



Ordination Sunday

13 November 2022

Cover Art

Kyle Ragsdale

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!

Stair Cap Decoration

Stained glass lanterns with wooden housing by Susan Jones & Ryan Collier

Window Covering

Marcia Jones

Communion Set

Tom Peck

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 121

Leader I walk, on pilgrimage, weary and vulnerable, I look up,
where does my help come from?

All **My help is from my Father who made the heavens and the earth.**

Leader He will not allow your foot to slip,
He who keeps your soul is never drowsy.

All **Look at him!**
He who keeps his children,
never grows weary and never sleeps.

Leader Our Father is our keeper,
he is a shade from our attacker
he is by our side to give us victory.

All **He is our shield from the oppressions of the day,**
and our shelter from the terrors of the night.

Leader The LORD will protect you from all evil,
he will keep your soul.

All **Thank you, Father!**
For in every path we walk,
you are the one who keeps us,
right now, tomorrow and always.

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

All

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by thy great help I’ve come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, Lord take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.**

**O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed then in my blood washed linen,
How I’ll sing thy sovereign grace!**

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, Music: John Wyeth, 1813

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

“When I See the Blood”

All

**Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,
Died for the sinner, paid all his due.
“Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,
And I’ll pass over you.”**

**Chiefest of sinners, Jesus can save;
All he has promised, surely he’ll do.
“Wash in the fountain where sinners can bathe,
And I’ll pass over you.”**

Refrain:

**“When I see the blood of my Holy One,
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.”**

**Judgment is coming, all will be there,
Each one receiving justly his due.
“Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood,
And I’ll pass over you.”**

[Refrain]

**O great compassion! O boundless love!
Now crowned with power, Jesus is true;
Find peace and shelter under his blood,
And I’ll pass over you.**

[Refrain x2]

**“When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.”**

words John G. Foote, Elisha A. Hoffman, 19th cent.; music Nathan Partain, 2004

Song in the Gospel

“The Lord Will Provide”

All **The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne’er be denied
Just as long as it’s written, “The Lord will provide.”**

**Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us and all foes unite,
Just one thing secures us, whatever betide,
His Spirit assures us, “The Lord will provide.”**

Refrain:

Leader And this promise remains,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide**
Leader Through all ages unchanged,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide**
Leader In all our want, in our pain,
All **Our Lord has redeemed us, Our Lord will provide**
Leader Faithful through all of our days.

**We’re told we are weak, and our hope is in vain,
The good that we seek we never shall obtain,
But when such suggestions, our graces have tried,
This answers all questions, “The Lord will provide.”**

[Refrain]

**When life sinks apace, and death is in view,
The word of His grace shall comfort us through,
Not fearing or doubting, with Christ on our side,
We hope to die shouting, “The Lord will provide.”**

[Refrain]

words: John Newton, 1775, alt words and refrain by Nathan Partain; music: Nathan Partain, 2012

Prayer of Dependence

Children's Worship

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 but also want to provide options to families that can engage young children wherever they're at developmentally. The Nursery welcomes children ages 0-3. Children ages 3-5 are also still welcome to attend Children's Worship. We hope this added flexibility encourages all families as they teach their children about what it means to worship.*

**If you would like your three year-old to attend Nursery and are able, we'd love to encourage you to attend the 11:00 service where more classroom space is available.*

Offering of Gifts and Service

Online giving available at [redeemindy.org/give]



Special Mercy Month Offering

Deacon Team Chair: Drew Myler

Ordination of Deacons

Deacons

- *Luke Granholm*
- *Jamison Mackillop*
- *Warren Griffin*

Deacon Vows

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

All

We do.

Charge to New Deacons

Prayer for New Deacons

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 1:3

Reader

“Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the LORD Almighty.”

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nicholas McDonald

Return to Me

Additional Scripture

Zechariah 8:9

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Now hear these words, ‘Let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built.’”

Zechariah 7:8-10

⁸ And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: ⁹ “This is what the LORD Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. ¹⁰ Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’”

Ezra 9:1-2

¹ After these things had been done, the leaders came to me and said, “The people of Israel, including the priests and the Levites, have not kept themselves separate from the neighboring peoples with their detestable practices... ² They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and have mingled the holy race with the peoples around them. And the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness.”

