

OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Church of Christ Meeting in Cleveland, MN, USA

The three stained glass windows in the front of our sanctuary were designed, created and placed in 2005 during the construction of the 900 State Highway church building.

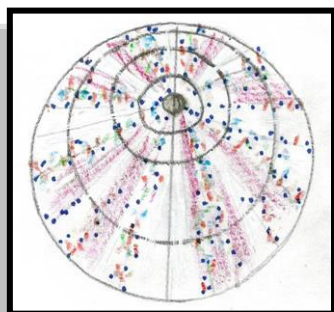
Sister in Christ, Karen Luce, then living in Rochester, MN, agreed to design and make these three stained glass windows. By trade, Karen is a licensed psychologist. By interest, she a stained glass artist.



WHAT DO THE THREE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS MEAN?

The three windows depict the return of Christ in His glory & radiance and the process involving His people, their redemption, and their final eternal glory.

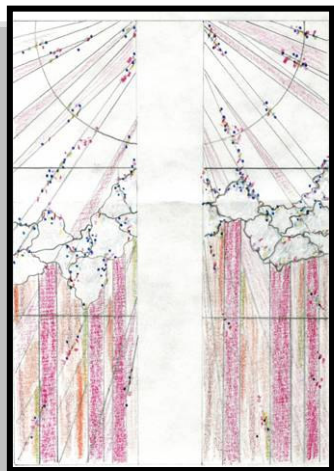
The Three Components represent:



The **CENTER CIRCLE** represents Jesus Christ in His radiant brightness.

The **TWO SIDE WINDOWS**

represent the earth and mankind. The bottom dark colored glass represents humanness and the density / heaviness of the earth.



Initial Proposal Sketches

The **GLASS JEWELS IN THE WINDOWS**

represent people, who are in all sizes, shapes, and colors, and in different stages of life and growth.



The Process:

From the center circle, we “see” Jesus Christ, God’s Glory, come down to mankind (into the two side windows) through the clouds. In the clouds, we “see” people (represented by the jewels) in process of being turned into glorious forms when united with Jesus Christ.

The Summation:

The Believer’s hope is in Jesus Christ, who has come down to us, to redeem us from the weight of our sin-stained, darken lives. The windows depict the ongoing process of Believers being transformed in Christ’s Glory, as we “see” them rise into the clouds and meet Jesus Christ there.



These are windows of HOPE and JOY! Quote by Karen Luce

Foundational Scriptures for the Windows:

“Look up, redemption is drawing near.” LUKE 21:28

“God has appointed/called us to share in the glory of our LORD Jesus Christ.” 2 THESS 2:14

“(We) will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” 1 THESS 4:17

“(Christ) will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.” PHIL 3:21

“When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” COL 3:4

“...as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven... so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.” 1 COR 15:48-49

“We will all be changed... For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.” 1 COR 15:51-53

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ.” 1 COR 15:57

These Words are inspirational and true.