

MERCY & JUSTICE

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
26 November 2023

Cover Art

Josh Huron, *Consuming Love*, 2023

Making this series of ink drawings was a way to process deep questions I've had regarding God's character. Historically, my ears have been more in tune to hearing the provoking questions Jesus asked only, without taking adequate time to absorb his answers. Truthfully, I did have a feeling of lostness when I first started, and maybe had for some time, but as I navigated through God's word, and labored with my pen to express what was revealed there, the condemnation I originally heard in Jesus' questions has dissolved as I now better understand the fierce and consuming love behind them.

Banners

Marcia Jones

Entryway Signs

Anna Vanest

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

Chris DePrez

Call to Worship

from 1 Peter 2:9-13

Leader You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's special possession,
that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

All **Once we were not a people,
but now we are the people of God;
once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.**

Leader Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles,
abstain from sinful desires,
which wage war against your soul.

All **Give us grace to live good lives amongst our neighbors,
that though they accuse us of doing wrong,
they will see our good deeds
and glorify God on the day he returns.**

Opening Hymn

“Your Ways and Not My Ways”

All

**My will, O Lord, my deepest need, to you I give
For what I'd seek, and what I'd gain, is foolishness
When I fight against your voice with hardened heart
I am lost, toyed with and I stumble in the dark.**

**I want your ways and not my ways, I want your plans and not my plans
cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask**

**You turn in me, and from my earth bring loving fruit
O Spirit breathe, abide in me and I in you.
O bind your heart to mine and never leave
And Jesus keep me ever at your feet**

**I want your ways and not my ways, I want your plans and not my plans
cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask
I want your will and not my will, I want your time and not my time
cause when your work is done, it's beautiful and right.**

**When you call me, I'll obey and won't resist.
Every part and every reach of me says “yes”**

**I want your ways and not my ways, I want your plans and not my plans
cause when you bless it's so much more than I could ask**

**I don't know how but i can taste, That I will weep and laugh with praise
because it pleases you to overwhelm with grace.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

based on Isaiah 59:2; Micah 6:1-8; Zechariah 4:10

Leader

Your sins have cut you off from God
and hidden his face from your sight.

All

**We'll acknowledge that we're bad,
but not that we're bankrupt.
We fail to believe how spiritually needy and poor we truly are.
We cheapen grace,
make your mercy a nice add-on,
and shrink our need for a savior.**

Leader

The LORD has redeemed us and shown us how to respond:
To act justly,
to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with him.

All

**We're content just to express dismay at injustice:
We'll post for justice but won't work for it.
We want to look just more than we want to live justly.
We find good reasons to spend more on ourselves than we need
and excuses not to love our neighbors in theirs.**

Leader

Our LORD knows the depth of the need: he's given us his Spirit,
promises his kingdom will come, and encourages us,
"Don't despise the day of small things."

All

**News reports and footage on social media paralyze us.
We despair because all the brokenness is so overwhelming.
What difference can we make?
And so we think God's work depends on us and our effort.**

Leader

LORD, in your mercy, meet your needy people.

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

based on Psalm 146:6-9; Isaiah 9:7; Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 53:5; Luke 11:21-24; Romans 6:13; Psalm 33:5

- Leader* Praise you, God, maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
- All* **You remain faithful forever.**
- Leader* You uphold the cause of the oppressed
and give food to the hungry.
- All* **The LORD sets the prisoners free
and gives sight to the blind.**
- Leader* You lift up those who are bowed down;
you love the righteous.
- All* **You watch over the foreigner
and sustain the fatherless and the widow,
but you frustrate the ways of the wicked.**
- Leader* God promised a king who will establish his kingdom,
upholding it with justice and righteousness, now and forever.
- All* **Jesus came to proclaim good news to the poor,
release for the prisoners,
sight for the blind,
freedom for the oppressed—
that the time of the Lord's favor has come.**
- Leader* Jesus has done justice at the cross—
bearing the punishment of evil
and delivering his people from the oppression of sin.
- All* **We are the poor, the blind, the lame.
We bring nothing to the table,
yet Jesus has invited us to his party
and seated us at his table in grace and mercy.**
- Leader* The resurrection of Jesus has unleashed the power of righteousness,
first in us, and for all of creation.
- All* **Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your righteousness.
Come and put right the world you love;
establish your justice
that your unfailing love may fill the earth.**

Song in the Gospel

“Behold”

All

The empty filled, the wounded healed, The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest, We will dance forever,
The blinded see, the chained are free, The doubtful now believer.
The outcast known, the orphan home, You are my Redeemer.

