



SEASON OF LENT

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 used in our Ash Wednesday service. 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 signs is not simply decorative but also gets into the thread of our lives 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 suggest 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 McElhane

Circular Hanging Forms

--Nick Dodge



Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:11-13

Leader Teach me your ways, O Lord,
that I may live according to your truth!

People **Grant me purity of heart,
so that I may honor you.**

Leader With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God.
I will give glory to your name forever,

All **For your love for me is very great.
You have rescued me from the depths of death.**

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 over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever 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 for e'er we adore Him.**

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Gladly for e'er we adore Him.**

words: Joachim Neander; Tr. C. Winkworth; music: 17th century German tune, Lobe den Herren, 1665

Prayer of Confession

Leader Father, you made heaven and earth and filled them with your splendor.
You then intimately formed us and gave us the privilege of tending your beauty.
We betrayed you and you came after us,
pursued us, and saved us at the cost of your own son and his suffering.
You have been faithful to us throughout all ages
and every day of our lives.

All **But we are not loyal to you.
We are far more concerned with the opinions of others,
though they change with the fashions.
We are embarrassed to love you radically.
We are self-conscious and inhibited,
catering to a non-existent audience of judges,
and striving to feel okay with our own self image,
We sacrifice a life of being in step with your Spirit
on the altar of fickle mortals.**

Leader The fear of man has bound us up,
and our growth in you is stunted.

All **Jesus, we choose you.
Give us the courage to forsake all others.
Give us the joy of living with an undivided heart.
Give us such a profound intimacy with you,
that all other opinions are of no consequence.**

Leader Jesus, you died that we would be entirely yours again.

All **Set us free from ourselves
and complete the work you have begun,
that we might enjoy you
and show forth your beauty,
as your cherished ones.**

Leader In your power,

All **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

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

“In Tenderness He Sought Me”

All

**In tenderness He sought me, weary and sick with sin,
And on His shoulders brought me, into His flock again.
While angels in His presence sang, until the courts of heaven rang.
Oh, the love that sought me! Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!**

**He washed the bleeding sin-wounds, and poured in oil and wine;
He whispered to assure me, “I’ve found you, you are Mine.”
I never heard a sweeter voice, it made my aching heart rejoice.
Oh, the love that sought me! Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!**

**He pointed to the nail-prints, for me His blood was shed;
A mocking crown so thorny, was placed upon His head:
I wondered what He saw in me, to suffer such deep agony.
Oh, the love that sought me! Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!**

**I’m sitting in His presence, the sunshine of His face,
While with adoring wonder, His blessings I retrace.
It seems as if eternal days, are far too short to sound His praise.
Oh, the love that sought me! Oh, the blood that bought me!
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!**

words: W. Spencer Walton, 1894; music: Joseph Partain, 2010

Song in the Gospel

“Be Thou My Vision”

All

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father I thy true son,
Thou with me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man’s empty praise,
Thou my inheritance now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven’s joys, oh bright Heaven’s sun.
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, oh ruler of all.

Ancient Irish Hymn

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

Ministry Spotlight

Honoring a Legacy of Service and Mercy

Scripture

Exodus 2:11-25

Reader

¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, “Why do you strike your companion?” ¹⁴ He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, “How is it that you have come home so soon today?” ¹⁹ They said, “An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock.” ²⁰ He said to his daughters, “Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.” ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²² She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.”

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Reader
People

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Todd Dawkins

A Backstory of Faithfulness

Children’s Worship is for ages 3 through kindergarten and is a time for children to worship through song, Bible stories, and response (art or story play). Children will return to the sanctuary before communion, and parents can pick them up at that time. Visitors are welcome, and parents are always invited to attend with their children.

Community Group Questions

- 1) What part of Moses' firsthand account stuck out to you and why? In what ways do you relate to Moses and/or his situation?
- 2) What was God up to in Moses' life when he was in the desert of Midian? Consider a Midianite desert experience from your life and share. What was/is God up to in your life during this time?
- 3) Take a moment to read and reflect on vv. 23-25. How are they encouraging to you? In particular, how have you seen a backstory of God's faithfulness through all the ups and downs of life? How might this backstory act as a propulsion of grace to live out your identity as sons/daughters of God?

Children's Questions

Why did Moses go to Midian? How do you think Moses felt about being in Midian? (To help you answer, consider why he named his son Gershom.) Read vv. 23-25. How might these verses have encouraged Moses? How might they encourage you?

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Call to Communion and Prayer

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

Redeemer welcomes 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 to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please eat the bread privately, and then drink the cup together with us after everyone has returned to their seats. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to partake of Communion.

The ministry of prayer is one of the ways we live together as a community of believers and seekers. During Communion, members of our prayer team are available at the front of the sanctuary. It would be our privilege to pray with you as we walk together through the joys and struggles of life. We also encourage you to pray with one another in the pews during this time of movement in our service.

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

"The Sacrifice"

Ensemble

Moses was a murderer, Peter was a liar,
Paul stood by and watched them die; they all were lifted higher.
By a sacrifice, a sacrifice.
To take away their stain, the Lamb of God was slain as a sacrifice.

God's holy perfection comes at quite a cost,
Jesus came to take the blame for me when all was lost.
He's the sacrifice, the sacrifice,
The way to get relief is only by belief in the sacrifice.

It's a sure kind of love, a pure kind of love,
That a man would lay his life down for his friends.
I had no other choice, but to listen to His voice,
And follow him until the end.

Now His Spirit lives within me, my life has been transferred,
And I have died, been crucified with the living Word.
He's the sacrifice, my sacrifice,
And I can be forgiving, by acting as a living sacrifice.