1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces...

Ephesians 4:17

Do not live any longer as the Gentiles live.

Zechariah 12:10

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”

Hebrews 13:12-14

¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.

¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Notes

A large grid of dots for taking notes, consisting of 20 rows and 30 columns of small black dots.

Community Group Questions

1. *Peter calls the local church “exiles”, even though they are living in their home towns. Why does Peter use this language to talk about the church?*
2. *Zechariah and Ezra talk about three ways the Israelites have overly assimilated into Babylonian culture: mission, economics and marriage. Which of these do you feel is the greatest temptation for you?*
3. *The story of Zechariah ends with the people waiting on the Spirit to renew their hearts. In what ways is Jesus calling you into this kind of waiting during the upcoming Advent season? Are there practices/rituals that can help?*

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

"You Were Not My People"

All

**You hid from me, and so I called to you,
Then you accused, so I blessed you.
Your heart was cold, so jealous was I for you,
You had contempt, I just held you.**

**You closed your ears, so I displayed for you,
You shut your eyes, so I fed you.
You fought but I, was patient to wait for you,
You yelled and cried, while I clothed you.**

**For you, you were not my people, but I called you my own.
And you, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home.**

**Your mind was bent and so I sang for you,
Your feet were bound, I untied you.
You could not speak, and so I taught you to,
You were so scared, I gently drew.**

**For you, you were not my people, but I called you my own.
And you, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home.
And you, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine,
And you, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.**

**You spit on me, even as I kissed you,
You struck my face, while I bathed you.
You raged, I poured my spirit all over you,
You crucified, and I let you.**

**For you, you were not my people, but I called you my own.
And you, you had been so hateful, I brought you to my home.
And you, your own hands shed my blood, I have made you mine,
And you, illegitimate, uncovered, now you are my child.**

Nathan Partain, 2014

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

Church-wide Advent Workshop Instead of Sunday School, join us in the gym for our annual fellowship and art making event. There are multiple projects to choose from and show off your creativity! Also, everyone is welcome to join us for the lunch after second service.

Blanket Drive We are collecting new and *gently* used blankets for *Shepherd Community Center* to give to those in need during their food distribution initiatives and to families in their programs. We will set up by the courtyard entrance to accept donations after both services. *If you forgot to bring a blanket this week we will be collecting blankets next week.*

3:30-5 pm

Youth Group this Evening Middle school and high school students please join us this evening for youth group in the gym. Afterward, high schoolers are invited to hang out at Greek's Pizza on 16th. *Email Mary Paxton Lind (marypaxton@redeemindy.org) with any questions.*

November 20
10 am

Advent Sunday School Class Join us for a special Sunday School class on the "Mothers of Jesus." We'll explore the stories of four different women highlighted in the Gospel of Matthew, each of whom give a surprising glimpse into the heart, compassion, and care of our God. This class will start next week and continue through December 18 in the gym. There will be a short break on November 27 for Thanksgiving.

12:30 pm

Newcomer's Lunch We know getting connected at a new church can be challenging. Over a meal, you will meet Redeemer leaders and other newcomers, hear some of our stories, be able to ask questions, and find out the next steps. Join us in the Speck Gallery next Sunday after the 11:00 am service. *Use the QR code to register.*



November 30
5:15-7 pm

Prayer Service We are excited to meet for a time of fellowship and worship. Bring your family and friends, and invite your community group to come together. We will serve dinner at 5:15 pm in the underground. *Please use the QR code to sign-up so we can provide enough food for everyone.* The service will start at 6 pm and we will have nursery workers available to care for children aged 0-5.



