



Ordinary Time
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
9 July 2023

Cover Art

LEGO sanctuary by Felix Hein

Banners

Luci Rader

Back Wall

“Quest” by the Kid’s Club Kids

This year at Kid’s Club, knights and ladies in training were on a Quest to know our true King and follow him with our lives. At our Friday night celebration, children, volunteers, and family members created foil crown panels to celebrate all that we learned about our King and his everlasting kingdom.

Hanging Installation

“Letters of Hope” by Nick Dodge & Michael Taft with the Fossy Posse

Much like Luke’s Gospel, dedicated to Theophilus, comes as a message of hope about Jesus’ coming into the world, these hanging letters are meant to remind us of different words of hope we have heard from God and our loved ones this Advent Season. Most of these letters are simply white but if you look closely some of them are misted with gold paint, reminding us of the divine words that come through ordinary letters.

South Window

Ancient Redeemer Advent Window

Communion Set

Criag Dodge Lile

Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

Leader Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

All **Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

Leader For the word of the LORD is right and true;
He is faithful in all he does.

All **The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

Leader By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.

All **Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Opening Hymn

“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 Adoration

Prayer of Confession

from Psalm 74:16-17; Acts 1-2; Psalm 19:12

Leader Our Father establishes our times, turning winter to summer.
We look forward to the leisure of summer,
but we confess that we misuse it.

All **We revel in the pleasures of food, friends, and time away,
but do not recognize you in these good things
and do not give you thanks or enjoy them in your presence.**

Leader We spend the freedom of summer on ourselves,
and do not look to use it to serve others.

All **We are easily impatient and irritable.
We see those closest to us as objects—
Either to get what we want,
Or in the way of what we want;
We try to play god to get our own way.**

Leader Father and Son, you turned the season redemptively
to pour out your Spirit on your people.

All **We resist the Spirit's work on us:
We cover our ears from hearing the Scripture he has spoken;
We pull back our hands from caring for those who hurt;
We close our mouths from speaking about Jesus;
We stop our feet from going on mission to all the peoples;
We do not let you, Spirit, point us body and soul to Christ.**

Leader How can I know all the sins lurking in me?
Lord, you know everyone's heart.

All **Search us by your Spirit.
Make us so safe in the gospel
that we can confess whatever you uncover in us.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

from Revelation 4-5; Ephesians 1:10; Acts 3:21; 2:17, 26-28

Leader Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll—
to reveal and execute the Father's purposes for all of creation?

All **Jesus is worthy! Only the Lamb whose blood purchased persons
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
now seated at the center of God's divine throne,
can bring about his Father's good, holy, beautiful plan.**

Leader Your plan is to renew and restore all things under Jesus Christ.
So, pour out your Holy Spirit power on us from heaven!

All **Jesus, you have ascended and now reign over heaven and earth,
moving the great plan of redemption closer,
presiding over these last days of your favor,
even guiding the seasons of our lives and the details of our days.**

Leader Make my heart glad, my tongue rejoice, give rest to my body.

All **For you have raised Christ from the dead,
so fill us with joy in your presence by your Spirit.**

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

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

All

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to His,
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.**

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley He will lead,
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to Him,
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

CityAlight - Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson, 2018

Prayer of Dependence

Chad & Kim Davis

Children's Worship + Nursery

Redeemer Kids' mission is to partner with parents to help kids develop a lifetime relationship with Jesus. We love having children of any age join us in the worship service and also provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they are developmentally.

The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3.

Children ages 4-Kindergarten are welcome to attend Children's Worship.

You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship (ages 4-Kindergarten) must be picked up by the end of communion. Nursery and Children's Worship spaces are located through the doors on the front left of the sanctuary.

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Scripture Reading

Acts 2:40-47

Reader

⁴⁰ With many other words Peter warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

