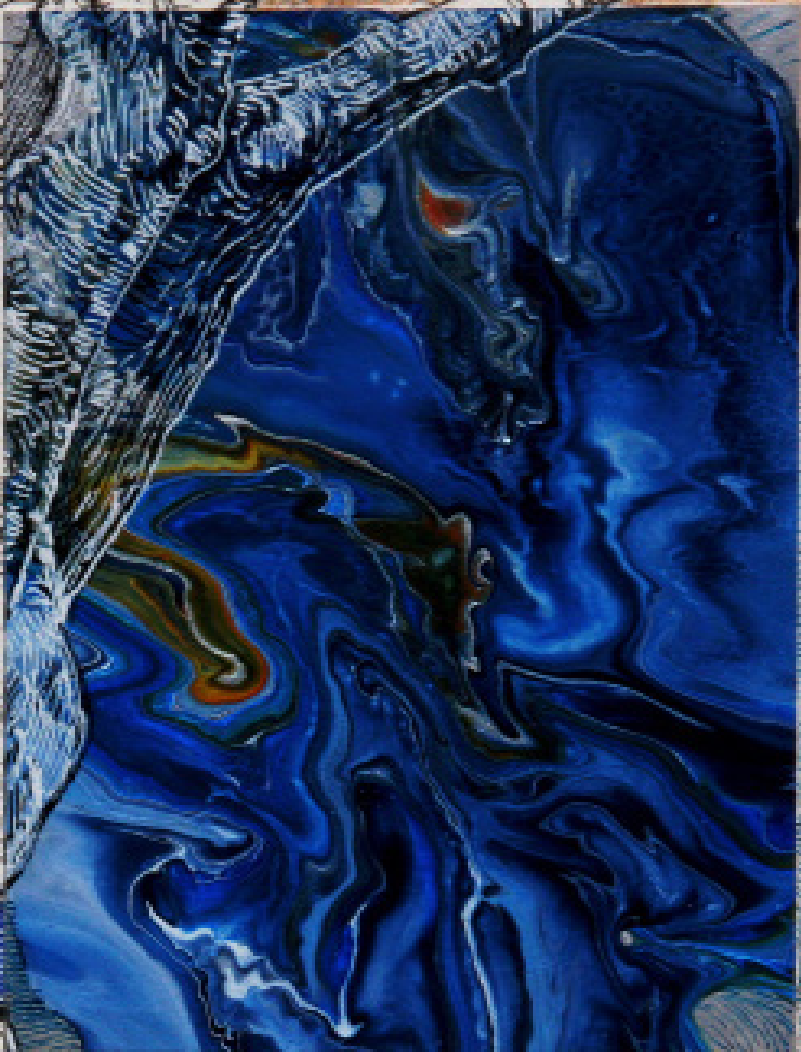


REDEEMER PRES.



AUGUST 22, 2021

## Cover Art

*“Yellowwood”*

*Barb Knuckles*

*I have favorite trees (often fallen, lightning struck, or otherwise quirky, misshapen trees). I especially like trees in the winter, when their “bones” are visible. I am intrigued by how trees can sustain serious trauma and persist, working around damage and loss, scarred but still growing. This one is the old Yellowwood at the Delaware/16th corner of Redeemer’s property.*

*Merging the paint pours and drawings required finding ways to unify disparate elements. I had to try new things, take new risks, and move beyond what I already knew and was good at. I worked to incorporate a dependence on the creative collaboration of the Holy Spirit as I continued to be acutely aware that I did not know where this path was leading, or if any of it would work out in the end. Every time I got stuck and did not know what to do next, instead of changing direction or retreating, I asked the Holy Spirit for help, and within a day or so, a next step would come to mind. I have long been committed to offer my work TO God as a kind of service, but thinking about doing my work WITH God (through the Holy Spirit) was a new practice. I do believe it was how we were created to live.*

## Banners

*“Promise Fulfilled” by Karyl Boring*

## Window Covering

*More Than Tolerators Community Group*

## Vestments

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

## Communion Set

*Matt Kenyon*

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 102:18-22*

*Leader* Listen all of you, born of the Spirit,  
through the resurrection of Jesus.  
These words were written before you existed  
to stir your hearts with praise:

*All* **Our Almighty Father**  
**looked down from his sanctuary on high,**  
**from heaven he viewed the earth,**  
**To listen to the groans of the prisoners**  
**and release those condemned to death.**

*Leader* The day will come when the peoples of the world and all of its kingdoms  
will gather in the new creation, the new Jerusalem, the new Zion,

*All* **And we will all rejoice in who our God is**  
**and all that he has done.**

# 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

*Based on Psalm 3; Romans 12; John 15; Matthew 5*

*Leader* Lord our God—maker, wooer, judge of our hearts—  
*All* **Give us grace to step into your light  
to confess our sin to you, loving, holy Father.**

*Leader* “How many are my foes!” David cries out as he flees from the wicked.

*All* **We disbelieve that we have enemies.  
In our comfort, we sentimentalize the world.  
We imagine that everyone is basically good,  
that they’d be like us,  
that they’d like us,  
if they just had the right opportunities.**

*Leader* As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

*All* **We imagine enemies that don’t exist.  
We believe the worst in others, draw lines in our hearts,  
and make those who disagree with us our foes.**

*Leader* If the world hates you, remember that it hated Jesus first.

