



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

June 21, 2020

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17
"Rejoice always, pray constantly"

1 Thessalonians

THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL,
AND HE WILL DO IT.



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 God's 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

June 21, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*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!*

Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Stevens

Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee!
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

† Invocation

Psalm 106:1

Pastor: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord,

Congregation: for he is good; his faithful love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

† The Greeting

Philippians 1:1-2

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Traverse City, including the overseers and deacons. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

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 gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Confession of Sin

Deuteronomy 22:4

If you see your brother's donkey or ox fallen down on the road, do not ignore it; help him lift it up.

Lord, eternal and almighty Father, together we confess openly before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners. We know what you require of us, yet we are cold to anyone we can label as 'others.' It is all too easy for us to look at the brokenness of the world and think it's not our problem. Remind us what would be our state if Jesus had that same attitude before he came to earth. Give us his zeal for the hurting. Give us his compassion for the broken. Give us the heart of Christ as you bathe us in his grace. Renew in us a Godward life.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalms 103:2-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† Hymn of Assurance “His Mercy is More”



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
 His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



Our sins, they are man - y—His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,



His mer - cy is more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new eve - ry morn; our sins, they are man - y—His mer - cy is more.

Scripture Reading

Job 1:1

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

Romans 12:17-18

¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #115 "All Creatures of Our God and King"



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the



sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and • praise the Spir - it, three in one,



O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



† 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 5:11-23

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon “Living a Halleluiah Life”

Pastor Chris Stevens

Sermon Questions:

1. How do I turn to joy in a world of darkness?
2. What benefit is prayer anyway?

† Sermon Hymn #457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Vss. 1 & 3 only)

♩ D A⁷ D A G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A G D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 their 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 Heidelberg Catechism

Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul, both in life and death,
am not my own,
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,
and so preserves me
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation,
therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready, always,
to live for him.**

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.

Great God of Highest Heaven, who are we that we should be invited to such a feast as this? We are not worthy to come, we have no merit of our own that would make us worthy to receive your body and blood. But thanks be to you O God, that you invite us to this table and promise to refresh us and strengthen us by your grace in Christ. You say come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Except you had said it, who could believe it true? Except you invite us to come, who should attempt to draw near? Now we thank you for the gift of this holy supper, and 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

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"
(Vss. 1 & 5 only)



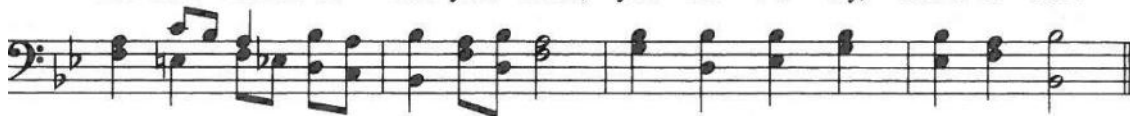
1. Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta - tion threat - en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;



- He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
 called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:
 when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:



- he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



† Benediction

† Benediction Response #32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Verse 3 only)

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

REFRAIN

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-
 vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- For the family of Kathryn Van Til as they grieve the loss of their wife and mother.
- John Van Til, pray for comfort and peace. In person visits are encouraged; please contact Traverse Manor to set up a visit. He can have visitors through appointments only.
- Jean VanDyk (Dave's mother) who is recovering from a fall that left her with a fractured neck, hip, and broken arm. Pray for strength and a relief from pain.
- Pansy Peckham for strength and healing.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Michiana Covenant, Granger - Pray for wisdom for the elders in making disciples, for the deacons in caring for the friendless, and for elder and deacon interns. Praise for God's continued provision in the midst of trials.

Trinity, DeMotte - Pray for our faithfulness, for Gabi Van Eck's completion of chemo treatments and for our elderly members during the pandemic.

Reverend Paul Engle - Pray for the ability to make good use of my time in developing new class curricula.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>May 31, 2019</u>	<u>May 31, 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$108,201	\$140,626	\$143,935	(\$3,309)
Total Expenses	\$134,989	\$132,742		

Announcements

Sermon text for next Sunday - Pastor Scott will preach from 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28.

Congregational Meeting next Sunday - To elect a pulpit search committee. If you would like to nominate someone to the committee, please do so by June 24th. Nominations can be sent to our Session Clerk, Bill Morrison, or left in the box in the narthex this Sunday. **Voting** for nominations on June 28th.

Politics After Christendom - Professor David VanDrunen from Westminster Seminary California will give two lectures at Redeemer on Saturday, July 11th based on his latest book "Politics After Christendom." These informative lectures will be open to any in our congregation interested in attending.

Congregational Meeting July 19th - To vote on Tom Nussdorfer for the office of Elder. Please take the next month to speak with Tom or the Elders.

Save the Date! - Baby shower July 25, 10am-12pm at the Greilickville Harbor Park. More details to come.

Ladies Summer Book Study - All ladies are invited to read, then share conversation about *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller on **Tuesday July 14 from 7-8 pm** and *Seven Women: And the Secret of their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas on **Tuesday August 11, 7-8 pm**. We will meet outdoors at the Riverine Apts Pavillion on Eighth Street (near Cherie von Drehle—please see her if you need directions).

Summer Church Party - Sunday, July 26th at the Nussdorfer home; more details to come.

**Want to receive Redeemer email notifications
& reminders?**

Contact the Church office at:

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Redeemer Facebook (Redeemer PCATC)

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	22	23	24	25 Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	26	27
28 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Congregational Meeting	29	30				



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TRAVERSE CITY

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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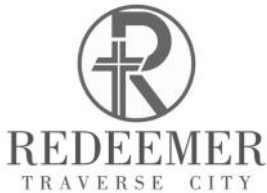
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**Nominate to Pulpit Search
Committee:**

Your name printed:



*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
Bill Morrison
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons
Bob Israel
Tim Schramm II
Dave VanDyk

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