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# Explanation of Art

**Cover Image:** Film still, from *Zephyr*

**Cinematography:** *Asa Gauen*

**Dancer:** *Eleyes Reeves*

*Zephyr is a gentle breeze.*

*A soft wind of change moves through a diverse group of artists, musicians, and dancers in Indianapolis. From our different perspectives we find a new way to move forward.*

*Kyle Ragsdale received a “faith, justice, and art” grant in 2020 from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Indianapolis. The 15-minute film “Zephyr” is the fulfillment of this grant.*

*In the making of *Zephyr*, Ragsdale collaborated with the artistry of choreographer Mariel Greenlee and videographer Asa Gauen. Through gathering and curating local, multicultural expressions of dance, visual art, music, and story, *Zephyr* invites viewers to notice that creative people doing their work is God’s spirit bringing healing in each present moment.*

## Banners

*“Promise Fulfilled” by Karyl Boring*

## Window Covering

*More Than Tolerators Community Group*

## Vestments

*Barb Knuckles and Katherine Dart, with help from the congregation*

## Communion Set

*Nick Dodge and Matt Kenyon*

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*From Isaiah 45:18-25*

*Leader*

This is what the LORD says—  
he who created the heavens, he is God;  
he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it;  
he did not create it to be empty,  
but formed it to be inhabited—

*All*

**He is the LORD, and there is no other.  
He has not spoken in hiding, from some dark corner of the earth;  
He has not said to his children, “Seek me with wishful thinking.”  
He speaks what is; He declares what is most real.**

*Leader*

Turn to him and be saved all you ends of the earth;  
for he is God, and there is no other.  
By himself he has sworn,  
his mouth has uttered in all integrity  
a word that will not be revoked:

*All*

**Before him every knee will bow;  
by him every tongue speak the Truth of truths.  
They will say:  
“Only in the LORD is there deliverance and strength.”**

# 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

*Leader* The Lord our God, who is holy and majestic,  
comes near to those who name and admit their brokenness.  
He desires to restore us into his image,  
to conform us to the image of Christ.

*All* **We work to be like other images:  
best student,  
top performer at work,  
activist for justice,  
super parent.**

*Leader* In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength.

*All* **But we want none of that.  
We strive to make and re-make ourselves, continually dissatisfied;  
we would rather achieve than receive our image.**

*Leader* God's promise that he is for us becomes distorted  
to mean that he helps us get what we want,

*All* **Like he's the consultant we call in to make a better me,  
more successful, happier, comfortable.  
We de-god God and make him serve us.**

*Leader* Pursuing our true, authentic self  
becomes the highest good, our moral duty.

*All* **But our authentic self is pretty awful.  
We ignore how a heart turned toward itself  
becomes callous to the damage it does to others.  
We confuse selfishness for liberty and call it living our truth.**

# Song of Need

*“Come, Holy Ghost”*

*All*      **O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed.**

*words Veni, Creator Spiritus attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856, additional chorus by Ray Mills, 2005;  
music Bruce Benedict and Ray Mills, 2005, © 2006 Cardiphonia Music, and Raymond G. Mills*

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Romans 8:28-39*

*Leader*      Christ Jesus has died for us, been raised to life,  
and reigns at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us.

*All*      **If the Father did not spare his own Son, and the Son so willingly served,  
we can trust he’ll keep all his promises to us.**

*Leader*      Brothers and sisters, receive who you are in Christ Jesus:

*All*      **We are known in advance, chosen, called, justified, and glorified.**

*Leader*      Who then can condemn you or shame you or bring a charge against you?

*All*      **Not the cutting comments of colleagues,  
Not the kids at recess,  
Not the cultural power-brokers,  
Not the social media trolls,  
Not even my own inner critic.**

*Leader*      Can anything separate you from the love of Christ?

*All*      **No!**

*Leader*      What about your stumbling faith?

*All*      **No!**

*Leader* What about the exposure of your hidden sin?

*All* **No!**

*Leader* What about parental disappointment?

*All* **No!**

*Leader* What about when you've messed up . . . again?

*All* **No!**

*Leader* What about other kids not liking you?

*All* **No!**

*Leader* What about your not-going-away desires?

*All* **No!**

*Leader* Is there anything at all?

*All* **No! For we are convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither height nor depth,  
nothing internal or external,  
no success or failure,  
not the past nor the present nor the future,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
can separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## Song of Need

*"Come, Holy Ghost"*

*All* **Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go, there I am with you.**

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# Song in the Gospel

*“Take My Life and Let it Be”*

*All*

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

*words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827*

## Prayer of Dependence



# Offering of Gifts and Service

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## Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

*Reader*

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

*Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94*

What is Baptism?

*All*

**Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.**

# Covenant Baptism

*2nd Service*

Miles Finch Johnston

## Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Miles's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Miles to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## Congregation's Vows

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying, "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you."

*All*

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,  
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—  
for all whom the Lord our God will call."**

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Miles Johnston into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

*All*

**We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ's name, welcomes him.  
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

# Scripture

*Romans 8:28-30*

*Reader*

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

*The Good of Conforming*

# Community Group Questions

- 1) What images do you have as your destination in life? What are some of the images that you're trying to achieve or become like? How has that shaped big picture choices and more mundane decisions in your life?
- 2) Our calling as Christians is to be conformed to the image of Jesus. That means we are always on a journey of knowing him more truly. Read Mark 2:1-17. What do these stories tell us about the pattern of Jesus's life, how he relates to his Father and how he relates to people?
- 3) What means does God use in our lives to conform us to Jesus' image? In other words, how does his grace work on us to change us? What can it look like this week for you to use those means of grace to seek conformity to Jesus, as you see him in Mark 2:1-17?

## First Communion

*1st Service*

Helen Kamer

# Call to Communion

## *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 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 (in a socially distanced way).*

## 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

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

*All*

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man,  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav’n can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be thine.**

*words Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. Joseph Seiss, 1873; music Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842; arr. Nathan Partain, 2001*

## **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**

Redeemer Kids' Park Days

Wednesdays in June, starting June 9

*redeemindy.org/events*

Newcomer's Lunch

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.,

*redeemindy.org/events*

## **Benediction**

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\$2,487,554

year to date giving:  
\$810,005.03

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## Congregational Giving

May 30 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$	\$30,678.24
May Total .....	\$	\$245,554.60
May Budget .....	\$	\$207,296.17

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