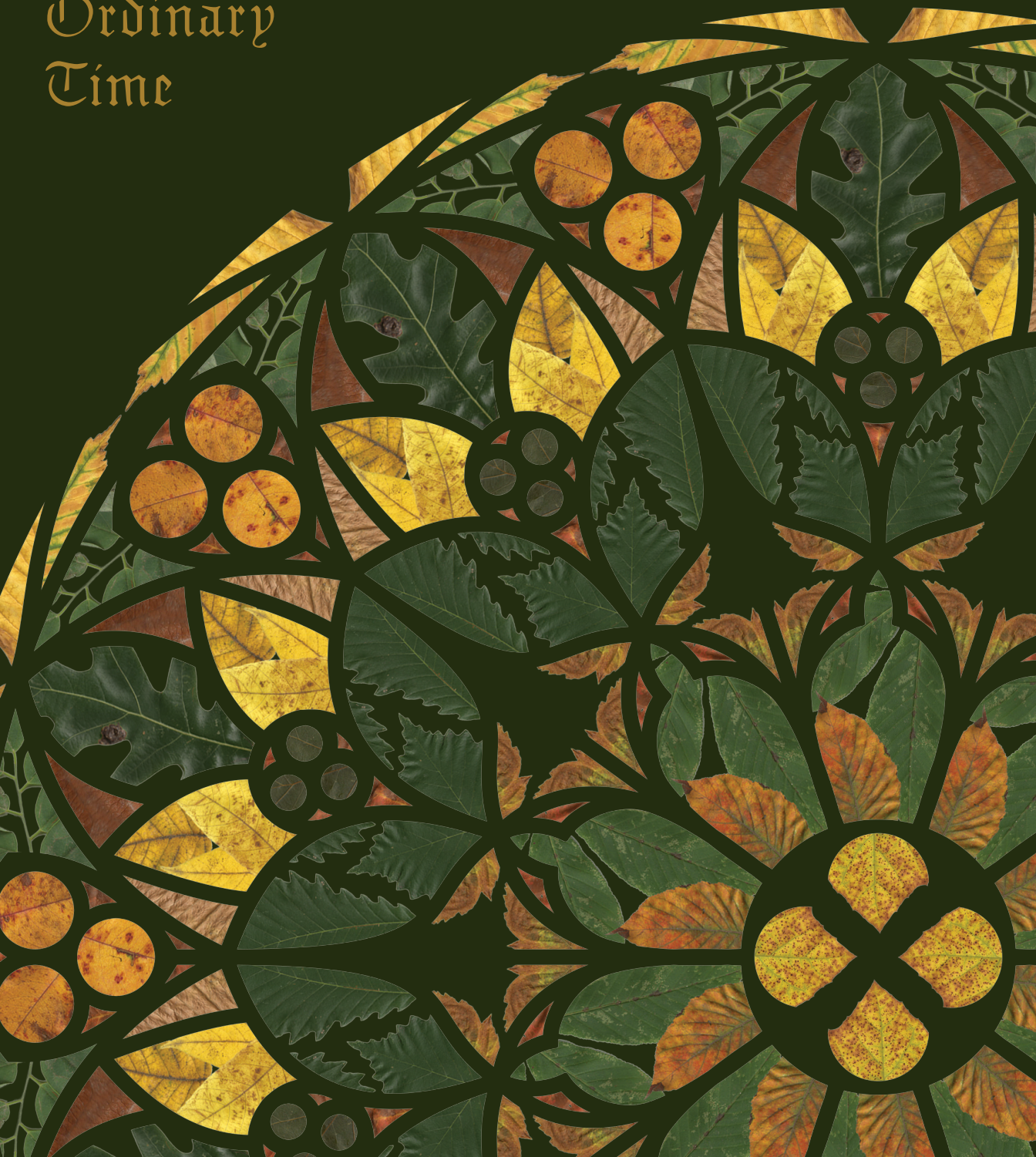


# Ordinary Time



## 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 1 Chronicles 29:10-13*

*Leader*

Praise be to you, LORD,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

*All*

**Yours, LORD, is the greatness,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
and the majesty,  
and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

