



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Cover Art

“Edge of a Storm”

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

from Psalm 84

Leader Almighty Father,
How lovely it is to gather with your people,
the place where you now dwell!

All **My soul is used up and yearns,
for the presence of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.**

Leader Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are always traveling to you.

All **As we pass through the Valley of Weeping,
we make it a place of joy and worship;
blessing falls like rain and pools all around us.**

Leader They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

All **Better is one day near you
than a thousand anywhere else;
I would rather be a nobody among God's people
than be ever wandering among the tabernacles of empty pleasure.**

Leader For the LORD God delights in and protects us;

All **He gives us favor and glory.**

Leader No good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

All **Father Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

Opening Hymn

"The Glory of His Name"

All

Let my whole soul bloom like a morning flower,
Spread out my arms to sing my Maker's praise;
And let that sound, a flock of birds, come pouring.
The rivers rise and flood their rocky banks;
The flute o'erflows, the drum o'erflows, the voice o'erflows
The glory of his name.

Then breaks my soul, a mighty clap of thunder;
The pillars shake, the heav'ns begin to fall;
The mountains split, a world of fear and wonder.
The dark is day, the forest stripped and bare;
The wise laid low, all might laid low, all thoughts made known
The glory of his name.

Yet in my soul his calm is ever speaking,
Through every hour, against the violence there.
He is the King, though all I see is dying;
When all has passed, his word will still be there.
The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice
The glory of his name.

The earth rejoice, the sea rejoice, his saints rejoice
The glory of his name.

Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Isaiah 30; Ephesians 2; Revelation 3

Leader Father, you take us on the way that leads into the wilderness
so that you may rebuild us to trust in you.

All **We don't want to be rebuilt in the wilderness—
we think our way is best.
Heads unbowed, we vow to find the way ourselves.**

Leader In repentance and rest is our salvation,
in quietness and trust our strength,
but we would have none of it.

All **No, we said, we will flee on horses:
on our precautions and control,
on freedom and not giving in to fear.
We trust in ourselves, our resources, our ingenuity.**

Leader We do not want the transforming safety of the gospel.
All **We've almost got ourselves figured out and fixed,
refusing to see that, really, we're wretched, poor, and pitiful.**

Leader We do not submit to the life-giving authority of Scripture.
All **We trust our own word to tell us what's right for our lives.**

Leader Our worship is neither thoughtful nor expectant.
All **We don't see you as overwhelmingly holy, imminently close,
responding to our prayers.
Our worship is half-hearted, when it even happens.**

Leader We do not pursue meaningful relationships in community.
All **We project an image, keep our distance, and deflect real connection.
We're scared to know and be known.**

Leader The beauty we create does not point to the creator God who made us creative.
All **We work to make a name for ourselves,
instead of working to reflect the greatness of Jesus' name.**

Leader Father, Son, and Spirit, rebuild us in your grace.
All **Make us a home where you live,
joined together in Christ Jesus,
to be satisfied in and to show off your goodness and glory to the world.**

Song of Need

"The Church's One Foundation"

All

**Now we on earth have union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
We wait the moment glorious, when we in white are dressed,
And raised, through him, victorious, one with our Lord at last.**

words: Samuel Stone; music: Brian Moss, 1996

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Isaiah 30; John 15; Romans 4; Revelation 21

Leader Children of our Father, who live in Indianapolis,
you will weep no more.
How gracious he will be when you cry for help.

All **Whether we turn to the right or the left,
our ears will hear a voice behind us, saying,
“This is the way, walk in it.”**

Leader Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

All **It is good news that he died for our sins,
was raised to life for our justification,
and ascended to heaven to take up his throne.**

Leader Jesus received his calling by believing God’s word
that he was the well-loved, chosen Son.

All **So we are made God’s well-loved sons and daughters in him.**

Leader The moon will shine like the sun, and the sun like the light of seven full days,
when the Lord binds up the bruises of his people
and heals the wounds he has inflicted.

All **When God builds his city, it will not even need the moon or sun,
for his glory will give it light, and the Lamb will be our lamp forever.**

Song in the Gospel

“My Hope is Built”

All

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In every rough and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When I shall launch in worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in him;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

words: Edward Mote 1834, music: William Bradbury 1863

Song in the Gospel

“The Lord Will Provide”

All

**The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied
Just as long as it’s written, “The Lord will provide.”**

**Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and all foes unite,
Just one thing secures us, whatever betide,
His Spirit assures us, “The Lord will provide.”**

And this promise remains,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
Through all ages unchanged,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
In our want, in our pain,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
Faithful through all of our days.

