

## **Explanation of Sanctuary Art**

#### **Bulletin Cover and Installations**

In Exodus 13:21, God leads his people with a cloud by day. To illustrate this artists from redeemer have made many charcoal drawings and collaged in collaboration to create this cloud in the window. Charcoal is made in a similar fashion to the ashes. In our ashes we take the palms from last Palm Sunday and burn them to create the ash that makes up the cross drawn onto each forehead.

This use of liturgical symbols colors smells and sign is not simply decorative but also gets into the thread of our live and years.

Signs are reused and reshaped to remind us that God is working out his plan in us and at Redeemer. The mobiles from Advent are now filled with the curly (formerly pink) ribbons that now feel like clouds of God leading us through Lent by his spirit and breath.

#### **Banners**

During the Exodus, God led his people with a pillar of fire by night. The vestments, made to image this pillar, were made from lint to help us remember our mortality. Besides being highly flammable, lint's ontogeny calls to mind the motif found in Genesis 3:19 and Ecclesiastes 3:20: "All are from the dust, and to dust all return."

~~Moriah Miller and Lauren McElhaney

## **Circular Hanging Forms**

~~Nick Dodge



# **Meditation**

Ecclesiastes 7:2

"Death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart."

### Welcome

## **Call to Worship**

based on Isaiah 55:1-9

Leader

Listen to what the Lord says:

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

All Let us seek the Lord while he may be found, and call on him while he is near.

Leader

Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, Let them turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

All
For his thoughts are not our thoughts,
neither are his ways our ways.
As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are his ways higher than our ways,
and his thoughts than our thoughts.

## **Opening Hymn**

"The Lord is All That's Good (Psalm 136)"

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The Lord is all that's good.
He is the Power of powers.
He is the Beauty of beauties.
He is the Fear of fears.
He alone is the Author of wonders.
His thoughts are like the universe;
His care spread the earth on the water.
He's the truth of the day. He's the hope through the night.

His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful. His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able To make us stand pure in his sight.

He crushed the head of death,
Delivered us from the reach of his hand.
With his mighty arm, he made us a path,
A way through the deep, we walk on dry land.
While Pharaoh is damned to darkness,
He guides us through the wilderness.
He breaks every scepter, makes low every name.
In us, he has planted his kingdom, his flame.

His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful. His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able To make us like stars in the night.

He never forgets our weakness.
He spares us from the enemy.
He strengthens our soul with the breath of his mouth.
Give thanks to the Lord of heaven. Cry out!

His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful. His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able.

His love endures forever. He is steadfast. He is faithful. His love endures forever. He is a fortress. He is more than able To raise us from death unto life.

Nathan Partain, 2001

## **Call to Repentance and Confession**

based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 88-90, Acts 3:18

Leader

Genuine repentance involves two things:
the dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new.
The dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin,
to hate it more and more,
and to run away from it.

The coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.

Together, as Christ's body, we now confess our sin and express our longing to live in joyful obedience to God.

All

Peter preached to the church saying:

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, and that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

Leader.

Sisters and brothers, in our flesh, our default is arrogance.

All

We believe that we see clearly.

We think most highly of ourselves,
and much less of others,
disrespecting the image of God
and the work of Jesus Christ in them.

We even judge God against our perspectives.
and so, unable to keep our own standards,
we condemn ourselves.

Further, we make plans without regard for the purposes of our King. We are held back by our fears that we think will destroy us and driven by desires we think will make us whole. We believe in you but live without you.

Holy Spirit, wake us up from our arrogance, train us through our inability, teach us in our weakness, humble us in our confusion.

Leader

True wisdom can only grow from a heart yeilded to God. True understanding can only be gained from following him. True joy can only be found in seeking what he desires. In him is found a rich life.

## **Song of Confession**

"Bring Christ Your Broken Life"

All
Bring Christ your broken life, so marred by sin,
He will create anew, make whole again;
Your empty, wasted years, he will restore,
And your iniquities, remember no more.

Bring him your weariness, receive his rest; Weep out your blinding tears, upon his breast; His love is wonderful, his pow'r is great, And none who trust in him, will he ever forsake.

Blest Savior of us all! Almighty Friend! His presence shall be ours, unto the end; Without him life would be, how dark, how drear! But with him morning breaks, and heaven is near!

words: Thomas Chisholm, 1935; music: Joseph N. Partain, 2009

### **Assurance**

based on Psalm 103:8-18

Leader

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities.

