



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Ordinary
Time

16 October 2022

Cover Art

“Further Fall” by Derek Bender

To represent Ordinary Time, I wanted to take something easily overlooked and make it beautiful. It was also the perfect excuse to create something with leaves, which I had been wanting to do for a while. I’ve also been interested in rose windows since college, when I studied them in an art history class. So, it felt like a great idea to bring those two things together.

My process: I researched stained glass and compiled some forms that are typically used in church architecture. I then created an outline of a rose window in Adobe Illustrator. After that I went on a walk and collected leaves that had already fallen & had plenty of character. I then took the leaves home and dipped them in water to remove dirt. Next I used my scanner to import images of the leaves into my computer. After that, I Photoshopped my leaf scans, cutting them out, and then composing them within the window outline that I created.

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 47:1-7

Leader Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All **For the LORD, the Most High,
is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

**God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Leader Sing praises to God,
All **sing praises!**

Leader Sing praises to our King,
All **sing praises!**

Leader For God is the King of all the earth;
All **sing praises with a psalm!**

Opening Hymn

“The Lord is King”

All

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav’ns, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring, “The Lord omnipotent is King!”**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise, All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees, Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise, All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must; The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways; Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise, All your days, all your days.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise, Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise, All your days, all your days.**

Words: Josiah Conder, 1824; 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

“There is a Fountain Filled With Blood”

All

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**

**When this poor lisp’ing stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save:
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.**

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Song in the Gospel

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

All

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
‘Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord’s redeemed
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that’s His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue,
The robe of Christ is ever new.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord’s redeemed
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that’s His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**O let the dead now hear Thy voice;
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord’s redeemed
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that’s His,
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

words: Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; music: Nathan Partain, 2010

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. The Nursery welcomes 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]



Scripture Reading

Ezra 9:1-3

Reader

¹ After these things had been done, the leaders came to me and said, “The people of Israel, including the priests and the Levites, have not kept themselves separate from the neighboring peoples with their detestable practices, like those of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians and Amorites. ² They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and have mingled the holy race with the peoples around them. And the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness.”

³ When I heard this, I tore my tunic and cloak, pulled hair from my head and beard and sat down appalled.

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

When Scripture Feels Cringey

Additional Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:27-29

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Revelation 7:9-10

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Notes



Community Group Questions

1. *The “Life-Giving Authority of Scripture” is one of our values as a church, but that doesn’t always mean that this feels easy or straightforward. Where are some of the places that you find Scripture most challenging, and why? How might knowing Jesus help form a disposition of trust towards God and his word?*
2. *Ezra 9:1-4 can easily feel like a challenge to many of us. Take a minute to read those verses and share your gut reaction. What questions does this raise for you, and how would you start to answer them? Where else would you turn in Scripture to make sense of what’s happening here?*
3. *In the sermon, Sam said that one of the reasons God wants his people to be different is ultimately so that God might use them to welcome others in. How can this be true? Are there ways you’ve seen that play out in your own life? How does being different from their neighbors help God’s people show his beauty to their neighbors?*

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.

First Communion

1st Service:

Isabel Pulliam & Alexander Pulliam

Song of Celebration

"I Am One of Those"

All

I am one of those, at the table not invited,
And to all here at the feast it's very plain,
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
But Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried,
And I still bear every stigma of decay,
There is no way I can hide just what I've been through,
'cause when Jesus called I came fresh from the grave.

Refrain:

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low,
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious,
The deformities and scars I have today,
Yet while I was vile with sickness Jesus loved me,
He healed, restored and through and through remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison,
And I've done more evil things than I could say,
But Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles,
And to set me free, he died and took my place.

[Refrain]

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly,
Self-righteous critical religion was my stain,
So I ran to Christ to wash and be discovered,
Jesus called me out and covered up my shame.

[Refrain]

Nathan Partain, 2009

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

Meet Our New Women's Shepherding Team In lieu of the Westminster Sunday School class, we will be hosting an interview and Q&A in the Sanctuary for you to get to know your Women's Shepherding Team. This is the third meeting that will lead up to the Congregational Meeting next Sunday at 10 am where we will vote on elder and deacon candidates. *Use the QR code to learn more.*



Sunday School Today 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.

3:30-5 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle and high school students, meet us in Room 204 (by the church offices) this afternoon for youth group. *Email Mary Paxton Lind with any questions.*

October 20
7-9:00 pm

Redeemer Women Social Bring a game. Bring a snack. Bring a friend. And bring yourself to the Speck Gallery. Whether you like *Solitaire, Twister, Sushi Go*, or just chatting, there will be space for you. Drinks will be provided. We hope to see you there. *No sign-up needed.*

October 23

Mercy Month Kickoff Mercy Month kicks off next Sunday! We are continuing last year's focus on family preservation, adoption, and foster care. There will be opportunities to hear about the Deacon team's work of mercy and justice in this space, as well as outside organizations like Family Hope and YoungLives during the Sunday school hour. *Be looking for more information in the upcoming weeks about how you might get involved!*

October 29
3:30-5:30 pm

Trunk or Treat for 16 Park Redeemer is reaching out to our neighbors at 16 Park apartment complex to build relationships with residents there. We're having a Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot behind Kroger, with snacks, games, prizes, face painting, and (of course) candy! We need your help to make this happen! *Use the QR code to sign up and volunteer.*



6:30-9:00 pm

Men's Chili Cook-off It's time for our third annual men's chili cook-off! We will have fire pits, drinks, and lots and lots of chili. Entries will be judged by an elite team of chili specialists. Make sure to bring your A game if you compete. *Questions? Email Sam at sam@redeemindy.org. Use the QR code to RSVP.*



Nursery Volunteers Needed The leaves are changing, fall is in the air, and we have lots of kids we want to welcome to the nursery! We need to maintain a certain ratio of adults to children in order to keep the nursery from capping its numbers, and recent upticks have meant we need more adult volunteers. *If you are interested in helping serve the youngest members of our church family, please contact Amanda Huron amanda.huron@redeemindy.org.*

Closing Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

All

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Words: Anthony Showalter, Elisha Hoffman 1887; Music: Anthony J. Showalter

Benediction

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2022 year to date giving:
\$1,687,139

January-September 2022 budget:
\$2,293,267

Congregational Giving

October 2, 2022	\$	117,135.41
October 11, 2022	\$	40,608
October Total	\$	157,743

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

Classes
10:00 a.m.

