

May 17, 2020

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Welcome to Redeemer!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, we are glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters or anyone with a nametag regarding location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will help you participate and offer some explanations. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered, as each week we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel. We gather weekly not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter with God, and so our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

- Calling Worship begins with Gods' invitation to worship. He always takes the initiative and moves towards us.
- Cleansing God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children
- Consecration God builds us up through his Word
- Communion God brings us as children to his table to affirm his relationship with us.
- Commission God sends us out in the power of his Spirit to live as his ambassadors before a watching world.

Whether you are a committed believer, skeptic, or somewhere in the middle, we are glad you are here today. Please feel free to participate actively or just listen and observe. Jesus Christ makes audacious and wonderful claims, and our church is a place where you can process those freely and safely.

We would love to know that you were here this morning. The back of this bulletin contains a tear off sheet that you can put in the offering basket during service. If there is any way we can pray for you, or you have questions about Christianity or our church, you can indicate that as well. There is more information about our church activities, events, and beliefs in the back pages of this bulletin and on our website.

A Word to Parents with Young Children

We have a staffed nursery available for children ages 0-4. For those who have younger children remaining in the service, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the service and they are not a distraction. Keeping our children in as much as possible is one of the best gifts we can give them, as they will not only learn the importance of worship but will also pick up much more than we sometimes think. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for your kids to see and hear what is happening. So again, relax and take a deep breath. The noises and excitement that comes with having children in our worship is not a distraction, but a gift from God to our entire church.

Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that seeks to Glorify God by making disciples who are growing in love for God, love for each other, and love for our neighbor. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Community Groups
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

The Call to Worship gives God the first word in our service. God always comes to us before we come to him. God graciously invites us to enter His presence with Thanksgiving!

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (Vss. 1, 2, & 4 only)



† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,People: who made heaven and earth.Pastor: Let us pray.

† The Greeting

1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Confession of Sin

The Call to Confession invites us to honest expression before God that we are not as we were made to be. The church is not a aatherina of perfect people. we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Romans 6:12-13

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

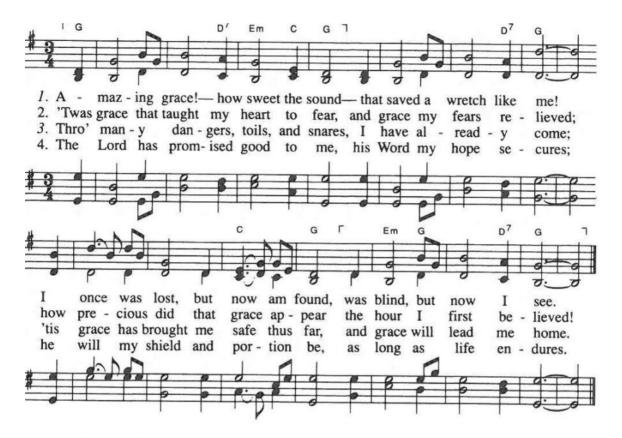
ion Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscious, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

+ Hymn of Assurance #460 "Amazing Grace" (Vss. 1-4 only)



- And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-7; 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

 $^{\rm 13}$ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Sermon Text Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

⁹ Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰ for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹ and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

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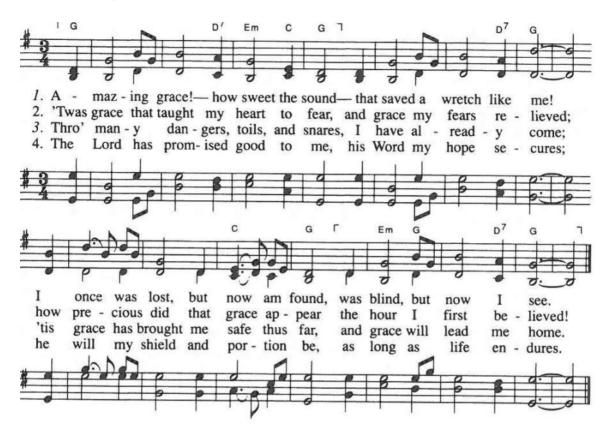
Sermon "Living A Life Devoted To God"

Pastor Scott Korljan

Questions for discussion:

- 1. What is sanctification? How is it related to justification? Why is it so important to distinguish between the two?
- 2. Paul says that God's will is our sanctification. How does that change how we think about our work? Marriage? Ordinary moments of life?
- 3. Where can I seek "more and more" to live a life pleasing to God? Of the two specific areas discussed in the sermon, where is God calling me to change?

