



Ordinary Time
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
13 August 2023

Cover Art

LEGO sanctuary by Felix Hein

Banners

Luci Rader

Following the church calendar, we are in ordinary time. Just before his ascension Jesus sent out his disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28). The painted lines on the fabric map out a section of the Middle East, including Israel and surrounding countries. They can remind us of the story that Jesus began in his time with his disciples—one of lifelong faith and trust that God will work through us wherever we go.

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 heard from God and our loved ones the 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

Craig Dodge Lile

Call to Worship

based on Hebrews 1; Psalm 45

Leader

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways
to our ancestors through the prophets.

All

And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Leader

God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance,
and through the Son he created the universe.

All

**The Son radiates God's own glory
and expresses the very character of God,
and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.**

Leader

When he had cleansed us from our sins, Jesus sat down
in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

All

**Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.
You rule with a scepter of justice.
You love justice and hate evil.
Therefore, King Jesus, your God has anointed you,
pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else.**

Opening Hymn

“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.
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words: Phillip Bliss, 1976; music: Luke Morton, 2005

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Psalm 15; Romans 8; Psalm 34

Leader Who may enter and worship in your presence, O Lord?

All **Those who live blameless lives and do what is right;
those who speak the truth from sincere and honest hearts.**

**Give us grace to speak the truth about ourselves
and confess our sin to you.**

Leader God says, “nothing can separate you from the love of Christ Jesus;
not hardship, nor betrayal; not even our death.”

All **But when the idea of our life has been smashed,
we want it fixed,
we do not long for more of you,
we just want things to be back to how they were,
we do not take every moment to you for redemption,
we push you away with demands,
instead of humbly seeking you to lead us.**

Leader God is near to the brokenhearted;
he saves us when we’re crushed.
He hears the humble who call to him,
and says we’re the apple of his eye.

All **But in suffering and struggle, we sink deep in self-pity;
we turn to bitterness for protection,
and pursue relief instead of you.
We prefer our version of strength,
to your call of dependence.**

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.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Psalm 16; John 15:11; Ephesians 1:11-14; Philippians 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 1 John 3:20

Leader You are our God, apart from you we have no good thing.

All **Whatever is good, whatever is beautiful,
whatever is pure, these all radiate from you.**

Leader You have set us in a safe and pleasant place.

All **We are secure in Christ, and sealed with His Spirit;
a sure deposit on our promised inheritance!**

Leader Therefore, we will keep our eyes fixed on the Lord.

All **With Christ beside us, we will not be shaken.
Not by the lies our hearts tell us,
by the constant fears which haunt us,
nor by the real threats which assail us.**

Leader You will never leave us alone, nor abandon us in death.

All **Christ was abandoned for our sake.
Our life is now bound up in his.**

Song in the Gospel

“Jesus, I Come to Thee”

All

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light—Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself—Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross—Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm—Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride—Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide—Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold—Jesus, I come to Thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.**

words: William T. Sleeper, 1887; music: Nathan Partain, 2000

Song in the Gospel

“Abide in Me”

All **Abide in me, O Lord, and I in Thee, from this good hour, oh, leave me nevermore;
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed, the lifelong bleeding of the soul be o’er.**

**Abide in me; o’ershadow by Thy love each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire, and keep my soul as Thine, calm and divine.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through His Son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.**

**As some rare perfume in a vase of clay pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So when Thou dwellest in a mortal soul, all heaven’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.**

**Abide in me; there have been moments blest when I have heard Thy voice and felt Thy power;
Then evil lost its grasp; and passion, hushed, owned the divine enchantment of the hour.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through His Son.
We are enabled by His Spirit. Let your name be hallowed. Let your kingdom come.**

**These were but seasons beautiful and rare; abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfill at once Thy precept and my prayer, come, and abide in me, and I in Thee.**

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words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002

Prayer of Dependence

AJ & Jennie Rader

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

Psalm 45

Reader

- ¹ My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.
- ² You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace,
since God has blessed you forever.
- ³ Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.
- ⁴ In your majesty ride forth victoriously
in the cause of truth, humility and justice;
let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.
- ⁵ Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet.
- ⁶ Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.
- ⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.
- ⁸ All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.
- ⁹ Daughters of kings are among your honored women;
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

