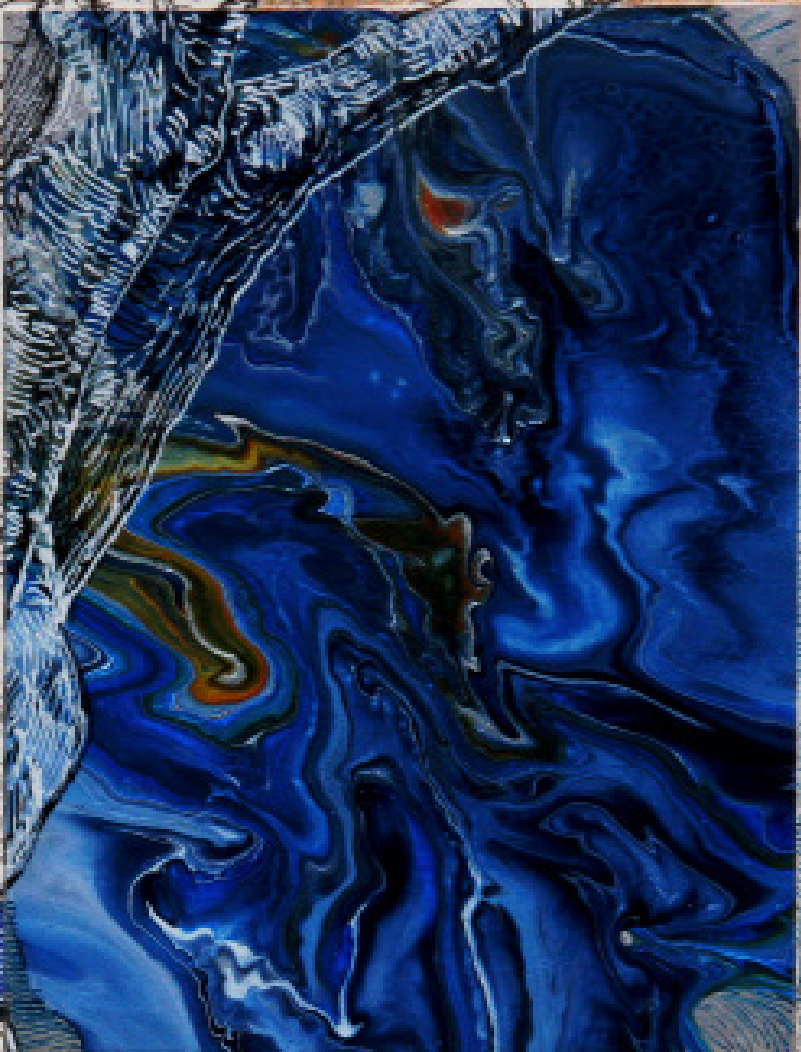


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## Cover Art

*“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 Isaiah 52*

*Leader* How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who brings good news—

*All* **The good news of peace and salvation,  
the news that the God of Israel reigns!**

*Leader* The watchmen shout and sing with joy,  
for before their very eyes  
they see the LORD returning to Jerusalem.

*All* **Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song,  
for the LORD has comforted his people.  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

*Leader* The LORD has demonstrated his holy power  
before the eyes of all the nations.

*All* **All the ends of the earth will see  
the victory of our God!**

# Opening Hymn

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

*All*

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow’r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his piercéed feet  
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, one with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv’n, from his eternal throne,  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days, adored and magnified.**

*words Matthew Bridges, 1851, Public Domain; music George J. Elvey, 1868, Public Domain*

## Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Based on Matthew 28:18-20*

*Leader*

The risen Jesus declared to his disciples,  
“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 I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

*All*

**We don't tell other people about you, Jesus.  
We're afraid of rejection.  
We're afraid we won't know what to say.  
We're afraid to step out of what's comfortable.**

*Leader*

We focus on ourselves,  
unsure of how good the news really is.

