

A painting of a sunset over a sea of clouds. The sky is a gradient of red, orange, and yellow. A biplane is flying in the distance, leaving a long, glowing trail of light that curves across the sky. The clouds below are rendered in various shades of red, orange, and yellow, creating a sense of depth and texture.

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11.21.2021

Cover Art

“Red Aviator”

Will Lutz

This painting is about the passage through dark, dangerous, and beautiful worlds.

Banners

Marcia Jones

Window Covering

More Than Tolerators with special thanks to Barb Knuckles and Redeemer people for adding the leaves to the installation.

Paintings Over Doors

“Red Aviator” and “Edge of a Storm”

Will Lutz

Backdrop Sculptures

Ryan Collier

Communion Set

Becca Ito

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Leader The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

All **The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

Leader The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces
what seems prosperous and strong in the earth.

All **The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the desert of our unbelief.
The LORD sits enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength and peace to his people.**

Opening Hymn

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

All

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore:
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o’er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them intercedeth,
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of ev’ry love the best!
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

words Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875; music Thomas John Williams, 1890

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Based on Isaiah 40; 42; Ezra 3

Leader We fear that God has forgotten us
in the wilderness, in exile, in a pandemic.

All **Have we dropped off your radar, God?
We doubt that you notice us.
So, we make up our minds to make our own way.
We don't think about you much during our day,
because we figure you're not thinking about us.**

Leader Our Father has spoken to us in his Word
to assure us of his love,
to share himself so that we would trust in him.

All **But we would rather not follow your ways,
or live in accordance with what is written.
We mistrust that we can really get to know you from old pages.
Our experience and insight feel so much safer.**

Leader The new doesn't seem that necessary, we think;
the old ways were doing all right.

All **We confess that we don't want to live by faith,
so we settle for the old ways we already know.
We trust what we see and taste and test for ourselves,
rather than following God into the unknown.**

Leader Our Father, in your mercy, hear our confession.

All **Jesus, in your mercy, do not leave us to ourselves.**

Leader Spirit, in your mercy, lead us in the way of eternal life.

Song of Need

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

All

**O’er all Heaven’s wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son, forever reigns,
And scatters night away.**

**I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound. I am bound. I am bound for the promised land.**

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words Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; music Chris Minor, 2003

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Isaiah 40-43

Leader O church, how can you say the LORD doesn't see your troubles?
O Redeemer, how can you claim,
"God doesn't see what's happened to us;
our plight is overlooked"?
Do you not know?
Have you not heard?

All **The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He never gets weak or weary.
No one can get their head around his understanding.**

Leader You who bring good news to Indy,
go up on Crown Hill.
You who bring good news to Downtown,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid.

All **"Here is our God!"
The sovereign LORD comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
He gathers his flock in his arms
and carries them close to his heart.**

Leader So now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, Church,
he who formed you, Redeemer:

All **"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned."**

Leader "I have given my Son in exchange for you.
My Son has gladly laid down his life for you."

All **It really is true; the Lord has done a new thing!
He has made a way in the wilderness.**

Song in the Gospel

“Be Still My Soul”

All

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Music: Finlandia, Jean Sibelius, 1899

Song in the Gospel

"The Lord Is My Joy"

All **The Lord is my joy, the Lord is my joy,
When all that I have is lost, I find
The Lord is my joy.**

**The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my strength,
When I am too weak to go on, I find
The Lord is my strength.**

**My all in all is he, my healing King,
My Master tends to me, for him, my soul shall sing.**

**The Lord is my rock, the Lord is my rock,
When all I have faith in fails, I find
The Lord is my rock.**

**The Lord is my delight, the Lord is my delight,
Above all the joys of life, I find
The Lord is my delight.**

**My all in all is he, my breath, my song.
In him, I have everything; to him, my soul belongs.**

Women **I wait, and wait upon you, to come for me in rescue.
Give strength, my heart is failing, yet still, my lips will praise you. *(Repeat)***

Men **And with his wings he covers me, he keeps his watch while I'm asleep,
I offer all my plans and dreams, I give my savior everything. *(Repeat)***

All **You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**You who gave your only son, I dare not doubt your steadfast love.
Come, I beg you take my life, if I am yours then all is right.**

**My all in all is he, my dearest friend.
I put my trust in him; on him, my soul depends.**

Nathan Partain, 2008

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]



Communion Song

“Father of Lights”

Ensemble

Father of Lights, God of unchanging good
Cannot stop weeping at what you’ve done.
Broken my trust. Hand that allowed this hurt,
Nothing is safe, even you, unsure.

