

# Ordinary Time



## Cover Art

*“Rose Window” by Derek Bender*

## Window Covering

*“Prophecies: Fulfilled” by Neva Hein; executed by Moriah Miller and Michael Taft*

*The ribbon display highlights the continuity of God’s grand redemptive story, and the way in which Jesus Christ holds all of Scripture together.*

*The left and right banners represent the Old and New Testaments, respectively. The ribbon connections depict the Scriptural location (X:Book, Y:Chapter) of the Old Testament prophecy to the New Testament fulfillment. The color key is based on the theme of the prophecy regarding God’s promised Messiah:*

- *His Ancestry (orange)*
- *His Birth (teal)*
- *His Death (lime)*
- *His Life (yellow)*
- *His Reign (pink)*

*“For all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)*

*“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)*

## Banners

*“Haloes” by Tom Peck*

*Haloes—those mysterious circles surrounding the heads of people in ancient paintings—have been used throughout history to connote holiness, majesty, or splendor. Since at least the fourth century they have been included in Christian art to signify the sanctity of God the Father, Jesus, and the early saints.*

*Halo is a synonym for glory. The word halo, interestingly, derives from the Greek word for threshing floor—the hard-packed surface where oxen continuously moved round and round, making a circular path. Haloes, aptly, trace the arc of God’s story: from the humble to the glorious; from the coarseness of the threshing floor to a sign of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God.*

*The wood that I used to make these haloes was commonplace—plywood, construction-grade pine, and scrap from previous projects. These modest materials reflect the shape of the threshing floor ultimately becoming the shape of glory. I worked on this project without a firm direction in its meaning; only that it was unusually enjoyable and a delight to turn each of these pieces. It was in conversation with Berenice Rarig that the full circle of their story became clear. Thanks, B!*

## Communion Set

*Tom Peck*

# Call to Worship

*from Psalm 98*

*Leader* Sing a new song to the LORD,  
for he has done marvelous works.  
His right hand has won a mighty victory;  
his holy arm has shown his saving power!

*All* **The LORD has announced his victory  
and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!  
He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to his people.  
The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

*Leader* Shout to the LORD, all the earth;  
break out in praise and sing for joy!  
Sing your praise to the LORD with the strings,  
with stringed instruments and melodious songs,  
with trumpets and the sound of the victor's horn.  
Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!

*All* **Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!  
Let the earth and all living things join in.  
Let the rivers clap their hands in excitement!  
Let the mountains sing out their songs of joy before the LORD.**

*Leader* He is coming to make everything right in the world.  
He will vindicate, he will reward and he will punish.

*All* **And it will be fair and right and beautiful  
in the eyes of everyone.**

# Opening Hymn

*“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

*All*

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!  
Heav’n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!  
Praise him, all ye hosts above, ever bright and fair in love,  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, night and stars in God rejoice,  
God rejoice, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Warriors fighting for the Lord, Alleluia!  
Prophets burning with his Word, Alleluia!  
Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!  
Add their voices to the song.  
Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem manifold,  
And let children’s joyful hearts, in this worship shout their parts,  
Shout their parts, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the whole creation cry: Alleluia!  
Glory to the Lord on high! Alleluia!  
Heav’n and earth, awake and sing: Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ is Lord and King!  
From the earth to heavens shore, let the mighty chorus roar,  
“Holy, holy, holy One; glory be to God alone,  
God alone!” Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*words: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881; music: Bruce Benedict, 2006*

# Prayer of Adoration



# Prayer of Confession

*based on Ezra 8:28; Exodus 19:5*

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are his treasured possession in all the earth.

*All*

**Treasured? We see ourselves as just ordinary, nothing special.  
Some of us sink even lower into self-loathing  
and see ourselves as worthless.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You belong to him.

*All*

**We act like we belong to ourselves:  
Free to do what we want with our bodies and our time.  
We chase after power, recognition, and pleasure.**

*Leader*

Christian, you are devoted to the LORD:  
You are holy for him.

*All*

**We hear holy and think “holier than thou.”  
We don’t want to be a fanatic or one of “those Christians.”  
So, we blend in and go along,  
Sometimes baptizing it as “being relevant.”**

*Leader*

Brothers and sisters, why do we shrink back from our devotion to the LORD?