*Leader*

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

*All*

**Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.**

*Leader*

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

*All*

**Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.**

# Opening Hymn

*“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)”*

*All*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven—who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Come and worship, come and worship, praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favor, to our fathers in distress;  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Come and worship, come and worship, glorious in his faithfulness.**

**God our Father tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands, he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Come and worship, come and worship, widely as his mercy goes.**

**Frail as summer’s flow’r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
But while mortals rise and perish, our God lives unchanging on.  
Praise Him, praise Him, alleluia! Praise the high Eternal One!**

**Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Come and worship, come and worship, praise with us the God of grace!  
Come and worship, come and worship, praise with us the God of grace!**

*words Henry F. Lyte, 1834; music Nathan Partain, 2000*

# 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

*“Come, Ye Sinners”*

*All*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.**

**Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry ‘til you’re better, you will never come at all.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth, is to feel your need of Him.**

**I will rise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.  
In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.**

*words: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; music: Traditional American Melody*

# Song in the Gospel

*"Near the Cross"*

*All*

**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever;  
'Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
'Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

*Words: Fanny Crosby, 1869; Melody: William Howard Doane*



## 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]*



### Prayer of Sending

*The Fields Presbyterian Church launches soon! You are invited to a vision party September 18th and then their public launch for worship on October 23rd. Check out [fieldspres.org](http://fieldspres.org) for specifics, email Pastor Mike McBride ([mike@fieldspres.org](mailto:mike@fieldspres.org)), and listen to the podcast "Church Plant" as they tell real-time stories of trusting God for a new church on the Southside.*

# Scripture Reading

*Ezra 7:28-8:14*

*Reader*

<sup>28</sup> Because the hand of the LORD my God was on me, I took courage and gathered leaders from Israel to go up with me.

<sup>81</sup> These are the family heads and those registered with them who came up with me from Babylon during the reign of King Artaxerxes:

<sup>2</sup> of the descendants of Phinehas, Gershom;  
of the descendants of Ithamar, Daniel;  
of the descendants of David, Hattush <sup>3</sup> of the descendants of Shekariah;  
of the descendants of Parosh, Zechariah, and with him were registered 150 men;

<sup>4</sup> of the descendants of Pahath-Moab, Eliehoenai son of Zerahiah, and with him 200 men;

<sup>5</sup> of the descendants of Zattu, Shekariah son of Jahaziel, and with him 300 men;

<sup>6</sup> of the descendants of Adin, Ebed son of Jonathan, and with him 50 men;

<sup>7</sup> of the descendants of Elam, Jeshaiiah son of Athaliah, and with him 70 men;

<sup>8</sup> of the descendants of Shephatiah, Zebadiah son of Michael, and with him 80 men;

<sup>9</sup> of the descendants of Joab, Obadiah son of Jehiel, and with him 218 men;

<sup>10</sup> of the descendants of Bani, Shelomith son of Josiphiah, and with him 160 men;

<sup>11</sup> of the descendants of Bebai, Zechariah son of Bebai, and with him 28 men;

<sup>12</sup> of the descendants of Azgad, Johanan son of Hakkatan, and with him 110 men;

<sup>13</sup> of the descendants of Adonikam, the last ones, whose names were Eliphelet, Jeuel and Shemaiah, and with them 60 men;

<sup>14</sup> of the descendants of Bigvai, Uthai and Zakkur, and with them 70 men.

*Reader  
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

Charles Anderson

*God's Ways in a Bunch of Names*

## Notes

A series of horizontal dotted lines for taking notes.