How could I love you? O how can I talk like that?
You had to watch your boy die in anguish,
Giving your all for me, yet I can’t help but ask,
Where were you, Lord? I needed you most.
You didn’t come. Now I don’t know what to do.

Father of life, press your implanted word,
Deep in the places of ruptured earth.
Sovereign of peace, gentle as I lash out,
Notice the whispers amid the shout.

How do I love you? O how can I talk like that?
You had to watch your boy die in anguish,
Giving your all for me, yet I can’t help but ask,
Where were you, Lord? I needed you most.
You didn’t come. Now I don’t know what to do.

I believe! That’s why I sorrow.
You’re my heart! Where else can I go?
You know I can’t understand,
The suffering in your gracious plan.
Hold me tight or I will let go.

Father of fire, Spirit who gave me birth,
Knowing I’d blame you, you loved me first.
You are so full, needing no praise from me,
I hear you beckon my soul to drink.

Nathan Partain, 2021

Scripture

Ezra 1:1-6

¹ In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

² “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. ³ Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. ⁴ And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.”

⁵ Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. ⁶ All their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings.

Reader
All

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Pulling Back the Curtain

Community Group Questions

1. *What does the mindset of going through your day without consciously being aware of and trusting in God's sovereignty look like? Where do you see yourself prone to that approach? What about doing that for the bigger seasons/events of life?*
2. *Read together Genesis 50:20; Proverbs 16:9; 21:1; John 6:37-40; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28; Philippians 2:12-13 (and if you want an extra challenge, read Isaiah 10:5-15). What do these passages tell us about God's sovereignty? What about human responsibility?*
3. *If the passages in Question #2 establish a pattern (and we could add many more), and show us God at work when the curtain is pulled back, what does that tell us about how God works when we don't see behind the curtain? What's one specific area of your life that this could re-shape how you trust God and live by faith?*

Children's Questions:

It can be hard to see and believe that God's in control and working in our lives. He doesn't really directly tell us what he's doing. We have to read the Bible, to see who God is and how he works, to trust that he's doing the same thing now in our lives.

Do you know the story of Joseph? As a group, share what you know about Joseph's life. Then read Genesis 50:15-21. Why are the brothers scared? What does Joseph tell them (verse 20)? What does that say about God? What does say about what the brothers did? How can that encourage you to trust that God is at work in your life?

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.

Closing Hymn

"It Is Well"

All **When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

(Men) **It is well** *(Women)* **it is well;**
(Men) **With my soul** *(Women)* **with my soul.**
(All) **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed his own blood for my soul.**

(Men) **It is well** *(Women)* **it is well;**
(Men) **With my soul** *(Women)* **with my soul.**
(All) **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

(Men) **It is well** *(Women)* **it is well;**
(Men) **With my soul** *(Women)* **with my soul.**
(All) **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so," it is well with my soul.**

(Men) **It is well** *(Women)* **it is well;**
(Men) **With my soul** *(Women)* **with my soul.**
(All) **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

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(All) **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

words Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; music Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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.**

Community Life

Advent Sunday School on *Gentle and Lowly* | Free books available

Artist talk after 11:00 service | Harrison Gallery

RedeemerKids: Jesse Tree Workshop | November 28, 10:00 a.m., in the gym

More information about these and other events can be found at our website redeemindy.org.

Benediction

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	2021 budget:
year to date giving:	\$2,487,554
\$1,792,352.54	



Congregational Giving

November 14 th	\$	\$55,788.22
November Total	\$	\$99,573.62
October Budget	\$	\$397,387.54

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, contact Jen Maurer [jen.maurer@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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