

Music & Adult Discipleship Ministry Updates

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After having to use our 'library voices' because of COVID for much of 2020, Redeemer began to sing again in 2021! It has been a great joy for me to lead music with our excellent team of musicians again. I'm proud of how our musicians have stepped into leadership in new ways this year, enabling me to serve in other ways on Sunday mornings AND bringing fresh gifts to our worship together. Our A/V team also trained two additional team members and continues to bring our community together through our livestream each Sunday morning. And our Advent Lessons and Carols was a powerful evening of worship, made even more special after not being able to gather in the previous year.

Another ministry highlight for me was the special speakers we welcomed to our community as part of our Conversations on Racial Justice & Healing, and in COR@9. We heard from Oscar DuPuy on "Reading the Bible *Latinamente*" and Pastor Juliet Liu on "Reading the Bible with Asian-American Christians," benefited from Dr. Danny Carroll's expertise on Amos, and had the privilege of hearing Carmen Patlan, executive director at the Highwood Public Library, share about her story and work during 'primetime' on a Sunday morning. I was also grateful for all the "in-house" speakers and teachers we enjoyed in COR@9, as we studied Amos on Zoom and then enjoyed another round of Story this fall.

And, of course, 2021 will always be a special year for me, because it was the year that after a very long wait, I was at last ordained to the priesthood! It has been such a joy for me to begin to step more fully into my priestly vocation in the community that I love. Thank you for the privilege of worshiping and serving alongside you at Redeemer.