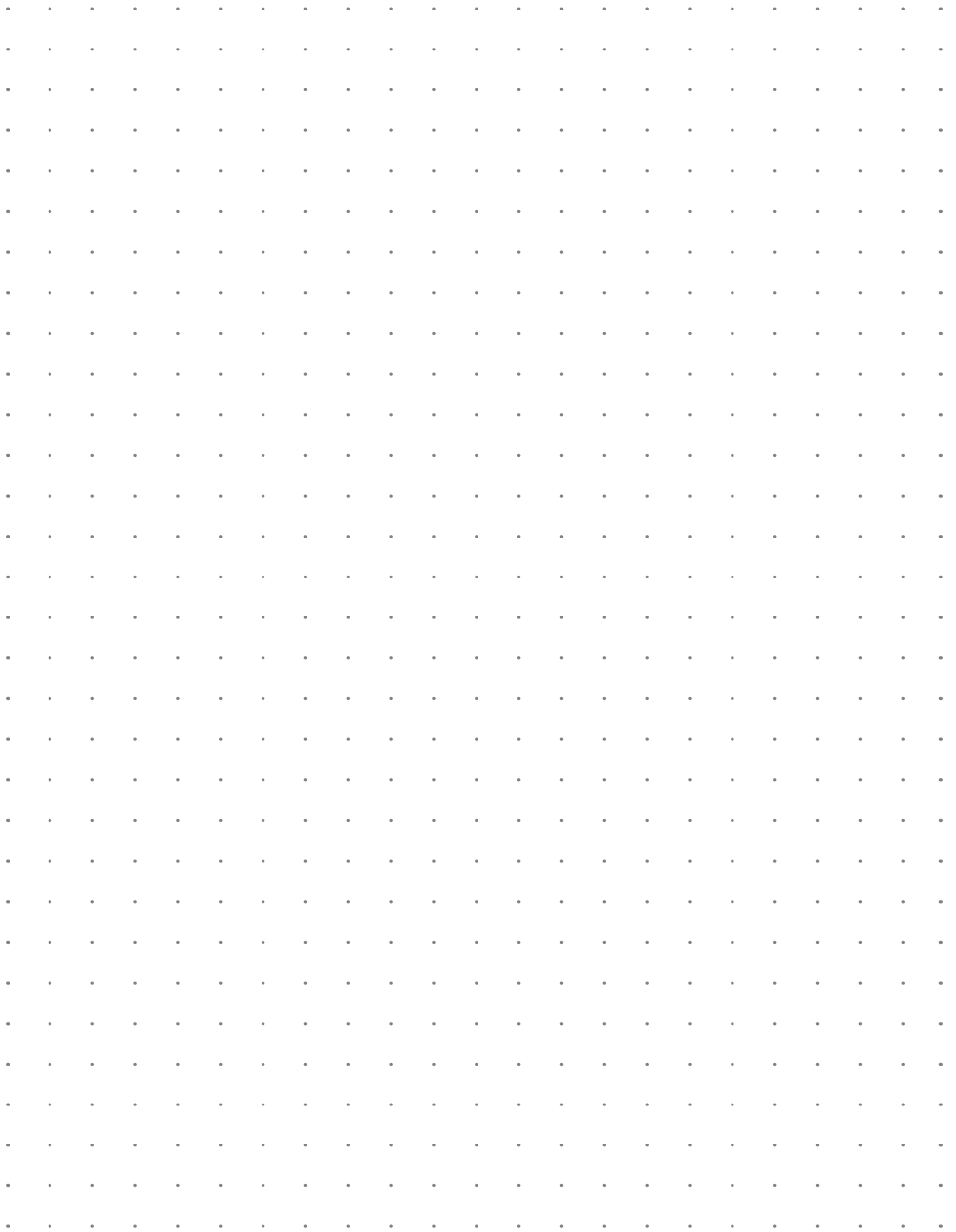
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ben Hein

The Spiritual Community

Notes



Additional References

Yuval Noah Harari, “Homo Deus” (Author/Historian)

Modern culture is the most powerful in history, and it is ceaselessly researching, inventing, discovering and growing. At the same time, it is plagued by more existential angst than any previous culture. We think we are smart enough to enjoy the full benefits of the modern deal, without having to pay its price.

John Calvin, “Institutes of the Christian Religion,” 3.7.6-7

(French Theologian in Geneva, 1509-1564)

Scripture helps in the best way when it teaches that we are not to consider that men merit of themselves but to look upon the image of God in all men, to which we owe all honor and love. Therefore, whatever man you meet who needs your aid, you have no reason to refuse to help him. Say, “He is a stranger”; but the Lord has given him a mark that ought to be familiar to you, by virtue of the fact that he forbids you to despise your own flesh. Say, “He is contemptible and worthless”; but the Lord shows him to be one to whom he has deigned to give the beauty of his image. Say that he does not deserve even your least effort for his sake; but the image of God, which recommends him to you, is worthy of your giving yourself and all your possessions... [We must not] consider men’s evil intention but look upon the image of God in them, which cancels and effaces their transgressions, and with its beauty and dignity allures us to love and embrace them...

...Each man will so consider with himself that in all his greatness he is a debtor to his neighbors, and that he ought in exercising kindness toward them to set no other limit than the end of his resources; these, as widely as they are extended, ought to have their limits set according to the rule of love.

