



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Cover Art

“Red Aviator”

Will Lutz

This painting is about the passage through dark, dangerous, and beautiful worlds.

Banners

Tom Peck

Window Covering

More Than Tolerators with special thanks to Barb Knuckles and Redeemer people for adding the leaves to the installation.

Paintings Over Doors

“Red Aviator” and “Edge of a Storm”

Will Lutz

Backdrop Sculptures

Ryan Collier

Communion Set

Becca Ito

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 98

Leader Sing a new song to the LORD,
because he has done amazing things!

All **His powerful and holy right arm
has brought him another victory.
The Lord showed the nations his power to save.
He showed them his goodness.**

Leader He has kept his promise of love and loyalty to the people of Israel.
People everywhere have seen our God's power to save.

All **Everyone on earth, shout with joy to the LORD.
Start singing happy songs of praise!
Praise the Lord with harps.
Yes, praise him with music from the harps.
Blow the pipes and horns,
and shout for joy to the LORD our King!**

Leader Let the sea and everything in it,
the earth and all who live in it shout his praise!
Rivers, clap your hands!
All together now, mountains sing out!

All **Sing before the LORD
because he is coming to judge the world.
He will rule the world fairly.
He will rule the people with goodness.**

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.**

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Sing his praise, sing his praise,
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words Josiah Conder, 1824; music Nathan Partain, 2003; UBP CCLI #105650

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.
We don't think about you much during our day,
because we figure you're not thinking about us.**

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 so much safer.**

Leader The new 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.
We trust what we see and taste and test for ourselves,
rather than following God 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.

Song of Need

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

All

**On Jordan’s stormy banks, I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.**

**O’er all those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son, forever reigns,
And scatters night away.**

**I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land;
I am bound. I am bound.
I am bound for the promised land.**

words Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; music Chris Minor, 2003

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 "For you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you,
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

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)”

All

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; who, like me, his praise should sing?
Come and worship, come and worship, praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor, to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever; slow to chide and swift to bless.
Come and worship, come and worship, glorious in his faithfulness.**

**God our Father tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands, he gently bears us; rescues us from all our foes.
Come and worship, come and worship, widely as his mercy goes.**

**Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him; dwellers all in time and space.
Come and worship, come and worship, praise with us the God of grace!**

Come and worship, come and worship, praise with us the God of grace!

words Henry F. Lyte, 1834; music Nathan Partain, 2000

Song in the Gospel

“Psalm 96 (Sing to the Lord a New Song)”

All

**Sing to the Lord, a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name:
Proclaiming his gospel anew.**

**Tell of his glory among all the nations,
His marvelous deeds to the world.
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
Feared and adored above all.**

**Ascribe to the Lord, O people and nations,
Ascribe to the Lord honor and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord, the glory his name is due;
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

**Say to the nations, “The Lord reigns.”
The world he has made it is sure;
He sits in his place as a righteous judge,
Before all the heavens and earth.**

**Tell of his glory among all the nations,
His marvelous deeds to the world.
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
Feared and adored above all.**

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Bruce Benedict, April 2005

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]



Scripture

Ezra 1:1-6

¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

² “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. ³ Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. ⁴ And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.”

⁵ Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. ⁶ All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Deconstructed

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.

Closing Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale,
Against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.**

**’Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
’Til with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

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Doxology

**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.**

Community Life

Advent Workshop | Today

Advent Sunday School on *Gentle and Lowly* | Free books available

Mercy Month | redeemindy.org/mercymonth



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Benediction

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year to date giving:	\$2,487,554
\$1,738,516.81	

Congregational Giving

November 7 th	\$	\$45,737.89
November Total	\$	\$45,737.89
November Budget	\$	\$397,388.00