



# Ordinary Time II

Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
27 August 2023

## Cover Art

*Esther Gray, Saturn 1: Call, fabric, 2023*

*Through her multimedia paintings and sculptures, the artist expresses the concept of existence as an inheritance and the impact of interconnectedness on us and our surroundings.*

## 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.*

## South Window

*Marcia Jones and Susan Jones, South Window Collaboration, 2023*

*The Jones sisters in Christ met nine years ago this August. Their piece hanging in the south window is their first official collaboration.*

*Depicted in glass is the Crown of Life, a heavenly reward for those saints who resist temptation, endure life’s trials, or suffer persecution. The quilted side panels are a reminder of not only Christ’s kingship but also the other crowns received by his saints in heaven.*

*During the process, Marcia and Susan would often spontaneously sing, “Crown Him with many crowns!”*

## Communion Set

*Craig Dodge Lile*

# Call to Worship

*from Psalm 34:15-22*

*Leader*      The LORD's eyes are on righteous people.  
His ears hear their cry for help.  
The LORD confronts those who do evil  
    in order to wipe out all memory of them from the earth.

*All*            **Righteous people cry out. The LORD hears  
    and rescues them from all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to those whose hearts are humble.  
He saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

*Leader*      The righteous person has many troubles,  
*All*            **But the LORD rescues him from all of them.**

*Leader*      The LORD guards all of his bones.  
*All*            **Not one of them is broken.**

*Leader*      Evil will kill the wicked,  
    and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

*All*            **The LORD protects the souls of his servants.  
All who take refuge in him will never be condemned.**

# Opening Hymn

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Words Reginald Heber  
Music John Bacchus Dykes*

# 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

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus”*

*All*

**‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
And to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
And to know, “Thus says the Lord!”**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

**I’m so glad I learned to trust thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me,  
Will be with me to the end.**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more!**

*words: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; music: William J. Kirkpatrick*

# Song in the Gospel

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*All*

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**How great thou art, how great thou art!**

*Stuart Wesley Keene Hine*



# Prayer of Dependence

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



## Join a Community Group

*Community groups are starting the week after Labor Day. If Redeemer is your church home, we'd love for you to be in a group. Many of our core values are lived out in real-time in our community groups.*

*Groups meet weekly throughout the year for fellowship, worship, Bible study, and prayer. Community groups welcome people of all ages and stages of life. Most groups are intergenerational, and some are particularly well-suited for families with young kids.*

*Fill out the interest form for a community group with the QR code here. You can also email Sam Haist with questions at [sam@redeemindy.org](mailto:sam@redeemindy.org).*



# Scripture Reading

*Psalm 26*

*Reader*

- <sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- <sup>2</sup> Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in your faithfulness.
- <sup>4</sup> I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- <sup>5</sup> I hate the assembly of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup> I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O LORD,  
<sup>7</sup> proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,  
<sup>10</sup> in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- <sup>11</sup> But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- <sup>12</sup> My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

*Reader*

This is the Word of the Lord.

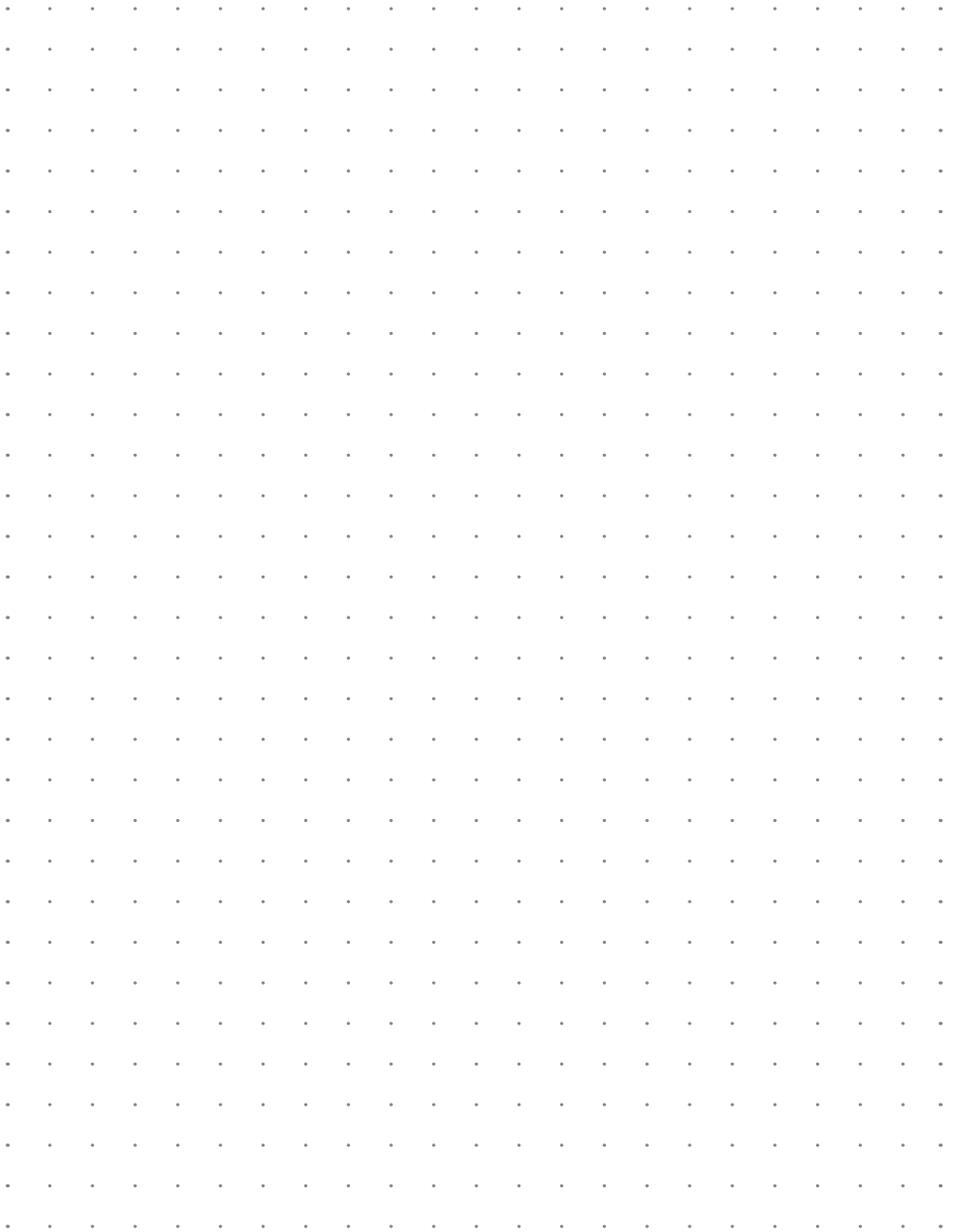
*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Anderson