## Community Group Questions

1. *Where in your life do you struggle to see or believe that God is at work? Maybe it's something that's awful or maybe it's something that's boring & ordinary. What about that situation makes it a struggle? How does that struggle affect how you navigate that situation?*
2. *Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 20:1-16. What do you learn of God's character from the story? How does that help you lift your eyes and bow your heads in response to God being at work in your life and in the world?*
3. *Which aspects of God's character and ways, as revealed in this bunch of names, particularly encourages you? Which of them humble you? How can you do both of those as you re-interpret what you shared in Question #1?*

# 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

*“Be Ye Glad”*

*All*

**In these days of confused situations, in these nights of a restless remorse;  
When the heart and the soul of a nation lay wounded and cold as a corpse.  
From the grave of the innocent Adam comes a song bringing joy to the sad,  
Oh, your cry has been heard and the ransom has been paid up in full, be ye glad.**

**Oh, be ye glad—oh, be ye glad; every debt that you ever had,  
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord, be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad.**

**Now from the dungeon a rumor is stirring, you have heard it again and again;  
Ah, but this time the cell keys are turning and outside there are faces of friends.  
And though your body lay weary from wasting and your eyes show the sorrow  
they’ve had,  
Oh, the love that your heart is now tasting has opened the gates, be ye glad.**

**Oh, be ye glad—oh, be ye glad; every debt that you ever had,  
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord, be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad.**

**So be like lights on the rim of the water, giving hope in a storm sea of night;  
Be a refuge amidst the slaughter of these fugitives in their flight.  
For you are timeless and part of a puzzle; you are winsome and young as a lad,  
And there is no disease or no struggle that can pull you from God, be ye glad.**

**Oh, be ye glad—oh, be ye glad; every debt that you ever had,  
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord, be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad.**

*Michael Kelly Blanchard, 1980*

## 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

**Sunday School Today** New location for Westminster Reading Group! Join us at 10 am in the Gym as we continue to work through the Westminster Confession of Faith. Redeemer Kids classes take place at the same time. *[classes and rooms listed below]*

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

12:30 pm

**Artist Talk** Join us in the Harrison Gallery as we hear from Kyle Ragsdale who will interview Jay Parnell about his show called “This Valley of Tears,” which continues Parnell’s exploration of current times with an emphasis on memento mori and personal judgements.

**20’s on Tap** The young adult fellowship will take place at Guggman Haus after second service.

3:30-5 pm

**Youth Group Starts Today** Middle and high school students, meet us in Room 204 (by the church offices) this afternoon for youth group. Afterwards, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek’s Pizza on 16th. *Email Mary Paxton Lind (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) with any questions.*

September 18  
12:30 pm

**Newcomer’s Lunch** New-ish to Redeemer? We’d love for you to join us for lunch after the 2nd service on September 18. It’s a great chance to meet people, ask questions, and learn more about Redeemer. All ages welcome. *Use the QR code here to register.*



October 1  
5-6:30 pm

**Redeemer Kids Family Dinner Exchange** Share a meal with us. Host families will provide the main dish at their home and you just have to provide sides, desserts, and drinks. We will do our best to place you with families who have kids of similar ages. *Use the QR code to register.*



## Other Upcoming Events

September 25  
10 am

**Administer Justice Interest Meeting** Join us on September 25th at 10 am as we provide an overview of the Administer Justice organization and the kind of volunteer roles you could fill to help us make this ministry a successful and fruitful one!

12:30 pm

**Artist Lunch** Are you a creative of any kind—writer, painter, musician, designer, or someone who needs to express artistic ideas—because we would love to have you join us for a special gathering of artists to talk about liturgical arts at Redeemer. *Use the QR code to learn more and register.*



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

# Closing Hymn

*“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”*

*All*

**I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.**

**I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer—with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I’ll tell,  
How the victory he giveth, over sin, and death, and hell.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer—with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**I will sing of my Redeemer, and his heav’nly love to me;  
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with him to be.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer—with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

**Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer—with his blood, he purchased me.  
On the cross, he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

*words Phillip Bliss, 1976; music Luke Morton, 2005*

# Benediction



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2022 year to date giving:  
\$1,453,761

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January-September 2022 budget:  
\$2,063,940

## Congregational Giving

September 4, 2022 .....\$ 36,383.80  
September Total .....\$ 36,383.80



# 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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