It's a loyal kind of love, a royal kind of love,
That a man could be adopted by a king.
My life has been exchanged, completely rearranged,
And he's given me everything.

So, Peter, Paul, and Moses—I can add my name there too,
Now my life is hid in Christ and everything is new.
He's the sacrifice, my sacrifice,
And I can be forgiving, by serving as a living sacrifice.

Tom Peck, 2016

Song of Celebration

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Ensemble

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame.
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best,
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me.
For the dear Lamb of God, left his glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I'll share.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

George Bennard, 1912

Serving Spotlight

Student Ministry

Valediction

Psalm 90:1-2, 11-12, 14-17, A prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Leader

Lord, through all the generations
you have been our home!

People

**Before the mountains were born,
before you gave birth to the earth and the world,
from beginning to end, you are God.**

Leader

Who can comprehend the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve.

People

**Teach us to realize the brevity of life,
so that we may grow in wisdom.**

Leader

Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love,
so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.

All

**Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery!
Replace the evil years with good.
Let us, your servants, see you work again;
let our children see your glory.
And may the Lord our God show us his approval
and make our efforts successful.
Yes, make our efforts successful!**

Departing Hymn

“Jesus, I Come to Thee”

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, 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 into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to 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

Benediction

Honoring a Legacy of Service and Mercy

After years of service as Deaconesses, Kathy Matthews and Mary Howard are stepping out of these roles. We are grateful for the time and energy they both gave in this ministry to the Lord and the members of our community, both inside and outside of Redeemer.

Kathy Matthews

The person with the spiritual gift of helps is someone who tends to work behind the scenes to get things done. The gift of helps is the unnoticed gift that keeps things running smooth, making sure everyone is cared for inside and out of the church. Through her tenure on the Deacon Team, Kathy Matthews has tirelessly modeled the gift of helps in many countless, often thankless ways.

Practically speaking, Kathy's "boots on the ground" gift of helps looks like this: tutoring at New Star, meeting with folks to discuss their budgets, taking in meals, arranging activities for some of the senior ladies in our community, making sure the resource closet is stocked with supplies to assist visitors on Sunday or members of our body, and meeting with those in need.

We are grateful for the faithful service Kathy has given to the Deacon Team over these many years. She will continue to be a voice, an advocate, and champion for the lonely and hurting as she steps into the role of Deacon Assistant.



Mary Howard

After years of faithful service at Redeemer, both as a volunteer and on staff, Mary Howard joined the Deacon Team as a Deaconess. At a time in life when accepting a new, rather large role in the life of the church could be easily refused, Mary stepped into the role with a zest for service, a posture of learning, and desire to serve. To the Deacon Team, Mary brought her love of hospitality, a love for God's word, and an abiding affection for his church.

In the foyer at the back of the sanctuary you'll find a lovely mosaic of Mary setting the table—the essence of who she is. With a warm and welcoming spirit, Mary figuratively "set the table" for the Deacon Team. At "Mary's table" we were reminded to see the Lord's hand in hard care situations, encouraged to drink deep from the well of God's wisdom, to rely on God's word and not our own strength, and to love the Redeemer body through acts of service and mercy.



Upcoming Events

Today
12:30pm

New-ish to Redeemer? Join us for lunch today!

After the 11:00 service today, join Redeemer staff and other people new to the community in the Speck Gallery for lunch. Newcomer's Lunches are a great opportunity to meet other new people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages are welcome (plus, we'll have supervised play for kids in the gym after we eat). Don't worry about not having registered—just come!

Today

Help send a teen mom and baby to Young Life Camp

Crew carwashes are for sale today inside the courtyard doors. They are \$10 with \$5 going towards a young mom and child experiencing a life changing week at Young Lives camp.

March 17
6:30-9pm

Youth Spring Break Party

All middle and high school students are invited to join us at the Georges' home, Sunday, 3/24 from 6:30-9pm for a spring break party! Please RSVP by March 17th online [redeemindy.org/events/springbreak].

March 20
7:00pm

House Concert: Wendell Kimbrough

We're hosting a house concert with Wendell Kimbrough on Wednesday, 3/20 at 7pm! Wendell is a songwriter reimagining the Psalms for emotionally honest modern worship. His songs are marked by strong singable melodies, steeped in the sounds of folk, gospel, and soul music. Wendell serves as artist-in-residence and worship leader at Church of the Apostles in Fairhope, Alabama. For more info contact Nathan Partain [nathan@redeemindy.org].

April 30
7:00pm

Women are invited to the next Women's OneRead!

Redeemer Women invite you to join us for a Women's OneRead, Tuesday, 4/30 from 7-9pm in the Underground. Grab a copy of *Real* by Catherine Parks, read it, and join us to discuss the book's message on how we can move towards deeper relationships with God and one another. We are excited that Catherine Parks, the author, will be with us to talk and lead the discussion! Dessert and coffee will be served. Books will be available for purchase (\$10) in the courtyard lobby on 3/17 and 3/24 and on Amazon. Please register at the table in the courtyard foyer or on line so we can cater correctly [redeemindy.org/events/oneread].

Sundays
10-10:50am



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year to date giving:

\$ 301,922.71

Jan-Mar budget:

\$ 504,497.50

2019 budget:

\$2,016,840

Congregational Giving

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| Mar 3rd | \$ | 33,928.22 |
| Mar Total | \$ | 33,928.22 |
| Mar Budget | \$ | 168,070 |

Designated Giving

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| Mercy 2019 Total | \$ | 3,733.00 |
| Missions Team 2019 Total | \$ | 17,066.11 |
| Building Team 2019 Total | \$ | 103.14 |
| Church Planting 2019 Total | \$ | 100.00 |

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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.

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 Youth
 - 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.