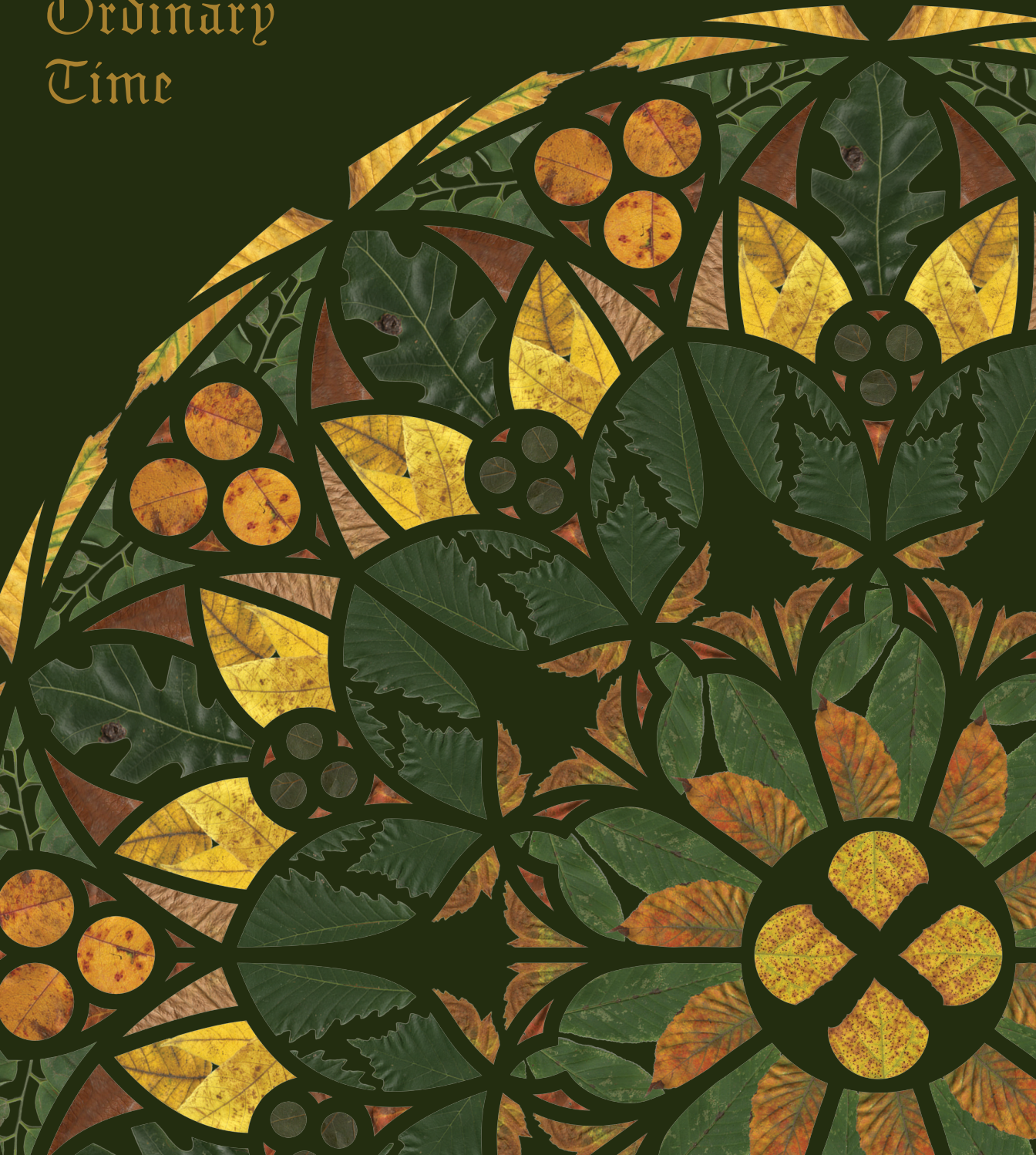


Ordinary Time



Cover Art

“Rose Window” by Derek Bender

Back Wall

Gates and cymbals

Symbols and gates

In loving memory of Brian Allee

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!

Window Covering

“Prophecies: Fullfilled” 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)

Communion Set

Tom Peck

Call to Worship

from Matthew 28:20

Leader Jesus says, "Behold I am with you to the very end of the age."

All **Jesus by your Spirit you are with us this morning,
so we bring to you our lives,
all that we have been through this week
all that we have thought about and done
all that we have regretted and mourned
all our weariness, our desires, our anxious hearts,**

Leader Jesus, you have held us,
so we have been able to cling to your promises.
You are our priest, the source of your church,
You represent us, advocate for us,
you sanctify our prayers,
and indeed, you, yourself lead our worship.

All **It is your work, your initiative,
your completing faithfulness we need this morning,
So we come to you, Jesus,
the headwaters of God's grace to us.**

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

All

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If, with his love, he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore’er we adore him.**

**Let the amen sound from his people again,
Gladly fore’er we adore him.**

words Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; music: Lobe den Herren, 1665

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

**How are we 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

"He Cannot be Stopped"

All

Who could halt the morning, springing from his Word?
Day of first creation, dawn of human birth,
Fall could not undo him, sin could not throw off,
He will save his people, he cannot be stopped.

Jesus Christ our savior, Son of Man and God.
Perfect lamb begotten, healing in his blood.
Though the world rejected, killed him on a cross,
Death could not restrain him, cause he cannot be stopped.

He cannot be stopped, no he cannot be stopped
He'll raise the dead in beauty, clothe the worlds in love,
Until our only tears are joy in what he's wrought.
O glory! Hallelujah! He cannot be stopped.

