

#### **Cover Art**

Kyrie Lewis

### **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 62:11-12; 1 Peter 2:9; Psalm 103:11-12, 20-22

Leader Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,
"Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."

All And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

Leader

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 calls you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

Leader As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

All
Praise the LORD, you his angels!
Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts!
Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion!

## **Opening Hymn**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

All Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If, with his love, he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

Let the amen sound from his people again, Gladly fore'er we adore him.

words Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Lobe den Herren, 1665

## **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 All	You were washed in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.  Our sin and guilt have been scrubbed away!
Leader All	You were sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.  We have been made beautiful, clothed in glory, we are the joy of our savior!
Leader All	You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.  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

"Jesus I Come"

All
Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness and into thy health,
Out of my want and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows and into thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.

words William T. Sleeper, 1887; music Nathan Partain, 2000

## Song in the Gospel

"All You Do is Good"

All You are full of compassion and abounding in love,
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good, All you do is good.

You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves.

Those who hate you, you ransom, give your blood for their shame.

With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame.

You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good, All you do is good.

You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you, You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you, You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free, it's Who you are. It's who you were. It's who you will always be.

Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind; Running over with healing, inexhaustible might. You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face. Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.

You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good. You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good, All you do is good.

Nathan Partain, 2015

## **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]



## **Mercy Month Interview with Erin Hall**

#### What is the deacon team?

The deacon team exists to connect people to Jesus and care for our congregation and city through acts of service, mercy, and justice.

### What does the deacon team do?

- Supports families: The team offers foster and adoption grants, hosts quarterly weekend respite events, and hosts Family Hope training.
- Cares for our Legacy Ladies—the widows and the eldery, single women of our congregation: A deacon team member meets with the Legacy Ladies monthly to build community, share concerns, and grow in Christ together.
- Helps members achieve financial stability: The team offers individual development grants for people that need a certificate, class, or other to build skills to improve financial independence.
- Supports mercy by congregation members: The team encourages congregants in doing mercy and service within their own spheres.
- Cares for the congregation: The team meets with members that have financial difficulties and helps create a plan to meet their physical needs.
- Reaches out to our neighbors: 16 Park is a neighbor to Redemeer and was the home of New Star, an after school tutoring and mentorship program started by Redeemer.
- Partners with ministries in Indianapolis: Redeemer supports ministries like Wheeler Mission and Shepherd Community Center by raising support, collecting donations, and encouraging volunteers.



Use the QR code to learn more about what the Deacon Ministry does, who we are, and how you can get involved.

## How Do I Get Involved?

I have	How to use it for mercy and justice at Redeemer
2 minutes	Pray for the deacon team to be Christ's hands and feet as we seek to care for the congregation and city.
An evening	Watch kids of parenting teens during a YoungLives meeting (2x/month)
A Saturday morning***	Volunteer to play with kids during a Redeemer Weekend Respite event for single parents, parents of children with special needs, and foster and adoptive parents.
A car***	Transport parenting teens to and from 2 mtgs/month
	Deliver a pre-made meal from the Redeemer freezer to someone at Redeemer who is in need of meals
Things to donate or a willingness to shop***	<ul> <li>Donate gently used baby gear to YoungLives (can be dropped off at Redeemer)</li> </ul>
	Donate blankets for Shepherd on November 13th and 20th
	• Donate bus passes for residents of Wheeler Homeless Misison to use to get to appointments or work
Space in my home for a child	Host a child whose parent is experiencing distress for 1-90 days. Example of types of needs through Family Hope:
	<ul> <li>Single mom, overwhelmed, looking for 2-3 days respite for 2-year-old twins &amp; a 1-year-old boy. Can host separately.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Homeless mom looking for 2-3 weeks hosting for 3-year-old son while she works and saves for a deposit on apartment. No daycare.</li> </ul>
Time to get coffee and make a couple of phone calls once a month	Be a Support Coach through Family Hope. Support Coaches walk alongside parents and offer mentorship, resource connection, and encouragement.
The ability to cook***	Make a meal for someone at Redeemer who has had a baby, had surgery, or another similar need. (Can be dropped off at Redeemer and put in the freezer for someone to use later)
A calling to get more involved	Consider becoming a deacon assistant or deaconness/deacon.
Other	Have a skill or talent and not sure how to use it for others? Talk to a deacon team member!

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>If your community group has any desire to serve, this might be a good opportunity to serve together.

## **Scripture Reading**

Ezra 9:5-15

Reader

 $^5$  Then, at the evening sacrifice, I rose from my self-abasement, with my tunic and cloak torn, and fell on my knees with my hands spread out to the LORD my God  $^6$  and prayed:

"I am too ashamed and disgraced, my God, to lift up my face to you, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens. <sup>7</sup> From the days of our ancestors until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we and our kings and our priests have been subjected to the sword and captivity, to pillage and humiliation at the hand of foreign kings, as it is today.

