

July 19, 2020

Acts 1:1 "In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach"



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

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 Thanksgivina!

Psalm 67:1-4

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #441 "Jesus Shall Reign"



† 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

1 John 1:5-7, Psalm 130

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

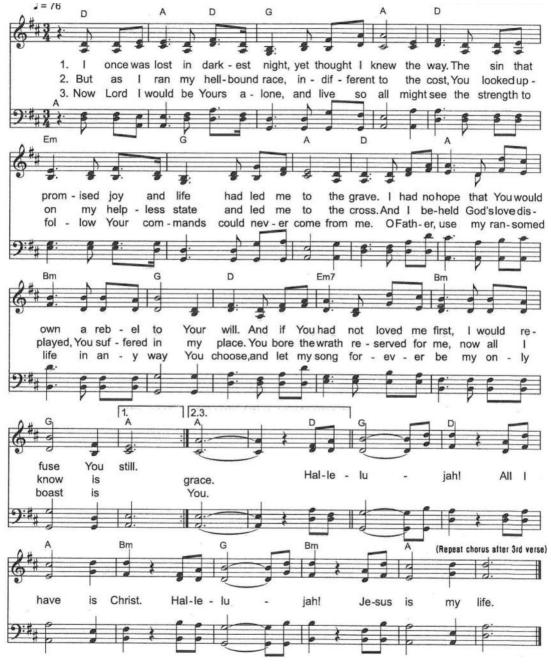
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem me from all my iniquities.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

+ Hymn of Assurance "All I Have is Christ"



Baptism of Baylor Lee Cobb, son of Nick and Sarah Cobb (8:30 am service)

Questions to Parents:

- 1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly commit your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Question to Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

We do

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Acts 5:33-39

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice.

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

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Sermon "Confidence for a Movement of the Gospel Today" Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon notes:

+ Sermon Hymn #347 "The Church's One Foundation" (Vss. 3 & 4 only)



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

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **† Post Communion Hymn** #310 "Rejoice the Lord is King" (Vss. 1 to 4 only)



† Benediction

† Benediction Response #310 "Rejoice the Lord is King" (Verse 5 only)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

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

- 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 a relief from pain.
- Pansy Peckham for strength and healing.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Gracehill, Grand Rapids - Pray for a smooth transition for our new church planter, Reverend Ben Seneker & his family and for a fruitful ministry.

Tyrone Covenant, Fenton - Pray that our older congregation would remain healthy and wisdom for our church leadership in planning how we will minister to our congregation this fall.

Reverend Elliott Pinegar - Pray for continued stamina in this unusual time. Praise for continued family health and ministry opportunities.

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

Announcements

Congregational Meeting - Today, to vote on Tom Nussdorfer for the office of Elder.

Ladies Summer Book Study - All ladies are invited to read, then share conversation about *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 Apartments Pavilion on Eighth Street (near Cherie von Drehle—please see her if you need directions).

Summer Church Party - Sunday, July 26th at the Nussdorfer home. Redeemer will provide 'barbeque' meats. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bottled water and lemonade will be provided along will plates, napkins & silverware. Please bring your own lawn chairs, beach towels & toys and sunscreen. As in previous years please park on Hawks Ridge.

Quarterly Benevolence Offering - Next Sunday, July 26th

This Week at Redeemer

Prayer Meeting - Thursday, 3:30 pm Church Picnic - Next Sunday, after the 10:30 am service

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
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!

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How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

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Member:____



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

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: _____ Private: _____

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 Dave VanDyk

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Sunday School: 9 AM Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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