- ¹⁰ Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:
Forget your people and your father's house.
- ¹¹ Let the king be enthralled by your beauty;
honor him, for he is your LORD.
- ¹² The city of Tyre will come with a gift,
people of wealth will seek your favor.
- ¹³ All glorious is the princess within her chamber;
her gown is interwoven with gold.
- ¹⁴ In embroidered garments she is led to the king;
her virgin companions follow her—
those brought to be with her.
- ¹⁵ Led in with joy and gladness,
they enter the palace of the king.
- ¹⁶ Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
you will make them princes throughout the land.
- ¹⁷ I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

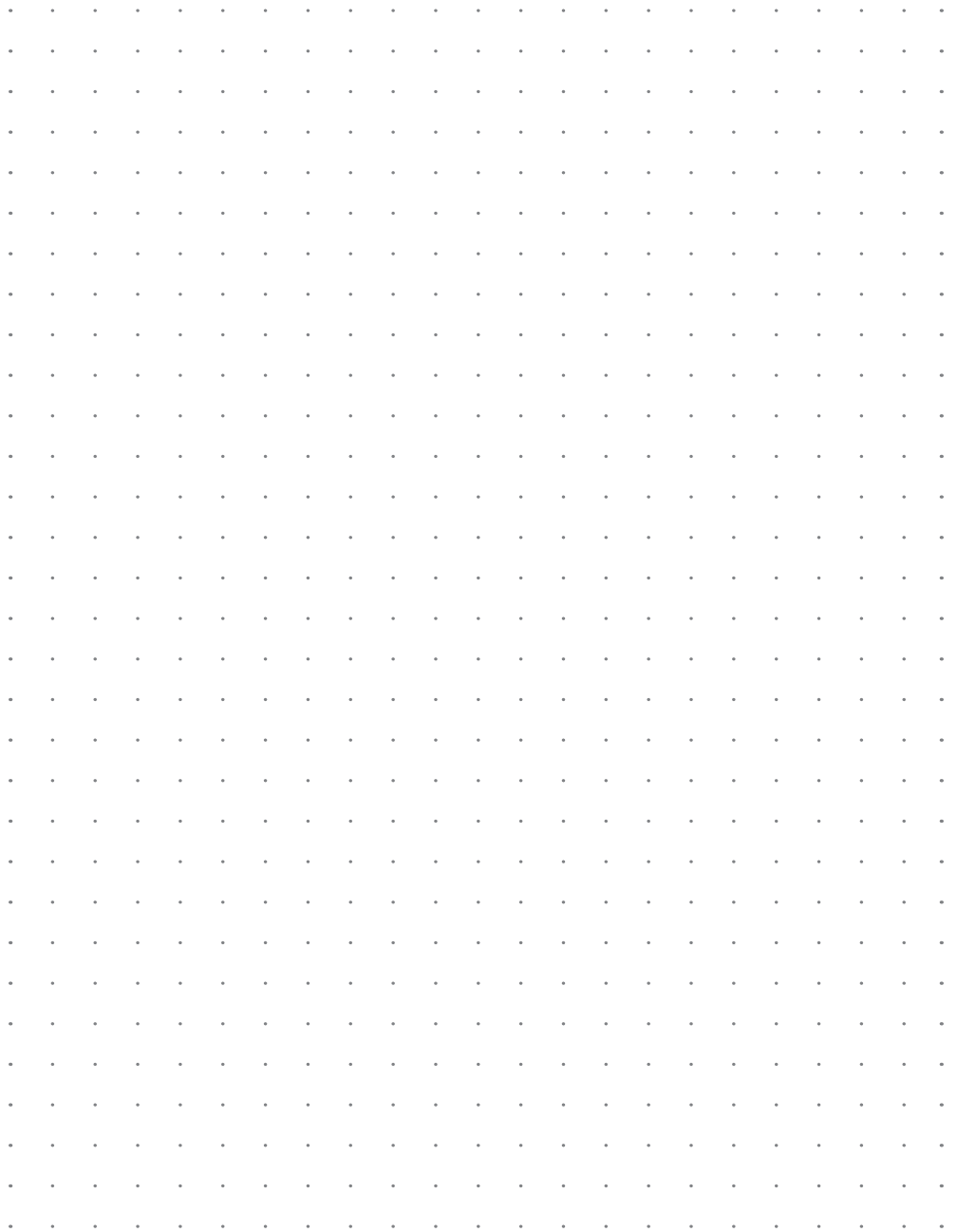
Reader
People

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Notes



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 AJ & Jennie Rader 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