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

See Also: Mark 12:29-31; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5; Galatians 6:9-10; Hebrews 13:16

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.

Prayer

If you would like personal prayer during this time you can meet with today's prayer leaders Chad & Kim Davis located in the back.

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.

Song of Celebration

“Steadfast”

All

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope, In your love, O Lord,
And your faithfulness will prove,

You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host,
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure,
As you lead us with your light.

You are steadfast, steadfast.

I will not trust in the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled,
In the hour of darkness, your light was revealed,
In the presence of death, your life was affirmed,
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Sandra McCracken

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!
Amen.

Community Life

TODAY
12:30 pm

Artist Talk Meet Kevin James Wilson in the Harrison Gallery and hear about his show *Anthology*, which showcases the artist's figurative works, spanning over 40 years from his high school years to the present day, incorporating colored pencil, oil painting, and airbrush techniques.

July 24th
7:30 am-9 pm

Youth Kings Island Trip All rising middle and high school students are invited to Kings Island on Monday, July 24th. The ticket to Kings Island includes one catered meal at the park, a seat on the bus, and access to BOTH Kings Island and Soak City. We will all start at Kings Island together then after lunch, you can choose to either stay in Kings Island or go to Soak City (the attached water park) for the rest of the day. Please indicate in your registration if you plan to go to Soak City. *Please register by next Sunday, July 16th.*



BACKPACK
COLLECTION
ENDS **JULY 16**
July 19
6:7:30 pm

16 Park Backpack Drive Redeemer is hosting a back-to-school backpack drive for our neighbors at 16 Park. With this event and others to come, we desire to seek the prosperity of the city where we are exiled and display our church values of meaningful relationships in community and creating beauty where we are. *If you would like to sign-up and learn more, use the QR for information on how you can get involved.*



SAVE THE DATE
Open **July 30**
CLOSE **AUG 13**

September '23
- May '24
9:30 am - 12 pm

Fall Bible Studies Coming Soon Be on the look out for more information about our adult bible study classes that will begin towards the end of August.

MOPS Join us this September through next May on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month in the Underground for good discussion, thought-provoking speakers, and the support of other moms. *Use the QR code to register.*



Duplex Fund The Redeemer congregation has voted to purchase the duplex at 226-228 E. 15th Street. The purchase price is \$660,000. Our goal is to raise at least enough to cover the 20% down payment without having to use any of our reserve funds. *If you would like to give toward this purchase, you can write "duplex" in the memo of your check or use the QR code to give online.*



CORRECTED QR CODE

More information can be found at our website: redeemindy.org.

SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR

We invite you to join us for a Summer Social Hour, taking the place of Sunday classes. Grab a cup of coffee, yummy treat, and sit and chat for a bit. If you attend the 8:30 am service, plan to stay after the service! If you attend the 11:00 am service, plan to come early! It will be a great time to connect with old and new friends.

Please note that our nursery will close after the first service and will open back up before the second service at 10:45 am.

Closing Hymn

“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.**

**E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**

**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

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:
\$1,329,233

January-July 2023 budget:
\$1,625,114

Congregational Giving

July 2, 2023	\$	63,684
July Total	\$	63,684

Membership at Redeemer

Membership is meaningful in multiple ways. First, we believe that as Christians, it is a part of our calling to be active and engaged in the Church. When you become a member, you take public vows to confirm your faith in Christ and commit to his Church. These vows submit members to the leadership and discipline of the church. We submit ourselves to accountability just like in marriage, friendship, citizenship, and any other relationship or institution that we enter into.

Membership also allows you certain benefits. Members in good standing are able to vote on church matters. They elect elders, call pastors, and have a say in other church business.

To become a member at Redeemer you must take our Discovering Redeemer class and meet with an elder for an interview. You will take membership vows privately and then publicly before the church. To begin this process, email info@redeemindy.org.

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Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Classes
10:00 a.m.

Nice to Meet You

We're glad you're here and we'd love to get to know you better. Please help us do that by filling out whatever information you are comfortable sharing below. Tear it off and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the Welcome Table for a small gift! We'll be in touch.

I AM A...

- 1st/2nd-time Guest Regular Attendee
 Out-of-Town Guest Redeemer Member

FIRST & LAST NAME

- Men Women

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Men Women

CONTACT

Email

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I'D LIKE TO... *

- Become a Member
 Join a Community Group
 Use my Artistic Talents
 Talk to Someone About Counseling
 Do Something Else:

*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.



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