



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Ordinary
Time

20 November 2022

Cover Art

“Further Fall” by Derek Bender

To represent Ordinary Time, I wanted to take something easily overlooked and make it beautiful. It was also the perfect excuse to create something with leaves, which I had been wanting to do for a while. I’ve also been interested in rose windows since college, when I studied them in an art history class. So, it felt like a great idea to bring those two things together.

My process: I researched stained glass and compiled some forms that are typically used in church architecture. I then created an outline of a rose window in Adobe Illustrator. After that I went on a walk and collected leaves that had already fallen & had plenty of character. I then took the leaves home and dipped them in water to remove dirt. Next I used my scanner to import images of the leaves into my computer. After that, I Photoshopped my leaf scans, cutting them out, and then composing them within the window outline that I created.

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

from Isaiah 51

- Leader* The LORD will surely comfort his beloved,
 and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
 he will make her deserts like Eden,
 her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.
- All* **Joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the sound of singing.**
- Leader* Our Father says,
 “My righteousness draws near speedily,
 my salvation is on the way,
 and my arm will bring justice to the nations.”
- All* **Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 look at the earth beneath.**
- Leader* The heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment
 and its inhabitants die like flies.
- All* **But our Father’s salvation will last forever,
 his righteousness will never fail.**
- Leader* Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals
 or be terrified by their insults.
 For the moth will eat them up like a garment;
 the worm will devour them like wool.
- All* **But our Father’s righteousness will last forever,
 his salvation through all generations.**
- Leader* Awake, awake, arm of the LORD, clothe yourself with strength!
 Awake, as in days gone by, as in generations of old.
- All* **Those the LORD has rescued will return.
 They will enter Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy will crown their heads.
 Gladness and joy will overtake them,
 and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

Opening Hymn

"The Lord is King!"

All

**The Lord is King! Lift up your voice,
O earth and all ye heav'ns, rejoice!
From world to world, the joy shall ring,
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Who then shall dare,
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

**The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The Judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways;
Let every creature sing his praise.**

**Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.**

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Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
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words Josiah Conder, 1824; music Nathan Partain, 2003

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

from Exodus 34:6; Psalm 23:1; 1 John 1:1; John 14:23

Leader Father, you are the only one who does not change. Everything beautiful about you is, was, and will always be. And you are the only Shepherd who can guide us through the violence of this life into your eternal abundance.

All **But no matter how much you have done or will do,
we prefer Doubt as our god who will protect us.
We believe that if we are skeptical, we won't be deceived,
so we walk in agreement with a spirit of distrust,
rejecting everything that might lead us to you.
Our souls grow thirsty and alone and we wither,
unwilling to risk our faith on you.**

Leader Jesus, you are fully human; a person, someone we could eat a meal across from, get into an argument with, walk next to. We could become familiar with the wrinkles of your expressions, grab your hand, know your voice, recognize your smell.

All **But we hold you at a distance as an idea,
a character who lived in history but is not alive right now;
We do not seek your opinion,
we are not curious about what you want,
we have stopped actively following you,
treating you as a static example of life principles,
instead of a person who is going somewhere
whom we must keep looking to in the moment
so that we know where to go.**

Leader Holy Spirit, you are the indwelling of the Triune God. You, the Father and the Son have made your home in us, that we would be born as a new heavenly creation.

All **But we have tried to believe on our own,
tried to generate spiritual understanding
through fleshly minds and we are worn out and frustrated.
Would you gift us with knowing Jesus,
gift us with trusting you more than our fears,
gift us with the invisible truths being tangible to us through faith,
gift us with you, yourself, being a relationship we live in.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

from John 5:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Revelation 11:14

Leader

Jesus, loved the Father more than anyone or anything else.
He knew the reality of heaven, even in the fog of earth.
He lived by the heartbeat of his Father,
 doing what he was doing, saying what he was saying,
 giving of himself gladly as the accomplisher of his Father's will
 at every moment of his life.
This he came to do and fulfill so that when he died in your place,
 you could be clothed in his loving obedience,
And when he rose again
 you could be given his Spirit to dwell inside you.

All

**Jesus, you are our life,
We are forever beautiful through faith in your work.
We are forever enjoyed by our almighty Father.**

Leader

There is no rejection or hesitation or even indifference
 in your Father's heart toward you,
 only a holy, divine, zealous, eternal love.
You have been brought into the unbroken affection of the Trinity.
He has secured a place for sinners to be reborn into his glory
 and to live in him forever in splendor.

All

**Spirit of Jesus, prepare us for your return,
when all that is now true,
will be seen and experienced by everyone throughout the universe.**

Song in the Gospel

“All Those who Sow Weeping (Psalm 126)”

All

**Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord.
Restore us, O Lord.**

**Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom,
For the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry,
Lord, please do not tarry.
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy.**

**The nations will say, “He has done great things!”
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord.
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Lord, help us keep sowing,
The seeds of Your Kingdom,
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Isaac Wardell, 2012

Song in the Gospel

"Steadfast"

All

I will build my house, whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope, In your love, O Lord,
And your faithfulness will prove,

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke, all the starry host,
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure,
As you lead us with your light.