*All*

**We don't believe that sin really does mean death.  
We think that maybe, God, you won't come through.  
We fail to grasp the depth, the passion, the power, the goodness  
of your love for sinners.  
We have the answer to the greatest sickness in the world,  
but we keep the medicine to ourselves.**

## Song of Need

*“Weak and Helpless, Yet Believing”*

*All*

**O my Savior, by Thy Spirit  
Thou hast called me o’er and o’er;  
Now repentant I am coming;  
Lord, my wand’ring soul restore!**

*words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); music: Mark Ribera, 2011*

## Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*Based on Micah 7:18-19; John 3:16*

*Leader*

Who is a God like you,  
who pardons sin and forgives our transgressions?

*All*

**You delight to show mercy  
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.  
You drown our sins in the blood of Jesus.**

*Leader*

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his one and only Son,

*All*

**That whoever believes in him,  
shall not perish but have eternal life.**

# Song of Hope

*“Weak and Helpless, Yet Believing”*

*All*

**Weak and helpless, yet believing,  
Casting all my care on Thee,  
I am hoping, trusting, praying;  
Have compassion, Lord, on me!**

**Weak and helpless, yet believing,  
Casting all my care on Thee,  
I am hoping, trusting, praying;  
Have compassion, Lord, on me!**

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# Song in the Gospel

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

*All*

**I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And his wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross, he suffered,  
From the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story,  
How my lost estate to save,  
In his boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory he giveth,  
Over sin and death and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer,  
And his heav'nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me,  
Son of God with him to be.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.**

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*words Phillip Bliss, 1976; music Luke Morton, 2005*



# Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

*Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]*



# Scripture

*Acts 11:19-26*

*Reader*

<sup>19</sup> Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

<sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon/Charge to Church and Pastors

Charles Anderson

*What are We and They Doing Here?*

## Notes:

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## Community Group Questions

- 1) Where do you see the organic mission of believers in Acts 11:19–26 (that is, it happens naturally without a plan)? Where do you see organized mission? How do those relate? Why does Luke describe both in this passage?
- 2) Where do you identify God’s activity in Acts 11:19–26? How should that form our attitude and practice of mission?
- 3) Take time to pray through this passage. Pray for us individually and corporately as a church that we would overflow with Jesus to people around us. Pray for Pastors Ben and Nicholas and their work to support and lead us in our mission of connecting people to Jesus.

# Prayer for Pastors

*First service*

## Installation Service

*Second service*

### Vows of Installation as Assistant Pastors

Charles Anderson

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their assistant pastors, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of assistant pastors to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming ministers of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

## Vows of the Congregation

Charles Anderson

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, profess your readiness to receive Ben Hein and Nicholas McDonald, whom the session has called to be your assistant pastors?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from their mouths with meekness and love, and to submit to them in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage them in their labors, and to assist their endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you promise to support them financially while they serve so that they are freed up to devote themselves to ministry?

## Prayer for Pastors

## Declaration of Installation

We give you the right hand of fellowship, to take part in this ministry with us.

I now pronounce and declare that Ben Hein and Nicholas McDonald have been regularly installed as assistant pastors of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# 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

*“Establish the Work of Our Hands”*

*All*

**If You don't build it, we labor in vain,  
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength.  
I know my life is passing away,  
But the works of Your hands  
Are what will remain.  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us.**

**O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!**

**Teach us to number the length of our days,  
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise.  
Teach us to run, to finish the race,  
For only what's done in love will remain.  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us.**

**O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!**

**“Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”  
“Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”  
“Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”  
“Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”**

*Aaron Keyes, Sandra McCracken, Orlando Palmer, Madison Cunningham, Liz Vice, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell, 2017*

## Doxology

**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

Welcome Lunch

Today @ 11:30 in the Gym and Courtyard.

Redeemer Women's and Men's Bible Studies

Register @ [redeemindy.org/events](https://redeemindy.org/events).

RedeemerKids Orientation and Training

August 29; more information @ [redeemindy.org](https://redeemindy.org).

## Benediction



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