



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

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Window Covering

More Than Tolerators Community Group

Paintings Over Doors

“Red Aviator” and “Edge of a Storm”

Will Lutz

Backdrop Sculptures

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Communion Set

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Welcome

Call to Worship

From 2 Peter 3:5; Genesis 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:6; John 6:40,44; 1 Peter 2:9

Leader Long ago, by the word of God the heavens were created
and the earth was formed out of water.

All **When the earth was formless and empty
and darkness was over the face of the deep,
the Spirit of God was over the face of the waters.**

Leader God said, “Let light come into existence,” and there was light.

All **The God, who said,
“Light shall shine out of darkness,”
is the one who has shone light in our hearts.
He illuminated us to know his great splendor
found in the countenance of Jesus,
our sacrifice and savior.**

Leader It is your Father’s will that everyone who looks to Jesus and believes in him
shall have new life welling up within them,
and Jesus will raise them up at the last day.

All **Let us declare the praises of him who called us
out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Opening Hymn

“Father Long Before Creation”

All

**Father long before creation, thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e’er the same;
His compassion and his cov’nant, through all ages will remain.
God’s own children, God’s own children must forever praise his name.**

**God’s compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before thee, we will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, ‘til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb;**

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words from a Chinese Hymn, translated Francis Jones; music: Andrew Osenga, 2005

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 We struggle in evangelism and mistake silence for respect.
All **We suppose that Jesus is just one of many ways to peace and fulfillment,
so we have nothing to offer our neighbor.**

Leader We despise desperate dependence on Jesus.
All **We're ashamed because it's embarrassing and ugly to be needy.**

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 **Jesus, our one foundation is you our Christ and Lord,
We are your new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven you came and sought us to be your holy bride;
With your own blood you bought us, and for our life you died.**

words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; music: Brian Moss; Parson John Publishing, 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

“There is A Fountain”

All

**There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**

**When this poor lisp’ing stamm’ring tongue Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save:
I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweet-er song I’ll sing Thy pow’r to save.**

words: William Cowper, 1772

Song in the Gospel

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

All

**Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow;
Thy Spirit send with grace divine
And let thy truth within us shine.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Unseal our lips to sing thy praise,
Our souls to thee in worship raise;
Make strong our faith, increase our light,
That we may know thy name aright.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Until we join the hosts that cry,
“Holy art thou, O Lord, Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place,
Fore’er behold thee face to face.
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!
Lord Jesus Christ, be present now.**

words Duke Wilhelm II, 1651; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music Nathan Partain, 2001

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

John 6:53-68

Reader

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Leader

All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

The Life-Giving Authority of Scripture

Community Group Questions

1. *If you were to describe your relationship with the Bible right now, what would you say? Is it good? Is it hard? Is it messy or complicated? Has this always been the case, or has it changed over time? Positive or negative, what are some of the factors that have led you where you are?*
2. *One of our values as a church is the “life-giving authority of Scripture.” Meaning, Scripture is both an authority to which we submit, and the place we turn to find true life in Jesus. What are some of the ways that you’ve found Scripture to be life-giving? And what are some of the obstacles you feel in allowing it to be an authority in your life?*
3. *Does knowing Jesus shape the way you look at Scripture? If so, how? If not, why not? What difference would it make to see him at the center?*

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.

Closing Hymn

"I Am One of Those"

All

I am one of those, at the table not invited,
And, to all here at the feast, it's very plain;
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
But Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried,
And I still bear every stigma of decay;
There is no way I can cover what I've been through,
'Cause when Jesus called, I came fresh from the grave.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious,
The deformities and scars I have today;
Yet while I was vile with sickness, Jesus loved me,
And he healed, restored, and, through and through, remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison,
And I've done more evil things than I could say;
Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles,
And, to set me free, he died and took my place.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly,
Self-righteous critical religion was my stain.
So I ran to Christ to wash and be discovered;
Jesus called me out and he covered up my shame.

Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know,
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low.
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! Yes, I am one of those!

Nathan Partain, 2009

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

RedeemerKids Elementary Coordinator Thank you
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Youth Group Large Group Preview Night | Tonight, 3:30–5:30 pm
More information @ redeemindy.org/events

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