† Sermon Hymn #460 "Amazing Grace" (Verse 6 only)



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- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Holy Communion

We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spiritually.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing with any church that proclaims the Gospel. Please note that we use wine for Communion, but the inter rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer. A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread, just ask the minister when you come forward. We come forward in two lines as each row is dismissed. We encourage children to come forward, but ask that they not take the elements unless they have met with their Elders to make a profession of heir faith. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. Feel free to stay in your seat or come forward but indicate that you are not partaking.

We recite a creed each week as a way to prepare for communion and also to connect our worship to generations of Christians who have gone before us.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* church, (*universal) the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen The "Sursum Corda" (Lift up your hearts!) has been used in Christian worship for centuries. The prayer that follows asks God to set apart the ordinary bread and wine for this special use.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.	Ruth 2:4	
And also with you.		
Lift up your hearts!	Lamentations 3:41	
We lift them up to the Lord!		
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Psalm 118:1	
It is right to give him thanks and praise.		

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Father, we have been longing these past weeks to gather as your people. We have longed for this table, for the bread and wine that preach to us the gospel, and give true spiritual nourishment to our souls. We rejoice today for the gift of this sacrament. Bless it to us to confirm and strengthen our faith, obedience, and longing for that final heavenly banquet which you have prepared for your people. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "Behold the Lamb" (Vss. 1, 2, & 4 only)



† Benediction



Prayer Requests <u>Redeemer Family</u>:

- Cindy Sabotka, pray for peace and strength for her family in her cancer fight.
- John & Kathy VanTil for healing and encouragement.
- Pansy Peckham for strength and healing.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer, Detroit - Pray for the people living in Detroit (a 'hot spot' for the virus) and the many medical workers at Redeemer who are on the front lines, for a return to in-person worship services in a safe way, and for the transition that will soon happen with Pastors Dan Millward and Jon Saunders.

Christ Church, Ann Arbor - Please pray for us as we plan to reopen public worship, for wisdom and discretion as we seek to love the Lord through worship, and to love our neighbors by being cautious in regards to the virus.

<u>Financials</u>				Over
Year to Date	<u>Apr. 30, 2019</u>	<u>Apr. 30, 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	(Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$ 86,309	\$ 100,847	\$115,148	(\$14,301)
Total Expenses	\$105,459	\$ 111,169		

Announcements

Sermon text for next Sunday - Pastor Chris will preach on the Ascension of our Lord, Acts 1:6-11.

Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, 7 pm

This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Spring Bible Study - Monday & Thursday, 6:45 pm Korljan Small Group - Monday, 7 pm Corporate Prayer - Wednesday, 7 pm

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

Contact the Church office at: Email: redeemertc@gmail.com Phone: 231-946-1700 Website: www.redeemertraversecity.org Redeemer Facebook (Redeemer PCATC)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Stevens Small Group, contact Megan	18 Ladies Spring Bible Study, 6:45 pm Korljan Small Group, 7 pm	19	20 Prayer, 7 pm (via Zoom)	21 Ladies Spring Bible Study, 6:45 pm	22	23
24 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group, 1 pm Stevens Small Group, contact Megan	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Prayer, 7 pm (via Zoom)	28 Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	29	30
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1st or 2nd time visitor? Have a Prayer need? Want to be on our weekly newsletter? Want more info about ministry or service at Redeemer?

Please fill out and place in the Offering plate. Thank You!

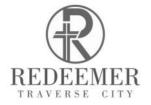
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How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: _____ 2nd Time Guest: _____

Regular Attendee:____

Member:____



If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: _____ Private: _____

Send me information about :

____ Becoming a Christian

- ____ Baptism
- ____ Membership
- ____ Serving on a Team
- ____ Small Groups
- ____ Other

The Session (Pastors and Elders)

Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor Fred Janke Chris Millward Bill Morrison Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

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