Behold, behold, behold what Love can do!
Behold, behold, he’s making all things new.

The lost return, the voiceless heard, The mourner now rejoicing.
The mountains shake, the world awake, Creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed, The song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive, You are my Redeemer.

Behold, behold, behold what Love can do!
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We’ve been struck down, we’re not destroyed.
We’ve sown in tears, we’ll reap in joy.
We’ve been struck down, we’re not destroyed.
We’ve sown in tears, we’ll reap in joy.

My eyes are open, My eyes are open.

Behold, behold, behold what Love can do!
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Natalie Taylor Leonhardt, 2020

Benediction

Song in the Gospel

"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 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.
And all you do is good, and all you do is good.**

**You release every captive, cut the shackles from slaves
Those who hate you, you ransom, Give you 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.
And all you do is good, and 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
Flowing over with healing, inexhaustible might.
You in us, we in you, the delight of 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.
And all you do is good, and all you do is good.**

Nathan Partain, 2015

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's Worship welcomes kids ages 4-Kindergarten. We are glad to extend this age and make additional accommodations on a case by case basis (e-mail emily@redeemindy.org.)

You are welcome to drop your children off at any point. Kids attending Children's Worship 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

Matthew 5:13-16

Reader

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Reader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jared McClain

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 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

"Grace Alone"

All

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will

I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set

I worked my fingers down to the bone
Nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see

I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

Dustin Kensrue, 2012

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.**

Prayer of Valediction

Ben Reed and Tom & Sally Peck

We are sending a small group to Kenya to help support some of our missions partners.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

PLEASE NOTE: THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED *IN BETWEEN* SERVICES.

Community Life

Dec. 1
6-9 pm

First Friday at the Harrison Center In partnership with the Latino Artist Mentorship Program (LAMP), come out to this year's annual group color-themed exhibit "Salsa Verde." There will also be other show openings, The Annual Window Walk, the IndieAna Handicraft Exchange, and more. *Use the QR code to volunteer.*



Dec. 16 AM
Dec. 18 AM
Dec. 18 PM
or
Dec. 19 PM

Redeemer Women's Advent Book Discussions Too often our preparation to celebrate the incarnation is overshadowed by the hustle and bustle of the season. Redeemer Women invites you to slow down and savor Advent. Read *Advent* by Tish Harrison Warren and enjoy festive food, connection, and discussion with other women on a date/time that works best for you. *Use the QR code to register for one of four times.*



Dec. 22
9am-12pm

Redeemer Kids Christmas Camp Get ready for Christmas Camp with Redeemer Kids! Children from age 4 to 5th grade are invited to spend the Friday morning before Christmas at Redeemer to learn the story of Christ's birth, play some fun games, and make cool crafts. *Just like Kid's Club we are going to need help from our awesome students and adults, so if you are free please consider volunteering. Use the correct QR codes here to register and/or sign up.*



Child Registration



Volunteer Sign-up

Near West Coat/Winter Clothing Drive CONTINUES Redeemer for the Near Westside is hosting another winter clothing and supply drive for the students and teachers at Matchbook Learning, a K-8 school on the Near Westside. We are collecting new and gently used winter clothing (coats, gloves, hats) for K-8 children and their families, as well as basic supplies for teachers. *We also have an Amazon list to purchase new items and supplies for teachers, but all donations are welcome.*



Support Our Partners in Kenya A small group from Redeemer will be in Kenya in December to help our missions partners, the Makukus, with their high school camp. The ministry has several tangible needs our missions team is trying to help meet. They need musical instruments (guitar, bass, and amps), peanut butter, jelly, and Dawn dish soap. Our team hopes to take as many of these items as possible. We are also hoping to donate an additional \$1500 to cover the camp's food cost. You can contribute to the Missions—Special Projects fund if you would like to help the Missions Team meet these needs. *If you have a musical instrument you would like to donate, please email Ben Reed (ben@redeemindy.org).*



Facilities Team Member Redeemer has grown considerably in the last few years. That has put a unique stress on our building and our facilities team. We are looking for facilities team members who can help us care for and improve our building. *If you are interested in applying for the job, email Ben Reed (ben.reed@redeemindy.org), or use the QR code to learn more.*



