

A painting of a ship at sunset. The sky is a vibrant mix of orange, red, and purple. Large, dark, textured clouds are on the left and right. A dark ship is in the lower center, moving across the water. The overall mood is dramatic and serene.

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*“Edge of a Storm”*

*Will Lutz*

*This painting is about the passage through dark, dangerous, and beautiful worlds.*

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# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 87*

*Leader* Our Almighty Father has founded his city on the holy mountain.  
He loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwellings of his people.

*All* **Glorious things are said of the New City of God:**

*Leader* He has recorded the most violent nations, the worst aggressors,  
among those who now honor him.

*All* **Terrorists, racists, and oppressors,  
He claims them too and says,  
“These also were born in my city, Zion.”**

*Leader* Indeed, of Zion it will be said,

*All* **“The powerful and greedy  
the proud and hard hearted,  
the self-centered and idolotrous,  
They are now all citizens  
because the LORD has established them there.”**

*Leader* For the LORD himself will write in the register of the peoples:  
“This one was born in Zion.”

*All* **And we will all join with one another in one song singing:  
“Holy Father, everything we want is found in you.”**

# Opening Hymn

*"All You Do is Good"*

*All*

**You are full of compassion and abounding in love,  
You create things from nothing, call what's not though it was.  
You are light with no shadow, with no shifting or change.  
You turn weeping to dancing and despair into thanks.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
All you do is good.**

**You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves.  
Those who hate you, you ransom, give your blood for their shame.  
With the bent stem, you're tender, shield the smoldering flame.  
You bring home the unwanted, call the lost back by name.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
All you do is good.**

**You lift up, you, you revive, you, you restore, you, you increase, you,  
You anoint, you, you fill up, you, you spill out, you, you release, you,  
You make grow, you, you bring forth, you, you call out, you, you set free, it's  
Who you are. It's who you were. It's who you will always be.**

**Your life is eternal, not in measure but kind;  
Running over with healing, inexhaustible might.  
You in us, and we in you, the delight in your face.  
Resting here we enjoy you, and our joy is your praise.**

**You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good.  
You are good and all you do is good, all you do is good,  
All you do is good.**

*Nathan Partain, 2015*

## 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* 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 from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
You called us for salvation, your Spirit gave us birth;  
One Name we bless together, one holy food we share,  
One hope, one joy, one treasure, and one in work and prayer.**

*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

*“Bring your Sick”*

*All*

**Bring your sick, your restless fevered, filled with anxious shaking moans,  
Who would kill for some relief from, all the itching in their bones.  
Who still search for some elixir, that could ease their gasping breath,  
Some sweet drink to drive the poison, from the writhing in their head.**

**Bring your wounded, all your broken, who can't stand up on their own.  
Who are weak beyond dignity, who will never become strong.  
They will only need more helping, each investment is a loss.  
Yes, bring all those who could never, return any of their cost**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!  
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.  
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your fearful, bring your cowards, bring your hiding cornered strays.  
Those who fly at every shadow, those who run without a chase.  
Bring the cursed, abused, neglected, who have lived their lives in caves,  
Who distrust the light as darkness, while they long to be embraced.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!  
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.  
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.**

**Bring your bound, the souls imprisoned, bullied by the threat of pain,  
Who have tried and tried for freedom, but have always failed escape.  
Those who live with their aggressor, whip’ring doubts into their ear,  
Who dare not hope on a savior, lest they be crushed by despair.**

**Jesus Christ, says “Gather to me, all you lost, you poor, you dead!  
I’m your sacrifice, your ransom, I was given in your stead.  
I have found you, freed you, healed you, my compassion you can trust,  
I redeem the undeserving, I am generous with my love.”**

*Nathan Partain, 2014*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Hold Thou My Hand”*

*All*

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,  
I dare not take one step without thy aid;  
Hold thou my hand; for then, O loving Savior,  
No dread of ill shall make my soul afraid.**

**Hold thou my hand, and closer, draw me closer,  
To thy dear self, my hope, my joy, my all;  
Hold thou my hand, lest haply I should wander,  
And, missing thee, my trembling feet should fall.**

**Hold thou my hand; the way is dark before me,  
Without the sunlight of thy face divine;  
But when by faith, I catch its radiant glory,  
What heights of joy, what rapturous songs are mine!**

**Hold thou my hand, that when I reach the margin,  
Of that lone river thou didst cross for me,  
A heavenly light may flash along its waters,  
And every wave like crystal bright shall be.**

**Hold thou my hand; so weak I am, and helpless,  
I dare not take one step without thy aid;  
I dare not take one step without thy aid.**

*words Fanny Crosby, 1879; music Nathan Partain, 2003*

## 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](https://redeemindy.org/give)]*



# Scripture

*1 Corinthians 10:14-18*

*Reader*

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup> I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup> Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf. <sup>18</sup> Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar?

*Leader*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

*Thoughtful, Expectant Worship*

# Community Group Questions

1. *How do you approach being part of Sunday morning worship? Is it something that you regularly prioritize over other good things? If not, why do you think that is? (That may feel like a hard or vulnerable question, so engage as you feel like you can.) What's your typical mindset or posture as you come to worship?*
2. *Paul claims in 1 Corinthians 10:16 that the Lord's Supper conveys the reality that we are connected to Christ. How is that the case? How do you experience that? How can you cultivate (awareness of) that reality as you worship each week?*
3. *Paul claims in 1 Corinthians 10:17 that the Lord's Supper conveys the reality that we are connected to each other as believers. How is that the case? How do you experience that? How can you cultivate (awareness of) that reality as you worship each week?*

## *Children's Questions*

*Sunday worship gives us a chance to be more connected to God and to each other. How can you be an active part in Sunday worship that helps you grow in your connection to God? How can you be an active part so that it helps you grow in your connection to other Christians?*

# 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

*“Fill Thou My Life”*

*All*

**Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim, thy being and thy ways.  
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart,  
I ask, but for a life made up, of praise in every part!  
Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.**

**Praise in the common words I speak, life's common looks and tones,  
In fellowship in hearth and board, with my beloved ones;  
Not in the temple crowd alone, where holy voices chime,  
But in the silent paths of earth, the quiet rooms of time.  
Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.**

**Fill every part of me with praise; let all my being speak,  
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord, poor though I be, and weak.  
So shalt thou, Lord, from me, e'en me, receive the glory due;  
And so shall I begin on earth, the song forever new.  
Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.**

**So shall each fear, each fret, each care, be turned into a song,  
And every winding of the way, the echo shall prolong;  
So shall no part of day or night, from sacredness be free;  
But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee.  
Praise all my life, all of my days. Praise all my life, all of my days.**

*words Horatius Bonar, 1866; music Nathan Partain, 2004*

## **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**

Movie Night: Won't You Be My Neighbor? | Saturday, October 2, 7:30–10 pm

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](http://redeemindy.org).”*

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