All

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

All But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—with those who keep his covenant.

## Song in the Gospel

"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

All What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus. Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Robert Lowry, 1876; Public Domain

### Lesson 1

Call to Freedom

based on Isaiah 42:14-16

Leader

Dear children, your Father's heart is that you would be free from the bondage of sin, from the lies that you live under, from the defeat that you feel, from the patterns and paths that you are stuck in. For the Lord is removing the obstacles and filling in the ruts of the old ways.

Hear what he says to you:

- <sup>14</sup> For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.
- <sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup> And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know,

in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

All

Let us repent for giving up in our struggle against our pet sins
and walk again by faith that the Lord is bringing eternal change to our hearts.

Let us repent of believing that we are defeated before we even try
and believe that the power of Christ's resurrection is at work in us even now.

Let us repent of depending on the success or failure of our own strength
and put our trust again in our Father's unchanging desire and untiring power,
that he will deliver us, completely.

(silent prayers offered)

## **Hymn**

"I Love the Lord With All My Heart"

All I love the Lord with all my heart, his blessings never end, Like water rolling from a fount, his Spirit is within.

I love the Lord, he first loved me, before his name, I knew His life, his death, for me his blood, healed my deservéd wounds. I love the Lord though troubles tempt, my heart to doubt his will. I wrestle with my wayward mind, until my soul is still.

All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food, all I want is you.
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,
All I want is you.

Nathan Partain, 2015

### Lesson 2

Call to Forgiveness
based on 1 John 2:9-11

Leader

Dear children, your Father wants you to be free from the bondage of unforgiveness. He stands ready to forgive and to release you into the freedom of love. Hear his word:

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

All If we do not love our neighbor who we can see, then we cannot love God who is invisible. If we say we love God while hating our neighbor we are liars. May we forgive completely as the Lord has forgiven us. For we are greatly indebted to Jesus for all that he has forgiven us. Let us never forget his mercy as we are confronted with the profound and evil wrongs that have been done to us. May the grace shown to us turn our bitterness into forgiveness and solidarity as heinous sinners without hope except through Jesus's blood.

Leader

Let us pray now for God to bring forgiveness to our hearts for even the most hurtful people in our lives, that we might not hold our Father at a distance because we want to retain our right to condemn those around us.

8 (silent prayers offered)

## **Hymn**

"I Love the Lord With All My Heart"

I love the Lord with all my heart, his presence I adore
 I want to linger in this place, and worship evermore
 I love the Lord and I will sing, I lift my hands and voice.
 My heart now brims with thankfulness, in his love, I rejoice.

All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food,
All I want is you.
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,
All I want is you.

Nathan Partain, 2015

### Lesson 3

Call to Hope

based on Psalm 25:3, Psalm 16:5-11

Leader

Listen now, you in whom is all his delight. You were not called to a life of repression, or withdrawal or of no desire. He came that you would be free from false feasting, false beauty, false intimacy, false comfort, false glory. Let your hope live again. For we know that no one who puts their hope in him will be put to shame.

On the contrary, hear the song of scripture:

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

All The Lord alone is our portion and our cup; He makes our treasure secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance. He makes known to us the path of life;
He will fill us with joy in his presence, with eternal pleasures at his right hand.

Leader

Let us place all our hopes in him again, knowing that he came, that in him you would have extreme life and have it beyond measure.

(silent prayers offered)

## **Hymn**

"I Love the Lord With All My Heart"

All I want is you, all my springs in you,
All my strength and good, all my drink and food, all I want is you.
All my hope is you, all my joy is you,
All I've sought and searched, in heaven and on earth,
All I want is you. All I want is you.

Nathan Partain, 2015

## **Song of Dependence**

"Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now"

All
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow;
Thy Spirit send with grace divine
And let thy truth within us shine.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,
Our souls to thee in worship raise;
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know thy name aright.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

Until we join the hosts that cry,
"Holy art thou, O Lord, Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
Fore'er behold thee face to face.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

Glory to God the Father, Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity! Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.

words: Duke Wilhelm II, 1651; tr.: Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Nathan Partain, 2001

## **Scripture Reading**

Colossians 3:5-15

Reader

- <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.
- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
- <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Reader All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Homily

Charles Anderson

# **Prayers of the People**

Leader Answer us when we call to you, our righteous God.

All Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

(prayers offered from the congregation aloud)

## Doxology

All Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

words: Thomas Ken, 1674; music: Lewis Bourgeois 1551

## **Prayer for Lent**

Leader.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes.

This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

Almighty God,

you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence and teach us again that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

# **Imposition of Ashes**

Leader Your Father knows how you are formed. He remembers that you are dust.

### **Questions for Reflection**

Have I stopped doing something simply because I love Jesus?

What are my characteristic sins, and do I still hope in God and pray for change?

What idols have captured my imagination so that my love for the living God has grown cold?

Is there anything that I am holding back from God?

Relationship, Money, Plans, Dreams, where I say "No" to God's lordship?

In what ways is my devotion to Christ and His church less than wholehearted?

Am I building my life on Christ's free justification or am I insecure and guilt-ridden?

Have I done anything simply because I love Jesus?

"Give Me Jesus"

All

When my heart is cold,
O when my heart is cold,
O when my heart is cold, give me Jesus

When I am afraid O when I am afraid O when I am afraid, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus You can have all this world But give me Jesus

When I am ashamed, O when I am ashamed, O when I am ashamed, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus You can have all this world But give me Jesus

When I'm fighting to believe, When I'm fighting to believe, When I'm fighting to believe, give me Jesus.

African American Spiritual

"Rock of Ages"

All Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know?
Could my tears forever flow?
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to thy cross, I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; music: Thomas Hastings, 1830

"One Thing I Have Asked (Psalm 27)"

All The Lord is my salvation and my light whom shall I fear?
He is my refuge, He's my strong defense.
Though foes rise up against me, they will fall, though war surrounds me,
Yet my heart in Him is confident.

One thing I have asked the Lord, that I will seek, That I may dwell within his house to be with him. All my days to gaze upon his beauty, And to find new joys in him whose glory has no end.

In the day of trouble he will hide me he will shelter me Under the cover of his tent. He will lift me high upon a rock, above my enemies, In victory he lifts my head.

One thing I have asked the Lord, that I will seek, That I may dwell within his house to be with him. All my days to gaze upon his beauty, And to find new joys in him whose glory has no end.

In your mercy hear my cry.
Your dear presence do not hide.
Though mother, father may forsake,
The Lord will take me in, the Lord will keep me safe.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord Among the land of those who live. Wait now for the Lord be strong and let your heart take courage And do not doubt but wait for him.

One thing I have asked the Lord, that I will seek, That I may dwell within his house to be with him. All my days to gaze upon his beauty, And to find new joys in him whose glory has no end.

Nathan Partain, 2016

"When I See the Blood"

All Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,
Died for the sinner, paid all his due.
Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,
And I'll pass over you.

Chiefest of sinners, Jesus can save; All he has promised, surely he'll do. Wash in the fountain where sinners can bathe, And I'll pass over you.

When I see the blood of my Holy One, My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through. When I see the blood of my only Son, Yes, I will pass over you.

Judgment is coming, all will be there, Each one receiving justly his due. Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood, And I'll pass over you.

When I see the blood of my Holy One, My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through. When I see the blood of my only Son, Yes, I will pass over you.

O great compassion! O boundless love! Now crowned with power, Jesus is true; Find peace and shelter under his blood, And I'll pass over you.

When I see the blood of my Holy One, My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through. When I see the blood of my only Son, Yes, I will pass over you.

When I see the blood of my only Son, Yes, I will pass over you.

words: John G. Foote, Elisha A. Hoffman, 19th cent.; music: Nathan Partain, 2004

"Fill Thou My Life"

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Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim, thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up, of praise in every part!
Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.

Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones, In fellowship in hearth and board, with my belovèd ones;

Not in the temple crowd alone, where holy voices chime,

But in the silent paths of earth, the quiet rooms of time.

Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.

Fill every part of me with praise; let all my being speak,
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord, poor though I be, and weak.
So shalt thou, Lord, from me, e'en me, receive the glory due;
And so shall I begin on earth, the song forever new.
Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care, be turned into a song, And every winding of the way, the echo shall prolong; So shall no part of day or night, from sacredness be free; But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee. Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.

words: Horatius Bonar, 1866; music: Nathan Partain, 2004

## **Prayer of Sending**

Leader

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors.

All

In this season of repentance,
restore to us the joy of our salvation
and strengthen us to face our mortality,
that we may reach with confidence for your mercy,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

### **Benediction**

based on 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leader

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

All Amen.

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## **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, contact Jen Maurer [jen.maurer@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.

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