

July 12, 2020

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“Why did Sarah laugh and say,
‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’
Is anything too hard for the LORD?”



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

July 12, 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

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #2 “O Worship the King” (Vss. 1, 3, & 5 only)

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

† 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

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

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Heavenly Father, search us, know us, and forgive us. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord, have mercy on me and make us whole. Amen.

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

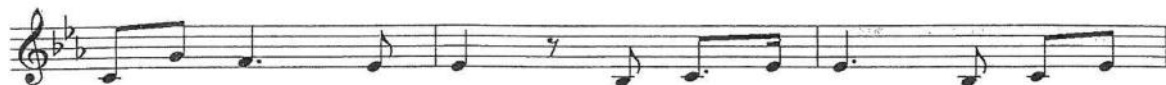
Hebrews 10:12-14

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

† Hymn of Assurance "In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain: then burst - ing forth in glor - ious
 power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'til on that
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -
 stands in vic - tor - y sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er take me from His



cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in All, here in the
 fied, for ev - ery sin on Him was laid; here in the
 me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the
 hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 prec - ious blood of Christ.
 power of Christ I'll stand!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:8-12

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

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

Genesis 18:1-16

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵ But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

¹⁶ Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Sarah’s Laughter”

Reverend Daniel Eguiluz

† Sermon Hymn #164 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Vss. 1, 4, & 5 only)

1. O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem - er's praise,
 2. My gra- cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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 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.

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 "By Faith" (Vss. 1 - 4 only)

1. By faith we see the... hand of God in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de -
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His prom - ise in their
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap -
 4. By faith the church was... called to go in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the
 5. By faith this moun - tain... shall be moved and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre -

sign, in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 hearts, of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 lost to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 vail, for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

[1.3. | 2.4.5. Refrain

who walk by faith and not by sight. reign. We will stand as chil - dren of the
 a place where peace and jus - tice earth.
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. name.
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner... of the
 for all who call up - on His

prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the

work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response “By Faith” (Verse 5 only)

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.

We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- John Van Til, pray for comfort and peace. Visits are appreciated and encouraged. Please contact Traverse Manor to schedule a visit.
- 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 relief from pain.
- Pansy Peckham for strength and healing.
- Praise for good results for Cindy Sabotka, thankful to God for answered prayers.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Providence Church, Ft. Wayne - Praise for contacts made in the community and the expansion of the church

Christ the King, Hastings - We rejoice that we have returned to our normal schedule of worship for the past 6 weeks with no sickness in our congregation.

Robert Knuth - Praise God for a leadership team of 10 committed Christian students for next year to do ministry on campus.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$136,479	\$166,347	\$172,722	(\$6,375)
Total Expenses	\$157,761	\$156,534		

Announcements

We welcome today guest pastor, Reverend Daniel Eguiluz. Daniel was ordained as a teaching elder of the Great Lakes Presbytery in 2018. After serving several years as a church planter with Christ Church in Grand Rapids, he and his family are returning to their native Peru to serve as missionaries offering theological training and mentoring to pastors, planters and other church leaders. Daniel, Abby and their son Nate (2 years old) recently welcomed Matthias as the newest addition to the family.

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

Pop-Up Concert for Love Thy Neighbor - Tuesday, July 14th at 5 pm. Please see the bulletin board for details!

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.

Quarterly Benevolence Offering - Sunday, July 26th

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

Contact the Church office at:

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Website: www.redeemertraversecity.org

Redeemer Facebook (Redeemer PCATC)

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	13	14 Ladies Summer Book Study, 7-8 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Congregational Meeting	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Benevolence Offering Church Picnic	27	28	29	30	31	



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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!

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

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
Bill Morrison
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons
Tim Schramm II
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