*All*

**We’re not devoted to the LORD,  
Because we don’t see him as worthy of devotion.  
We confess, God, our sin underneath our sin:  
We think that you’re small and only sort of important.  
We fail to trust you as the merciful and majestic God  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on 1 Corinthians 1:2, 18; 2:8; 6:11*

*Leader* Church of God called Redeemer Presbyterian in Indianapolis:  
Holy and special,  
Loved in, through, and with Jesus Christ—

*All* **We join with those in our city and in all sorts of places from Tehran to Tuscaloosa  
Who call on his name—  
He's their Lord and ours.**

*Leader* The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

*All* **The Lord of glory was crucified for our sins—  
It's a mystery of God's surprising love, power, and justice.**

*Leader* You were washed in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All* **Our sin and guilt have been scrubbed away!**

*Leader* You were sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All* **We have been made beautiful, clothed in glory, we are the joy of our savior!**

*Leader* You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God.

*All* **We have been declared innocent, and the slate is wiped clean!**

*Leader* The Lord has devoted himself to us:  
Taking on humanity eternally in the resurrected Son,  
Joining himself to us in his Son by the Spirit who lives in us.

*All* **May we, by grace in the power of the Spirit,  
devote ourselves to our God who has called us and loves us.**

# Song in the Gospel

*"It's God who Saves"*

*All*

Like all God's prophets, his kings and judges,  
Were thieves and killers, adulterous liars,  
That he had chosen, to show his greatness.  
Just like those heroes, by grace he called me,  
So dead in my sin, it's him I boast in,  
I breathe but only, through faith in Jesus.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.  
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.

Christ came to me who, had hated God and  
Was bent to chaos, and served destruction,  
In love he died, and he paid my pardon.  
And then he raised me, with him in union,  
A wretch adopted, triune affection,  
Eternal power, and love unyielding.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.  
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.  
It's God who saves, not I, it's God who is my life.  
All I bring is nothing, it's God who saves, not I.

If my salvation, to me was trusted,  
If we must hold fast, or keep love fervent,  
I'm lost already, my love unsteady.  
But once redemption, is won it's finished,  
His sure deposit, his steadfast Spirit,  
From grace beginning, to grace unending.

And oh what joy and bliss, to enter Sabbath rest.

It's God who saves, not I, it's God who justifies.  
He calls, he makes holy, it's God who saves, not I.  
It's God who saves, not I, it's God who is my life.  
All I bring is nothing, it's God who saves, not I.

*Nathan Partain, 2013*

# Song in the Gospel

*"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"*

*All*

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*Robert Lowry, 1876; Public Domain*

# 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 Reading

*Ezra 7:1-10*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> After these things, during the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, <sup>2</sup> the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, <sup>3</sup> the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, <sup>4</sup> the son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, <sup>5</sup> the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest— <sup>6</sup> this Ezra came up from Babylon. He was a teacher well versed in the Law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he asked, for the hand of the LORD his God was on him. <sup>7</sup> Some of the Israelites, including priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers and temple servants, also came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

<sup>8</sup> Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year of the king. <sup>9</sup> He had begun his journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month, and he arrived in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month, for the gracious hand of his God was on him. <sup>10</sup> For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

*Reader  
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Anderson

*The Hand of God*

# Additional Text

## The hand of the Lord

*Joshua 4:23-24*

<sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. <sup>24</sup> He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.

*Proverbs 21:1*

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD;  
he turns it wherever he will.

## The hand of the Lord for salvation

*Psalms 118:15-16*

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:  
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!  
<sup>16</sup> The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

## The hand of the Lord for judgment

*Exodus 9:3*

The hand of the LORD will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses, donkeys and camels and on your cattle, sheep and goats.

*Judges 2:15*

Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.