**We’re told we are weak, and our hope is in vain,
The good that we seek we never shall obtain,
But when such suggestions, our graces have tried,
This answers all questions, “The Lord will provide.”**

And this promise remains,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
Through all ages unchanged,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
In our want, in our pain,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
Faithful through all of our days.

**When life sinks apace, and death is in view,
The word of His grace shall comfort us through,
Not fearing or doubting, with Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting, “The Lord will provide.”**

And this promise remains,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
Through all ages unchanged,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
In our want, in our pain,
Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide
Faithful through all of our days.

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

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Reader

⁴ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” ⁸ Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD.

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

Creating Beauty Where We Are

Community Group Questions

1. *What do you think it means to “create beauty”? Is this something only for artists and makers? Or is this something God calls each of us to do? If so, how? What does that actually look like?*
2. *What does beauty have to do with the gospel? How does beauty (e.g., in art, music, hospitality, etc) reflect something of who Jesus is and what he wants for the world?*
3. *In Jeremiah 29:4-7, God tells his people to build houses, plant gardens, create culture, and put down roots – even in a place where they don’t want to be. As you think about your own story, where have you seen beauty sprout in places that feel dark?*

Children’s Question:

Grab your legos, or a piece of paper and some crayons, and go create something that is beautiful or interesting! Then, think about all the ways Jesus helped you make it. He gave you fingers that can hold things like crayons and playdough, a mind that can think of new things to make or draw, and the ability to create something beautiful that wasn’t there before! What other ways has Jesus given you the ability to create things? How can we use our creativity to show that he is good?

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: Graham Miller

Communion Hymn

“How Beautiful Their Feet”

All

**They’ve been changed and made alive.
And they walk by Spirit light.
For they were dead and raised and washed in blood and dressed in white and
Made ambassadors of Christ.**

**How His favor flows out as they greet
Oh the lavish love of God poured sweet
Grace like incense, spice and oils they bring.
O how beautiful their feet! O how beautiful their feet!**

**They know how vain, how meaningless,
To move without his power to bless,
They know that when they’re weak, it’s then that Jesus’ strength is known at last,
While they work, in him they rest.**

**How His favor flows out as they greet
Oh the lavish love of God poured sweet
Grace like incense, spice and oils they bring.
O how beautiful their feet! O how beautiful their feet!**

**Let the earth receive her King
While his reign renews all things
Through each soul that he redeems
How beautiful their feet!**

**They give peace to anxiousness.
Carry hope to those distressed.
They enter in the mess, embrace the wretch and clothe the brokenness.
They are priests of righteousness.**

**How His favor flows out as they greet
Oh the lavish love of God poured sweet
Grace like incense, spice and oils they bring.
O how beautiful their feet! O how beautiful their feet!**

Nathan Partain, 2017

Closing Hymn

"With All of Our Strength"

All

**Our life, no more owning, we were bought at a price
Living not for our own will, but for you, our Lord Christ.
We renounce each allegiance: race and national pride.
We are now of the one true King, and His Kingdom of Light.**

**So now where we find violence, we are called to defend.
And where humiliation, we cover the offense.
Where there is injustice, there the weak is our cause.
And wherever a debtor owes, we pay all of their cost.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.**

**The cry of the helpless, we treat as our own need.
And the hungry and homeless, we will shelter and feed.
For the lost and neglected, we will gather and care.
Though there's only more brokenness, by his strength we repair.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength. Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you.**

**So there is no effort, no errand too small.
Each action a moment, to answer your call.
So in every mercy and in all that we do,
Is your love shown to others and our affections for you.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength. Lord, we love you with all of our strength.
We love you, we love you not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

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.**

Community Life

The 4:8 Fund
Bwana Clements

Artist Talk: Madiha Siraj | Today

Men's Chili Cookoff | Saturday, October 16

Newcomer's Lunch | Sunday, October 17

Women's Half-Day Retreat | Saturday, October 23

More information about these and other events (along with sign-ups) can be found at our website redeemindy.org.

Benediction

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:
\$1,482,557.15

Congregational Giving

October 3 rd	\$	\$33,306.62
October Total	\$	\$33,306.62
October Budget	\$	\$346,101.16