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

No, I will not trust in the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled,
In the hour of darkness, your light was revealed,
In the presence of death, your life was affirmed,
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Sandra McCracken, 2016

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]



Financial Giving Update

As we approach the end of the year, we want to keep you updated on our current financial situation.

- 2022 Budget: \$2,739,325
- 2022 Giving: \$1,982,861
- 2022 Still Needed: \$756,464

Please prayerfully consider the role you can play in helping us reach this goal. In addition to giving online or through cash or check, you can give stocks or other appreciated assets.

Please email giving@redeemindy.org with any questions.

Covenant Baptism

First Service:

Henry William Antrim

Parents: Jacob & Annette Antrim

Remembering Our Baptism

Based on Matthew 28:18-20

Leader

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Question #94

What is Baptism?

All

Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

Song of Baptism

“Baptized in Water”

Leader

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

All

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, looking to heaven now we sing.**

In the name of God, the Father, with the Son and Holy Ghost.

Trad. Gaelic Melody, Michael Seward, add. lyrics Bruce Benedict, 1982

Vows of Baptism

Parents' Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Henry's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly commit Henry to God and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation's Vows

Leader

Our God made a covenant with Abraham, the father of all who believe, saying,
"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you
and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God."

All

**Peter preached the gospel to the church saying,
"The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—
for all whom the Lord our God will call."**

Leader

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive Henry William Antrim into this church as one whom God has called his own according to the covenant? And do you now promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example of genuine faith and virtue?

All

**We do, for whoever welcomes this child of God in Christ's name, welcomes him.
And whoever welcomes Christ, welcomes the one who sent him.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-4

Reader

¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

*Reader
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sam Haist

A Faith That Isn't Fragile

Notes

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

Community Group Questions

1. *Christianity isn't primarily a collection of abstract beliefs or teachings. It's rooted in claims about events that happened in history: Jesus came, Jesus died, God raised Jesus from the dead. If these things didn't happen, the whole thing falls apart. What about this story do you find most difficult to believe, and why?*
2. *In Luke 1:1-4, Luke presents himself a bit like an investigative reporter: "I've looked at all the facts, I've talked with folks who were there, and I've written up a report about Jesus you can trust and know is accurate." How should this shape the way we read what he says? Why?*
3. *If everything Luke says about Jesus is true, that's a big deal. We can't walk away as if it doesn't really matter. When you think about the claims of Jesus, what do you experience as the biggest barriers to taking him seriously? What about your life might be different if you were "certain" that the things you've been taught about him are true (Luke 1:4)?*

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

"I Will Believe the Lord"

All

**I will believe the Lord. His word fore'er endures;
Though nations change from king to king while ages shape the earth,
I will believe the Lord through trouble unforeseen,
His word sustains my very life, steadfast eternally.**

Refrain:

**Yes, I'll believe, Yes, I'll believe, Yes, I'll believe the Lord,
His every word, His every word, His every word is True.
And when I hear, And when I hear, And when I hear his voice.
I will come close, I'll follow him and what he says, I'll do.
I will come close, I'll follow him and what he says, I'll do.**

**I will believe the Lord whate'er the world may say,
Though people toss as winds of thought rush in and out like waves.
I will believe the Lord, foundation of all truth,
That through the storm, held by his grace, yeah, I shall not be moved.**

[Refrain]

Oh Lord I believe! Help my unbelief!

**I will believe the Lord and no exception make.
I will not hear the words I like while troubling words forsake.
I will believe the Lord though even kin may scorn.
The wisest of the world are dead, while fools are being reborn.**

[Refrain]

Nathan Partain, 2005

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

Advent Sunday School Class Join us for a special Sunday School class on the “Mothers of Jesus” in the gym. There will be a short break on November 27 for Thanksgiving. The 1 Samuel Bible Study will meet in the Speck Gallery. Redeemer Kids classes will take place in their normal locations. Middle School Students will meet in the Underground, while High School Students will be in Room 205.

12:30 pm

Newcomer’s Lunch We would love to get to know you over a meal, you can meet Redeemer leaders and other newcomers, hear some of our stories, ask questions, and find out the next steps. Join us in the Speck Gallery today after the 11:00 am service. *Don’t worry about signing up, we will have plenty of extra food.*

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.

November 27
- December 11

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



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 Amanda Huron (amanda.huron@redeemindy.org).*



December 17
9:11:30 am

Redeemer Women Advent Morning Christmas is a time when two narratives compete for our attention. Too often the familiar story of the incarnation is overshadowed by the hustle and bustle of the season. This year, Redeemer Women invites you to slow down and savor the story of Christ’s birth. Join us in reading *Hidden Christmas* by Tim Keller and gather with other women in the Underground for a time of reflection, discussion, and worship. *Please use the QR code to register.*



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

Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

All

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

*words John Rippon, 1787; attr. John Keene, Kirkham, and John Keith
music Joseph Funk, 1832; Public Domain*

Benediction

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2022 year to date giving:
\$1,982,861

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

Congregational Giving

November 6, 2022 \$	45,861
November 13, 2022 \$	61,079
November Total \$	106,941

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

Classes
10:00 a.m.