*All* **We don’t have enemies,  
because there’s nothing different about us.  
We blend in like chameleons without radical love or holiness.**

*Leader* “Love your enemies,” Jesus instructs us.  
“Pray for those who persecute you.”

*All* **We hate our enemies and seek their worst,  
craving vengeance, trusting ourselves to put things right.**

*Leader* Father, Son, and Spirit, receive and re-shape our hearts.

*All* **Hold them tenderly, mold them fiercely.  
Love and deliver us now and in the day of our Lord Jesus.**

# Song of Need

*“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.**

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

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Ephesians 2*

*All*      **We were separate from Christ, outsiders to his promises,  
strangers to his family, without hope or God.**

*Leader*      But now in Christ Jesus, we who were once far away  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

*All*      **He himself is our peace, reconciling us to God,  
because he made himself God’s enemy,  
by bearing our sin at the cross.**

*Leader*      Jesus tore down what divides us from each other,  
reconciling enemies to each other.

*All*      **In Christ Jesus, there is neither Jew nor Gentile,  
neither slave nor free,  
neither male nor female,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

*All*

**Jesus, thy blood and righteousness, my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved, through these I am, from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.  
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!  
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,  
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**This spotless robe the same appears, when ruined nature sinks in years;  
No age can change, its glorious hue, the robe of Christ is ever new.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.  
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!  
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,  
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

**O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy banished ones rejoice;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, thy blood and righteousness.**

**So I join with the song of the Lord's redeemed.  
And I praise with the throngs at the throne of my King!  
Oh the might! Oh the fear! Oh the mercy that's His,  
In the blood of his Son and the grace that it gives.**

*words Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1739; music Nathan Partain, 2010*

# Song in the Gospel

*“A Child of God”*

*All*

I lie down and rest, cause I work no longer;  
I breathe in, refreshed no more soiled in disgrace;  
I look up at him, to whom I am kneeling,  
And I see delight there in my Father’s face.

I am last and low, cause I fight no longer,  
To be right or good or to prove my own worth;  
I’m not driven or pushed or weighed down with duty;  
I am filled with release that Christ did all for me.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I stand up in faith, cause I fear no longer,  
And I pray and wait for my God to provide;  
I lean all of my weight on him who is able,  
And I set aside every effort of mine.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

I know now, I’m safe, cause nothing can harm me  
Or break in and take what’s been stored up for me;  
I need not to cling to dead helpless idols;  
They no longer can hold any comfort for me.

I’m a child of God, and love is my freedom;  
I can ask anything of my Father the King.  
I’m an heir, I’m adopted, and my brother is Jesus;  
I’m a child of God, and my soul is at peace.

*Nathan Partain, 2011*



# Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

*Online giving available at [\[redeemindy.org/give\]](https://redeemindy.org/give)*



# Scripture

*Psalm 3*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, how many are my foes!

How many rise up against me!

<sup>2</sup> Many are saying of me,

“God will not deliver him.”

<sup>3</sup> But you, LORD, are a shield around me,  
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

<sup>4</sup> I call out to the LORD,  
and he answers me from his holy mountain.

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

<sup>6</sup> I will not fear though tens of thousands  
assail me on every side.

<sup>7</sup> Arise, LORD!

Deliver me, my God!

Strike all my enemies on the jaw;  
break the teeth of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup> From the LORD comes deliverance.

May your blessing be on your people.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

*Foes and Deliverance*

# Pastoral Prayer

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# 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

*"In the Strength That You Give"*

*All*

**Father, you give me comfort, when my anxious fears arise.  
Telling me gently, I'm helpless to change one hour of my life.**

**Jesus, teach me your Sabbath, when all my struggles are weighing me down.  
When I cannot stop working 'til I can figure everything out.  
Exhaust my reason, my effort, thwart my control. For in this you bless.  
Show me how grace can't be given, 'til I stop to rest.**

**So don't take away my troubles, I want a peace that won't break.  
'Cause if you only make me happy, I'm never going to use my faith.  
So don't give me only good times, I want eternal content.  
So I can sing through all my trials and rejoice in suffering,  
In the strength that you give, in the strength that you give.**

**Spirit, lead me to worship, you turn my head and you lift my eyes.  
Bringing me visions of heaven, where my Father's face is kind.  
Filled with the deepest thanksgiving, sincerest prayers and tender new songs.  
The earth may be crumbling and failing, but my love grows more strong.**

**So don't take away my troubles, I want a peace that won't break.  
Cause if you only make me happy, I'm never going to use my faith.  
So don't give me only good times, I want eternal content.  
So I can sing through all my trials and rejoice in suffering,  
In the strength that you give, in the strength that you give.**

*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**

Ministry Fair

Today after both services in the Gym and Courtyard

## **Benediction**

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2021 budget:  
\$2,487,554

year to date giving:  
\$1,212,594.42

## Congregational Giving

August 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$	\$19,418.97
August Total .....	\$	\$116,998.10
August Budget .....	\$	\$1,212,594.42