# Notes



# First Communion

*First Service:*

Alexander Pilcher

## 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

## *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

*“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”*

*All*

**Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life’s tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal;  
Chart and compass come from thee:  
Savior, pilot me!**

**Though the sea be smooth and bright,  
Sparkling with the stars of night;  
And my ship’s path be ablaze,  
With the light of halcyon days;  
Still I know my need of thee,  
Savior, pilot me!**

**As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist’rous waves obey thy will,  
When thou say’st to them, “Be still!”  
Wondrous Sov’reign of the sea,  
Saviour, pilot me!**

**When at last I near the shore,  
And the fearful breakers roar  
“Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on thy breast,  
May I hear thee say to me,  
“I will pilot thee!”**

*Words by Edward Hopper, 1871 Music by Isaac Wardell and Joseph Pensak*

## 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**  
3-5 pm

**Youth Group Social** We're calling all 6th through 12th graders! Join us in MLK park for an afternoon of fun. We'll have various crafts, games, snacks, and 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 chilcare.*



**Sept. 1**  
6-9 pm

**First Friday** Come to the Harrison Center this Friday, featuring cirque performers, Fringe night, eight gallery openings, music, and more. *If you are interested in volunteering at First Friday use the QR code to sign up for one of their time slots at 5:45-7:30 pm or 7:15-9 pm.*



**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*



**New Hope Bookkeeper Job Opening** New Hope Counseling is looking for a new bookkeeper to work part-time (10-15 per week). We are looking for someone who is proficient at Quickbooks Online and Google Suite Applications, and skilled at analyzing and interpreting financial reports. They will report to New Hope Office Manager, maintain the chart of accounts in QBO, and track external New Hope Scholarships. *If you would like to apply, send your resume to Tara Page at tara@newhopeindianapolis.org. Learn more about the position with the QR code here.*



*More information can be found at our website: [redeemindy.org](http://redeemindy.org).*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE

*The Creatives Class continues this week in the City Gallery.*

*The Formation Hour continues this week in the Harrison Gallery! The Formation Hour rotation features Artist Talks, teaching and Q&A with Redeemer leaders, as well as updates and prayer for the Near Westside church plant, we'll have something different happening every Sunday. We hope you'll join us!*

*This week, we'll hear updates and reflections from Charles, Sam, and Ben about this year's PCA General Assembly (our denomination's annual meeting). If you'd like to know more about Redeemer or our denomination, this is a great opportunity to learn! We'll also share some updates about the GRACE investigation, and answer a few questions we didn't get to at the Town Hall. Next Sunday (September 3) is Sunday Morning Social Hour.*

*Nursery is open for children ages 0-3 the whole morning.*

### REDEEMER STUDENTS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- *Middle School: the Underground*
- *High School: Room 205*

### REDEEMER KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

- *Preschool 3: Nursery*
- *Preschool 4-5: Room 160 (Children's Worship)*
- *Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 204*
- *2nd-3rd Grade: Room 201*
- *4th-5th Grade Boys: Room 203*
- *4th-5th Grade Girls: Sky Gallery (3rd Floor)*

### REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR THE FAITH & WORK COHORT

Through partnerships with Redeemer New York's Gotham City Fellowship, Circle City Fellowship and Leaf Vocational Guild, we're pleased to be offering eight new spaces for our Faith and Work Cohort this semester. This 12-week group is devoted to exploring how the gospel impacts the why, how, and what of our workplace as we seek to bless the city of Indianapolis and seek its wholeness under Jesus.

The fee to join is \$45 per semester, which includes books, workbooks and special events (if considering joining as a couple, the \$45 fee will cover you both). For any questions, contact Nicholas McDonald. Use the QR code to learn more.





## Closing Hymn

*“Jesus I My Cross Have Taken”*

*All*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

*text: Henry Lyte music: Bill Moore*

## Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:  
\$1,673,885

January-August 2023 budget:  
\$1,857,273

Congregational Giving

August 6, 2023 .....	\$	57,176
August 13, 2023 .....	\$	43,151
August 20, 2023 .....	\$	29,559
<b>August Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>129,886</b>

## 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](mailto: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 Desk in the back of the sanctuary for a small gift!* We'll be in touch.

### I AM A...

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

### FIRST & LAST NAME

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- Male     Female

### SPOUSE OR FRIEND

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- Male     Female

### CONTACT

Email 

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Phone 

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### USE THE QR CODES IF YOU'D LIKE TO...\*



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Group

\*Go to [www.redeemindy.org/ministries](http://www.redeemindy.org/ministries) for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

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