“O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

All

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more.
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!
’Tis an ocean full of blessing, ’tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ’tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875; add’l lyrics Bob Kaufin. Music: Thomas John Williams

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 Johnson Simon in the Harrison Gallery and hear about his show *Emotion in Motion*, which showcases a collection of large-scale vibrant figurative paintings highlighting the growth and internal struggle of everyday life through motion.

CLOSES
TONIGHT

Fall Bible Study Registration is Still Open Redeemer Women and Redeemer Men will study the Book of Psalms this fall. There are multiple meeting days and times, so please choose the option and time that works best for you. *Please reach out to Emily (emily@redeemindy.org) if you have any questions.*



August 20
10 am

Sunday School Kickoff Redeemer Kids classes will be in their usual locations. (Use the QR to learn more about RK classes.) Middle school boys and girls will meet in Room 205 with high school students meeting in room 146 (Art Mix clay studio.) The Sunday Morning Bible Study on the Psalms will begin Sunday, September 2nd.



10 am

Evangelism Coaching Info Meeting Consider joining us for an informational meeting to hear more about an opportunity for gentle coaching and low-key accountability while tackling these questions. *We will meet in the Speck Gallery. No need to register; just show up to hear more.*

August 30
6-7 pm

Prayer Service We are excited to meet for fellowship and worship. This will be a time of coming together in the midst of our busy schedules. We will serve dinner at 5:15 pm in the underground. The service will start at 6 pm, and we will have nursery workers available to care for children aged 0-5. *Please, use the QR code to help prepare for childcare.*



Sept. 10
12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch Join us for lunch and meet Redeemer leaders and other newcomers, hear some of our stories, ask questions, and find out next steps for getting involved. This is an excellent opportunity to get connected! All ages are welcome. Childcare and pizza will be provided in the children's worship room. *Use the QR code to RSVP.*



Begins
Sept. 17
9:30 am
-10:50 am

REGISTER
BY SEPT. 13

Discovering Redeemer Class Join us for our revamped membership class! Discovering Redeemer is now a 6-week class taking place during the Sunday School hour, culminating with a Saturday night dinner. We will cover core topics like what we believe about the gospel, the church, membership, stewardship, and the city, as well as how to live well as a follower of Christ. *This class is mandatory for membership, so use the QR code to register.*



Sept. 29th
-Oct. 1st

CIP Youth Fall Retreat Join us for a weekend of fun activities, worship, robust biblical teaching and more, alongside students from all over Central Indiana. Be sure to register soon, invite a friend, and we hope to see you there! *Use the QR code to register.*



Sept. '23
-May '24
9:30 am
-12 pm

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.*



Wednesday Morning Childcare-takers Please consider joining our child care team if you have a heart to give respite to moms through care of their little ones Team members will be paid competitively. *If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please scan the QR code to apply*



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

If you have any questions for our town hall meeting today, please text them to (317) 699-8511.

Closing Hymn

“With All of Our Strength”

All

**Our life, no more owning, we were bought at a price;
Living not for our own will, but for you, our Lord Christ.
We renounce each allegiance, race and national pride;
We are now of the one true King, and His Kingdom of Light.**

**So now where we find violence, we are called to defend;
Where humiliation, we cover the offense.
Where there is injustice, the weak is our cause;
And wherever a debtor owes, we pay all of their cost.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It’s the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength. Lord, we love you.**

**Where there are young ones, we protect and hold dear.
Where we have power, there we govern with fear.
Where there’s need of labor, there the burdens we’ll bear.
And where we find brokenness, we will work to repair.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
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Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
Lord, we love you with all of our strength. Lord, we love you.**

**So there is no effort, no errand too small;
Each action a moment, to answer your call.
So in every mercy and in all that we do,
Is your love shown to others and our affections for you.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
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Nathan Partain, 2016

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$1,601,176

January-August 2023 budget:

\$1,857,273

Congregational Giving

August 6, 2023	\$	57,176
August Total	\$	57,176

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

Phone

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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