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

Christmas Eve Service Times

10 am Sunday Morning Service No Sunday School

5 pm Evening Service Childcare Provided

7 pm Evening Service No Childcare

Closing Hymn

“The Lord is my Joy”

All

**The Lord is my Joy, the Lord is my Joy
When all that I have is lost, the Lord is my Joy.
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength
When I am too weak to go on (I find) the Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, My healing King
My master tends to me, For him my soul shall sing**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock
When all I have faith in fails the Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight
Above all the joys of life, the Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, My breath, my song
In him I have everything, To him my soul belongs**

Women

**I wait, and wait upon you, To come for me in rescue
Give strength, my heart is failing, Yet still, my lips will praise you
I wait, and wait upon you, To come for me in rescue
Give strength, my heart is failing, Yet still, my lips will praise you
(Repeat)**

Men

**And with his wings he covers me, He keeps his watch when I'm asleep
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything
(Repeat)**

All

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if am yours then all is right
(Repeat)**

**My all in all is he, My dearest friend
I put my trust in him, On him my soul depends**

Nathan Partain, 2008

Benediction

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2023 year-to-date giving:

\$2,313,058

January-October 2023 budget:

\$2,553,750

Congregational Giving

November 5, 2023	\$	54,769
November 12, 2023	\$	68,196
November 19, 2023	\$	65,444
November Total	\$	186,534

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 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

- Male Female

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

CONTACT

Email

Phone

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

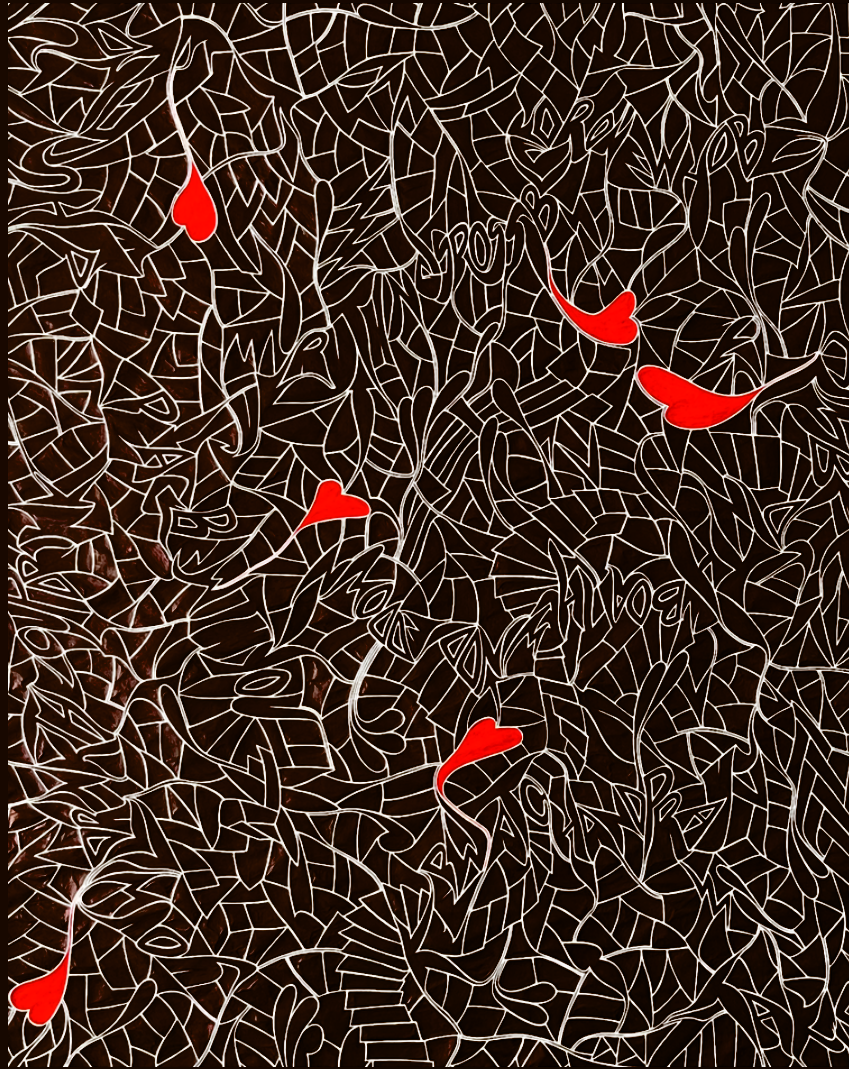


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