In his resurrection, all he sanctifies,
Sinners gathered to him, wretches made alive.
From the farthest reaches, of the darkest lot,
He redeems the wicked, Cause he cannot be stopped.

He cannot be stopped, no he cannot be stopped
He'll raise the dead in beauty, clothe the worlds in love,
Until our only tears are joy in what he's wrought.
O glory! Hallelujah! He cannot be stopped.

When we fall so shameful, when we can't look up.
All we see is darkness, all we know is loss.
When we yield defeated, he speaks ever soft,
"You are my dear children and I cannot be stopped."

He cannot be stopped, no he cannot be stopped
He'll raise the dead in beauty, clothe the worlds in love,
Until our only tears are joy in what he's wrought.
O glory! Hallelujah! He cannot be stopped.

Nathan Partain, 2017

Song in the Gospel

“We Need to Hear Your Word (Psalm 119:33-40)”

Leader

Train our hearts to love what you command.
We let go of our perception as you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you as we follow further on,
As you give us your desire, we obey with all we are.

All

**Train our hearts to love what you command.
We let go of our perception as you lead us by the hand.
Every foreign step we trust you as we follow further on,
As you give us your desire, we obey with all we are.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Turn us back, we try to fill ourselves.
Show the emptiness fulfillment is outside your perfect will,
O how easily like sheep deceived without their shepherds voice.
Make alive in us your scripture, melody against the noise.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

**Father, make our souls to hear you,
Spirit, by your power, break through,
Jesus, live in us and make true all you've said.**

**Lord, we need to hear your word, Lord we need to hear your word,
Please don't let your branches wither or your children die for thirst,
Lord, we need to hear your word.**

Nathan Partain, 2020

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]



Scripture Reading

Ezra 7:1-10

Reader

¹ After these things, during the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, ² the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, ³ the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, ⁴ the son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, ⁵ the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest— ⁶ 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. ⁷ Some of the Israelites, including priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers and temple servants, also came up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

⁸ Ezra arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year of the king. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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 Word of the Lord

Notes

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing notes.

Community Group Questions

- 1. We commonly lament that we wish we knew our Bibles better. But let's look at that positively: Why do you want to know your Bible better? What difference could deeper engagement with the Bible make in your relationship with God? Or relationships with others, both Christian and non-Christian? Try to be as specific as you can as you imagine how it could help you grow.*
- 2. The sermon explored the connection that how we relate to Scripture may be an indicator for how we're relating to God. What insight can that give you for where you're at with God in this season? How can that, in the safety of the gospel, encourage you to set your heart on God's Word (Ezra 7:10)?*
- 3. At the start of this fall, how can you take the model of Ezra 7:10 to heart? What's one specific way you can grow in your study of Scripture? Your obedience to Scripture? Your teaching of Scripture? How can you as a group pray for each other in this regard?*

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

“Psalm 131 (I Rest in Your Arms)”

All

**I have quieted my soul,
Who am I that I, grasp your ways, Most High?
O how foolish my control,
I give back my life, Lord, your love is wise.**

**I rest in your arms, I rest in your arms,
My soul has been weaned, content just to be,
So near to your heart, I rest in your arms.**

**I am humbled, I am low.
Here I am at peace, mid the mysteries,
Who you are, is all I know,
You have cherished me, held beneath your wings.**

**I rest in your arms, I rest in your arms,
My soul has been weaned, content just to be,
So near to your heart, I rest in your arms.**

**Oh children, hope upon your Lord!
Oh children, hope against all hope, against all,
Children, hope upon your Lord, forever more.**

**I rest in your arms, I rest in your arms,
My soul has been weaned, content just to be,
So near to your heart, I rest in your arms.**

**I rest in your arms, I rest in your arms.
Demands have all ceased, desires released,
I trust in your love, I rest in your arms.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

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

Town Hall Meeting Join us for our town hall meeting during the 10 am Sunday school hour. We will take time to discuss finances and other ministry updates at Redeemer and answer questions from the congregation. *Text (317) 699-8511 if you have any questions for the meeting.*

Sunday School for Kids Continues Redeemer Kids classes will take place in the same places as last week.

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

3:30-5 pm

Youth Group Social Calling all 6th through 12th graders! Join us this evening under the pavilion north of the parking lot in MLK Park between 3:30 and 5:00 pm for an afternoon of fun. We'll have an assortment of crafts, games, snacks, and more. Hope to see you there!

Introducing Amanda Huron Amanda will be working as Redeemer's new Nursery + Childcare Coordinator. She is now in charge of childcare for Sunday mornings and special services— like Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve—and prayer nights.

August 31
5 pm

Prayer Service We are excited to meet this Wednesday for a time of prayer. We hope to engage this time as a community more thoroughly and more connected. We will have pizza at 5 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.

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 \$100 per camper. *Use the QR code here to sign up.* Sign-ups close this Friday.



Other News

Join a Community Group Community groups are starting soon. If Redeemer is your home church, we'd love for you to be in a group. Groups meet weekly through the year for fellowship, worship, bible study, and prayer. Community groups are intergenerational and family-friendly.



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



Church Plant Newsletter Want to learn more about our current church planting team and what they are up to in the Near Westside/Haughville area? *Use the QR code to sign-up for their newsletter to stay up to date.*



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

Closing Hymn

“Abide in Me”

All

Abide in me, O Lord, and I in thee,
From this good hour, O 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 heav’n’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.
Abide in me; there have been moments blest
When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow’r;
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.

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...

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.

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

Benediction

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2022 year to date giving:
\$1,365,245

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

Congregational Giving

August 7, 2022	\$ 55,211
August 14, 2022	\$ 24,321
August 21, 2022	\$ 23,732
August Total	\$ 103,265

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:

*Go to 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.

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

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