleaners represent our interconnections, creating a beautiful pattern of God's grace and mercy reaching far beyond our individual selves.

Platform Art

Tom Peck

Towers represent the corners of the rebuilt temple, constructed during Ezra's time. Golden bowls, part of the treasure provided to build the temple, define the structures. Yet, as the church calendar progresses, they also become monumental Advent candles, signalling our anticipation of Jesus, savior of the world.

Banners

Erin Hall

The places we are from carry a feeling, a texture. The familiarity of a handrail or a rocking chair, a tile floor, a crack in the sidewalk can take us back in time, give us a sense of place, or keep us grounded. This season members of our community, mostly our youth and teens, have shared the texture of their place with us in these harmonious banners made of graphite rubbings on paper. These banners themselves are a tiny crack into small places and things that matter to big meaningful lives—and remind us to reconnect, engage, and to be present and intentional in the spaces we inhabit.

Stage Wall Installation

Dirk Edwards, Hidi Gardner, and Redeemer parishioners

Golden Cloud

Kyle Ragsdale

Heraldry

Hanging Disc Installation

Barb Knuckles

As we rebuild, our unity is in Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the coming/already here kingdom of God. We are examples of the work of God redeeming people from every nation, tongue and tribe, unifying us without obliterating the beauties of our redeemed cultural differences. (Rev. 5:9) We are celebrating our unity and the beauty of our particularity using symbols of heraldry.

Communion Set

Craig Dodge Lile

Welcome

Call to Worship

From Colossians 3

Leader Christian, if you've been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

All **We're here to put our minds on the things that are above,
Not the things of this earth.**

Leader And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.

All **We're here to let the word of Christ dwell in us.
So we will teach each other and admonish one another
with all wisdom.
We'll sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs
With thankfulness in our hearts to God.**

Leader Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 40; 42; Ezra 3

Leader We fear that God has forgotten us
in the wilderness, in exile, in a pandemic.

All **Have we dropped off your radar, God?
We doubt that you notice us.
So, we make up our minds to make our own way.
May we lift our eyes to you and believe again
that you are personally involved in our days.**

Leader Our Father has spoken to us in his Word
to assure us of his love,
to share himself so that we would trust in him.

All **But we would rather not follow your ways,
or live in accordance with what is written.
We mistrust that we can really get to know you from old pages.
Our experience and insight feel much more relevant.
Help us to see the short sightedness of our wisdom,
and learn that you alone are trustworthy
that in all that you have said to us,
we will find fulfillment and life beyond what we can imagine.**

Leader The new that you offer doesn't seem that necessary, we think;
the old ways were doing all right.

All **We confess that we don't want to live by faith,
so we settle for the old ways we already know.
Teach us to walk by faith not in what is seen and felt
but what is unseen and to follow you into the unknown.**

Leader Our Father, in your mercy, hear our confession.

All **Jesus, in your mercy, do not leave us to ourselves.**

Leader Spirit, in your mercy, lead us in the way of eternal life.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Isaiah 40-43

Leader O church, how can you say the LORD doesn't see your troubles?
O Redeemer, how can you claim,
"God doesn't see what's happened to us;
our plight is overlooked"?
Do you not know?
Have you not heard?

All **The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He never gets weak or weary.
No one can get their head around his understanding.**

Leader You who bring good news to Indy,
go up on Crown Hill.
You who bring good news to Downtown,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid.

All **"Here is our God!"
The sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
He gathers his flock in his arms
and carries them close to his heart.**

Leader So now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, Church,
he who formed you, Redeemer:

All **"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned."**

Leader "I have given my Son in exchange for you.
My Son has gladly laid down his life for you."

All **It really is true; the Lord has done a new thing!
He has made a way in the wilderness.**

Song in the Gospel

“Come Ye Sinners”

All

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.**

**Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry ’til you’re better,
You will never come at all.**

**Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.**

**In the arms of my dear savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.**

words: Joseph Hart, 1835; music: RESTORATION, trad American Melody Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835

Song in the Gospel

"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 just 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 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 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

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]



¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Community Group Questions

1. *How does the normalization of facing opposition or discouragement prepare us to be faithful disciples?*
2. *Can you recall a time when you were overcome with discouragement or fear? What did that feel like for you?*
3. *How does the once-for-all nature of Jesus' sacrifice strengthen our faith when we are facing opposition, discouragement, or fear?*
4. *Do you trust Jesus to be faithful? How can we encourage one another in the full assurance of faith?*
5. *Read a few other passages about encouragement together (e.g. Acts 14:22; Colossians 2:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:18 & 5:11). What does the frequency of this command to encourage say about the reality of discouragement? About the implications for our life together?*
6. *Committing to a local church can be really hard—not least of all because local churches are sometimes where we've faced the deepest discouragement or wounds. What is one practical way you and/or your CG can help Redeemer grow in practicing 'transforming safety in the gospel' and 'meaningful relationships in community'?*

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

“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

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

Bible study registrations | redeemindy.org/biblestudy

Town hall | January 16, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday school starts | January 23, 10:00 a.m.

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

Closing Hymn

“Farther Along”

All **Tempted and tried, we’re oft made to wonder,
Why it should be thus all the day long;
While there are others living about us,
Never molested, though in the wrong.**

**When death has come and taken our loved ones,
It leaves our home so lonely and drear;
Then do we wonder why others prosper,
Living so wicked year after year.**

**Farther along we’ll know all about it,
Farther along we’ll understand why;
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,
We’ll understand it all by and by.**

**Faithful til death, said our loving Master,
A few more days to labor and wait;
Toils of the road will then seem as nothing,
As we sweet through the beautiful gate.**

**Farther along we’ll know all about it,
Farther along we’ll understand why;
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,
We’ll understand it all by and by.**

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Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,
We’ll understand it all by and by.**

W.B. Stevens and J.R. Baxter, 1911

Benediction

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2021 budget:
\$2,487,554

2021 year to date giving:
\$2,261,894.64

Congregational Giving

January 2, 2022\$ 60,133.17
December 2021 Total\$ 330,648.65

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.

Fountain Square Pres

In 2014, Fountain Square Presbyterian Church opened its doors. The first daughter church of Redeemer, Fountain Square ministers to, worships with, and cultivates Christ-centered community in the Fountain Square neighborhood of Indianapolis.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is part of a church planting movement in Indianapolis and we are earnestly working to fund the planting of another gospel community.

Good to See You Again.

You've been around, but there are so many ways to get plugged in that you're not sure where to start. How about starting here? Give us your name and email, check some boxes, and drop this in the offering plate.

FIRST & LAST NAME

EMAIL

I'D LIKE TO... *

- Learn More About Redeemer
 - Become a Member
 - Join a Community Group
 - Work with Global Missions
 - Use my Artistic Talents
 - Serve with Kids
 - Serve with Students
 - Greet on Sunday Mornings
 - Make & Serve Food
 - Join a Prayer Team
 - Talk to Someone About Counseling
 - Do Something Else:
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*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

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

Birthday _____

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

Birthday _____

CONTACT

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY!

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

Classes
10:00 a.m.

Church Plants

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