



REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MISSIONS MONTH

2/20/2022

Cover Photo

Brian Allee from India art residency

Window Covering

Barb Knuckles

The window is a map of rebuilding: the rings represent us, our families, tribes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and the city. The metallic pipecleaners represent our interconnections, creating a beautiful pattern of God's grace and mercy reaching far beyond our individual selves.

Platform Art

Tom Peck

Towers represent the corners of the rebuilt temple, constructed during Ezra's time. Golden bowls, part of the treasure provided to build the temple, define the structures. Yet, as the church calendar progresses, they also become monumental Advent candles, signalling our anticipation of Jesus, savior of the world.

Banners

Katie Porcho and RedeemerKids

Stage Wall Installation

Dirk Edwards; Marcia Jones, international fabrics

Golden Cloud

Kyle Ragsdale

Heraldry

Hanging Disc Installation

Barb Knuckles

As we rebuild, our unity is in Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the coming/already here kingdom of God. We are examples of the work of God redeeming people from every nation, tongue and tribe, unifying us without obliterating the beauties of our redeemed cultural differences. (Rev. 5:9) We are celebrating our unity and the beauty of our particularity using symbols of heraldry.

Communion Set

Craig Dodge Lile

Welcome

Call to Worship

From James 4:8; Luke 13:34; Isaiah 65; Luke 15:20; Psalm 130

Leader Children of God, you are safe with your Father.
He loves you and desires for you to be with him.

All **As he has promised:
If we look for him we will find him,
If we call out to him he will answer,
If we draw near to him, he will draw near to us.**

Leader You who are on your own and struggle to believe,
return to him who is worthy of your trust.
He longs to gather you under his wing like a mother
protecting her little ones.
He holds his arms of invitation open to you all day long.
He runs to you when you turn toward him.

All **Let us put our hope again in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He has taken on our mess himself,
to take us back from what we deserve.**

Opening Hymn

“Father Long Before Creation”

All

**Father long before creation, you have chosen us in love,
And your love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.**

**Though the world may change its fashion, you, our God, are e’er the same;
Your compassion and your cov’nant, through all ages will remain.
God’s own children, God’s own children, we’ll forever praise his name.**

**Your compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his only Son he gave.**

**Loving Father now before you, we will ever praise your love,
And our songs will sound unceasing, ‘til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.**

Words: Chinese Hymn; trans.: Francis Jones; Andrew Osenga, 2005

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1-2

Leader Speak your Word to us, God, to invite us
into your life-giving, freedom-granting, relationship-making truth.

All **We turn our ear away from your Word,
as if it applies to some other time, to some other people.
Forgive us that we dismiss the warnings and woings of Scripture
as angry ranting or irrelevant tales.
Help us hear and heed your word so that we would return to you.**

Leader Father, Son, and Spirit, you are the fount of all goodness and beauty,
the center and heart of reality, overflowing in majesty and grace.

All **Yet, your honor isn't on our mind.
It doesn't even dawn on us to think along those lines.
We spend on what we want, building our houses and lives,
and put you way down the list as an afterthought.
Show yourself the desire of the nations and our hearts;
make Christ our treasure and vision.**

Leader The Lord Jesus promises to shake the heavens and earth,
to overturn all thrones, presidents, and rulers.

All **The powers of the day overawe us:
social media likes, workplace expectations,
the status quo that just is the way that it is.
We give way to these powers to tell us
what we'll do, when we'll speak up, what risks we'll take.
Tell us who we are according to your kingdom.
Kindle our trust that you will come again
as the world-shaker,
status quo unsettlter,
heart-wooper king.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Haggai 2; Zechariah 2; John 1; Philipians 2; Hebrews 1; 12

- Leader* God has chosen Jesus as his signet ring,
All **Showcase, image, and seal of God's glory,**
- Leader* The one whom the angels worship,
All **The hope and desire of the nations,**
- Leader* Who never changes or gets worn out,
All **Anointed with joy to be our savior,**
- Leader* Now seated at his Father's right hand,
All **The special, one and only Son.**
- Leader* The Son, for us and for our salvation, was made man,
in order to bring us peace.
- All* **We have seen the glorious one,
who empties himself in love
for the outcast, the sinner, the broken, the rebel,
for us.**
- Leader* God covenanted to dwell with us,
that he would be our God, and we his people.
- All* **Spirit, make your home again with us,
to bring God's power,
to testify to God's love,
to assure us you're not done with us yet.**
- Leader* What amazing news: You and I have been brought to the city of the living God,
where our names are written permanently in the book of life,
because Jesus mediates the new covenant
of his blood sprinkled for our forgiveness.
- All* **Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
let us be thankful and please God
by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

"We Will Feast"

All

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

**Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.**

**We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.**

Sandra McCracken and Josh Moore, 2015

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

Ezra 4:24-5:2

Reader

²⁴ Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

¹ Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them. ² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.

Zechariah 1:1-6

¹ In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

² “The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. ³ 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. ⁴ Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. ⁵ Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? ⁶ But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors?”

“Then they repented and said, ‘The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’”

Reader
All

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ben Reed

Returning to God

Notes

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing notes.

Community Group Questions

1. *God tells the people to return to him, and he will return to them. It will be easy to tell if they return to God, because that will involve restarting work on the temple. What does it look like for us to return to God? How would someone be able to tell that we have returned to God in repentance?*
2. *What do you think it means in verse 6 when it says, "But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors?" What does it look like for us when God's words and decrees overtake us?*
3. *What does it look like for the church to be marked by repentance? How does that help or hinder our ability to reflect God's justice, mercy, and glory in the world?*

First Communion

First Service

Cassie Tolbert

Parents: Will and Laura Tolbert

Song of Celebration

"We Need to Hear Your Word"

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.**

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

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

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

Nathan Partain, 2020

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

Sunday School: Missions Month interview with Tim and Rhianna Mills

Christianity Explored Sign-ups close February 21st

Safe Space Group meeting for grief and loss on March 2nd

New Community Group interest meeting on March 6th

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

Closing Hymn

“Praise the Savior, Now and Ever”

All

**Praise the Savior, now and ever; praise him, all beneath the skies;
Prostrate lying suff’ring, dying on the cross, a sacrifice.
Vict’ry gaining, life obtaining, now in glory, he doth rise.**

**Man’s work faileth, Christ’s availeth; he is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit, we inherit light and peace and happiness.**

**Sin’s bond severed, we’re delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent’s head;
Death no longer is the stronger, hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death’s prison; o’er the tomb he light has shed.**

**For his favor, praise forever, unto God the Father, sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

**Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit, he doth us salvation bring.**

Words: Venantius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609, Tr. by Augustus Nelson; music: attr. to William Moore, 1825; Arr. Benedict/Bradham 2005

Benediction

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2022 year to date giving:
\$263,457

January & February 2022 budget:
\$458,653

Congregational Giving

February 13, 2022	\$	31,413
February Total	\$	107,096

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.

Fountain Square Pres

In 2014, Fountain Square Presbyterian Church opened its doors. The first daughter church of Redeemer, Fountain Square ministers to, worships with, and cultivates Christ-centered community in the Fountain Square neighborhood of Indianapolis.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is part of a church planting movement in Indianapolis and we are earnestly working to fund the planting of another gospel community.

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

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10:00 a.m.

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