<sup>8</sup> "But now, for a brief moment, the LORD our God has been gracious in leaving us a remnant and giving us a firm place in his sanctuary, and so our God gives light to our eyes and a little relief in our bondage. <sup>9</sup> Though we are slaves, our God has not forsaken us in our bondage. He has shown us kindness in the sight of the kings of Persia: He has granted us new life to rebuild the house of our God and repair its ruins, and he has given us a wall of protection in Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> "But now, our God, what can we say after this? For we have forsaken the commands <sup>11</sup> you gave through your servants the prophets when you said: 'The land you are entering to possess is a land polluted by the corruption of its peoples. By their detestable practices they have filled it with their impurity from one end to the other. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not give your daughters in marriage to their sons or take their daughters for your sons. Do not seek a treaty of friendship with them at any time, that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and leave it to your children as an everlasting inheritance.'

<sup>13</sup> "What has happened to us is a result of our evil deeds and our great guilt, and yet, our God, you have punished us less than our sins deserved and have given us a remnant like this. <sup>14</sup> Shall we then break your commands again and intermarry with the peoples who commit such detestable practices? Would you not be angry enough with us to destroy us, leaving us no remnant or survivor? <sup>15</sup> LORD, the God of Israel, you are righteous! We are left this day as a remnant. Here we are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in your presence."

Reader People This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

Nicholas McDonald Dealing with Darkness

### **Additional References**

"As a thief is shamed when caught, so the house of Israel shall be shamed: they, their kings, their officials, their priests, and their prophets..."

Jeremiah 2:26 ESV

"Hassan dragged a sleeve across his face, wiped snot and tears. I waited for him to say something, but we just stood there in silence, in the fading light. I was grateful for the early-evening shadows that fell on Hassan's face and concealed mine. I was grateful I didn't have to return his gaze."

Khaled Hosseini, The Kite Runner

"Discomfort is the price of admission to a meaningful life."

Susan David, Harvard Medical School psychologist

"23 I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a seat of honor for the house of his father...25 'In that day', declares the LORD Almighty, 'the peg driven into the firm place will give way; it will be sheared off and will fall, and the load hanging on it will be cut down.' The LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 22:23, 25

## **Community Group Questions**

- 1. Of the three experiences of darkness Ezra names—shame (alienation), guilt (indebtedness), and impurity (death)—which of these is resonating with you right now?
- 2. Do you tend to bottle these feelings, or brood over them? What does that look like?
- 3. How does our relationship with Jesus give us a context for growth?

### **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**

"I Am Trusting Thee"

All I am trusting thee, thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only thee;
Trusting thee for full, full salvation,
Great and free, great and free, Trusting only thee.

I am trusting thee, thee for cleansing, in the crimson flood; Trusting thee to make, make me holy By thy blood, by thy blood, Trusting only thee.

I am trusting thee, thee to guide me; thou alone shall lead; Thou provide and tend every day and hour, All I need, all I need, Trusting only thee.

I am trusting thee, thee, Lord Jesus, Never let me fall; I am trusting thee, thee forever And for all, and for all, Trusting only thee.

words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; 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**



Congregational Meeting for Officer Voting Please join us today at 10 am in the sanctuary for our congregational meeting. This will be a chance for members to vote for new elders and deacons. These candidates have been nominated by the congregation, trained, and vetted by the session. Use the QR code to learn more about our candidates.



Sunday School Today All adult Sunday school classes are postponed this week for the officer vote. 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.

Redeemer Kids Parents Meeting Please join us this Sunday for a brief conversation immediately after the 10 am congregational meeting. We'll share our current needs in nursery and children's worship, talk about ways you can consider stepping in, and spend a few minutes answering questions you might have. The meeting is open to anyone who loves kids, though parents of 0-5 year olds should make this a priority.

Mercy Month Sundays Begin Today! During both services, Erin Hall will be sharing with us about the deacon team's work of mercy and justice, as well as introducing the organizations that will be giving informational sessions later in the month. Check out pages 8 and 9 of your bulletin for more information on how you can be supported or 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.

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

## **Closing Hymn**

"Abide in Me"

All Abide in me, O Lord, and I in thee,
From this good hour, O leave me nevermore;
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o'er.

Abide in me, o'ershadow by thy love Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin; Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire, And keep my soul, as thine, calm and divine.

We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son. We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.

As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So, when thou dwellest in a mortal soul,
All heav'n's own sweetness seems around it thrown.

Abide in me; there have been moments blest When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow'r; Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed, Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.

We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son. We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.

These were but seasons beautiful and rare; Abide in me, and they shall ever be; Fulfill at once thy precept and my prayer: Come and abide in me and I in thee.

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We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom...
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We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.

words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002

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2022 year to date giving: \$1,726,215

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

#### Congregational Giving

October 2, 2022 \$	117,135
October 11, 2022 \$	40,608
October 11, 2022 \$	37,571
October Total\$	195,314

## **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.

## 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
'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:

<sup>\*</sup>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
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Classes 10:00 a.m.