December 10
5:15-7 pm

Weekend Respite Our care ministry partners with Redeemer Kids to provide quarterly respite childcare events to single parents, parents of children with special needs, and foster and adoptive parents. Our respite care event will have lunch included. *Please, sign up by December 7th, so we can assure that we have enough volunteers.* Sign-ups are helpful, particularly if your child would benefit from one-on-one support or has additional needs or food allergies that are helpful to communicate in advance. Siblings are welcome to participate. *If you are interested in volunteering to serve the families of Redeemer in this way, please contact Emily (emily@redeemindy.org).*



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

Closing Hymn

"With All of Our Strength"

All

**Our life, no more owning, we were bought at a price
Living not for our own will, but for you, our Lord Christ.
We renounce each allegiance: race and national pride.
We are now of the one true King, and His Kingdom of Light.**

**So now where we find violence, we are called to defend.
And where humiliation, we cover the offense.
And where there is injustice, there the weak is our cause.
And wherever a debtor owes, we pay all of their cost.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.**

**So where there are young ones, we protect and hold dear.
And where we have power, lead in reverent fear.
And where there's need of labor, there the burdens we'll bear.
And wherever there's brokenness, we will work to repair.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
With all of our strength, with all of our strength. Lord, we love you, with all of our strength,
With all of our strength, with all of our strength. Lord, we love you.**

**So there is no effort, no errand too small.
Each action a moment, to answer your call.
So in every mercy and in all that we do,
Is your love shown to others and our affections for you.**

**For to quench, in your name, those who thirst is to bring you a drink.
And to care for the lonely and sick, is to tend to your need.
As we mend and we make, as we serve and create,
It's the substance of praise we now sing.
Lord, we love you, not just heart and soul but with all of our strength.
With all of our strength, with all of our strength. Lord, we love you, with all of our strength,
With all of our strength, with all of our strength. Lord, we love you, with all of our strength.**

Nathan Partain, 2016

Benediction

Deacons On the Move

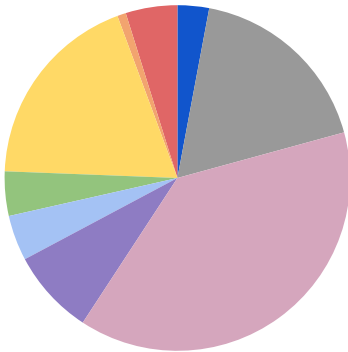
What is the deacon team?

The deacon team exists to connect people to Jesus and care for our congregation and city through acts of service, mercy, and justice.

Mercy Month Special Offering

The Mercy Fund is partially funded through Redeemer's general budget. However, additional gifts from the congregation are also vital for the Deacon Team to be fully funded. This Sunday, we will take up a special offering at the end of each service to be used for mercy and justice needs in the congregation and in the city. *At the end of both services today we will take up a special offering for Mercy Month.*

Mercy Fund Expenses 2022



MINISTRY	EXPENSE
Walk in Assistance	\$1,994.07
Partner Ministry Gifts	\$12,025.31
Counseling Scholarships	\$26,000.00
Rent & Utilities	\$5,397.97
Groceries	\$2,875.00
Internal Teams & Initiatives (Legacy Ladies, Meal Train team, Homebound Care team, and Weekend Respite)	\$2,804.44
Care Needs (i.e. medical procedures, moving assistance, legal fees, etc.)	\$12,662.91
Administrative Expenses	\$547.12
Foster & Adoption Grants	\$3,266.43
Total expensed	\$67,573.25
Current balance	\$33,643.70
4:8 Fund expenditures	\$24,420.67
4:8 Fund balance as of 09/30	\$79,399.52



Use the QR code to donate to the mercy ministry of Redeemer.

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2022 year to date giving:
\$1,921,781

January-November 2022 budget:
\$2,522,593

Congregational Giving

November 6, 2022	\$	45,861
November Total	\$	45,861

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.

Good to See You Again

You've been around, but there are so many ways to get plugged in that you're not sure where to start. How about starting here? Give us your name and email, check some boxes, and drop this in the offering plate.

FIRST & LAST NAME

EMAIL

I'D LIKE TO... *

- Learn More About Redeemer
 - Become a Member
 - Join a Community Group
 - Work with Global Missions
 - Use my Artistic Talents
 - Serve with Kids
 - Serve with Students
 - Greet on Sunday Mornings
 - Make & Serve Food
 - Join a Prayer Team
 - Talk to Someone About Counseling
 - Do Something Else:
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*Go to www.redeemindy.org/ministries for a full list of volunteer opportunities and descriptions.

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

Birthday _____

SPOUSE OR FRIEND

- Male Female

Birthday _____

CONTACT

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY!

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

Classes
10:00 a.m.