## Community Group Questions

1. *How do you tend to talk about God's involvement in your life? What are examples of when you might describe something that's happened to you and attribute it to God? Are there any patterns that you can see for what you say God is doing in your life?*
2. *Read in your group these verses (some of which are in this worship guide). What patterns do you perceive? What do you learn about God's hand in our lives? How do these patterns come together and find their fulfillment in Jesus?*
  - *Exodus 16:3*
  - *Joshua 4:23-24*
  - *1 Samuel 12:15*
  - *1 Kings 18:46*
  - *Psalms 75:8*
  - *Isaiah 41:19-20*
  - *Isaiah 62:3*
3. *Think back over this summer. Where can you say that you have seen the hand of God on you to draw you to trust him? Can you identify things that have happened that have challenged or corrected you that come from his hand? What about good things that are good because they cultivate faith? How could you approach this week in such a way that you would be even more prepared to answer this same question the next time your group meets?*

# 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.*



# Song of Celebration

*“More Love, O Christ, to Thee”*

*All*

**More love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee;  
Hear thou the prayer I make, on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

**Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,  
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

**Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain:  
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain.  
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,  
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

**Then shall my final breath, whisper thy praise;  
This be the parting cry, my heart shall raise.  
This still my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ,  
This still my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, more love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love, O Christ, to thee,  
More love, O Christ, to thee.**

*words Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1856; music Nathan Partain, 2001*

## 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  
10 am

**Community Group Interest Meeting** There will be an interest meeting today for newly forming community groups in the Hank & Dolly Gallery at 10 AM.

**Sunday School starts back up today!** Sunday School classes for kids and adults start today. Our Westminster Confession Reading Group will gather in the Underground, while Redeemer Kids and Students classes take place at the same time.

- Redeemer Kids
  - Nursery (0-2): Room 150
  - Preschool 3: 160A
  - Preschool 4-5: 160B
  - Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 204
- Students (6th-12th Grade): Speck Gallery
- 2nd-3rd Grade: Room 201
- 4th-5th Grade Boys: Room 203
- 4th-5th Grade Girls: Sky Gallery

12:30 pm

**Artist Talk** after the second service, listen to Kyle Ragsdale and Willard Johnson discuss his current exhibit “And | Now | This”. The title references language used by newscasters as they rush from story to story – leaving very little time for contemplation of dramatic events. Johnson’s paintings reflect the fractured way in which we receive information about our world.

6:30 pm

**Students’ Parents’ Meeting** Parents, if you have a child in 6th–12th grade, we would love for you to join us for a parent get-together in the Speck Gallery. You can hear from Mary Paxton Lind (our new associate director for Redeemer Students), meet our incredible team of volunteer leaders, and find out the plan for the fall.

August 28  
10 am

**Town Hall Meeting** Join us for our town hall meeting during the 10 am Sunday school hour. We will take time to discuss fall events and other ministry updates at Redeemer and answer questions from the congregation.

August 31  
6:30 pm

**Prayer Service** We are excited to meet on Wednesday, August 31st for a time of prayer. We hope to engage this time as a community more thoroughly and more connected. More information coming soon.

September  
16-18

**Youth Fall Retreat** Join us for the 2022 Redeemer Youth Fall Retreat. We will be going to The ARK Ministries in Converse, IN. This will be a wonderful time of connecting with each other, having fun, and learning from God’s word. The cost is \$109 per camper. *Use the QR code here to sign up.*



**MOPS Childcare Help** Redeemer is hiring Wednesday morning childcare workers and we need your help! *Use the QR code here to apply.*



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

# Closing Hymn

*“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”*

*All*

On Jordan’s stormy banks, I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye,  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

O’er all those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God, the Son, forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land;  
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath,  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

When I shall reach that happy place,  
I’ll be forever blest,  
For I shall see my Father’s face,  
And in his bosom rest.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.

*words Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; music Chris Minor, 2003*

## Benediction

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2022 year to date giving:  
\$1,341,512

January-August 2022 budget:  
\$1,834,613

## Congregational Giving

August 7, 2022 .....	\$	55,211
August 14, 2022 .....	\$	24,321
<b>August Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>79,532</b>

# 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  Out-of-Town Guest  
 Regular Attendee  Redeemer Member

## FIRST & LAST NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

## SPOUSE OR FRIEND

\_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

## 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:

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

## 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.



