

August 2, 2020

Acts 8:4 Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.



# 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

August 2, 2020

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 113:1-3

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!

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

 $\dagger$  = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation



## + 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**

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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.

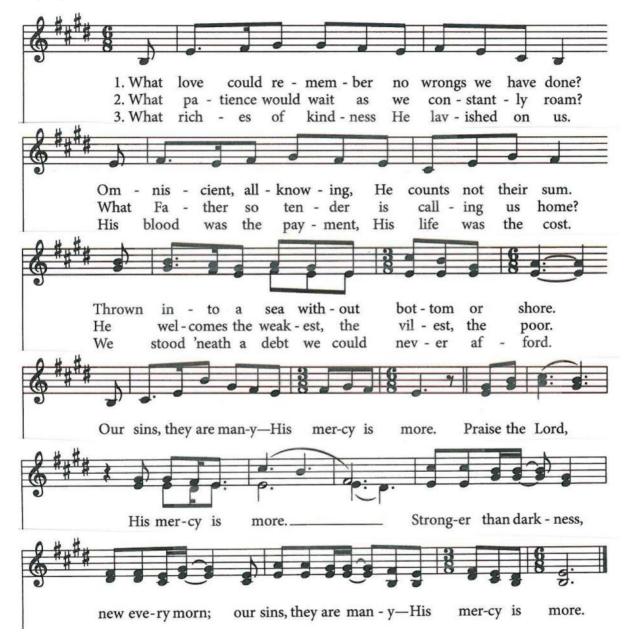
Heavenly Father, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; We are pained by our graceless heart, our prayerless days, our lukewarm love, our sluggishness in the heavenly race, our wasted hours, and our unspent opportunities to let our light shine. Forgive us for our many sins, make it our highest joy to know you more, glorify your name, and see your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of your precious Son our Savior we pray, Amen.

#### The Declaration Declaration of Forgiveness

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!

#### *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **† Hymn of Assurance** "His Mercy is More"



# **Deacon Assistant Recognition:**

Deb Long, Dan Mizell, Cindy Sabotka, Brett Schut, Barb Weber

# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

# Scripture Reading

# Romans 10:13-15;

For, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

# 1 Peter 3:13-15

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

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 4:13-31

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup> But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, <sup>16</sup> saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." <sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." <sup>21</sup> And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

<sup>23</sup>When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed' <sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant lesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant lesus." <sup>31</sup>And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

#### Acts 8:1-4

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. <sup>4</sup>Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

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

Sermon "Commitment for a Movement of the Gospel" Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon Notes:

**+** Sermon Hymn #481 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Verse 3 only) soul, are you 1.0 and trou - bled? No light in the wea - ry 2. Through death in - to he passed, and last - ing life ev - er we 3. His Word shall not be - lieve fail prom - ised: you-he him and see? dark - ness you There's light for look the a at fol - low him there; o - ver sin more hath do us no will world that all be well: then go to is a 41 ior, life Sav and bun - dant and more a free! for min ionmore than con - qu'rors we are! dy his per - fect tell! ing, sal va - tion to Turn Je your eyes up - on sus, look full in his won - der - ful face; and the things earth will grow of dim strange - ly in light the of his glo - ry and grace.

# **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.

# 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.

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. 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**

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** #263 "Lift High the Cross" (Vss. 1-3 only)



# **†** Benediction

# **† Benediction Response** #263 "Lift High the Cross" (Verse 5 only)

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone, creation's praises rise before thy throne. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

# 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:

**New City, Royal Oak** - Praise God for His continued provision during this time of shelter in place. Pray for our leadership as they make plans to gather again for worship.

Knox, Harrison Twp - Pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

<u>Financials</u>		Ov (U		
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

Ordination - Next Sunday, August 9th, Tom Nussdorfer as 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<sup>th</sup>, 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).

**Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> following both services there will be a meeting to vote to dissolve the call of Pastor Korljan as pastor of Redeemer effective September 30<sup>th</sup>.

# 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)

August 2020	Sat	ω	15	52
	Fri	2	14	21
	Thu	و	13	20
	Wed	ъ	12	19
	Tue	4	<b>11</b> Ladies Summer Book Study, 7-8 pm	18
	Mon	ω	10	17
	Sun	2 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	9 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Ordination of Tom Nussdorfer	16 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Congregational Meeting
	Sun	2 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	9 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Ordination of Tom Nussdorfer	16 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Congregational Meeting



1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Tim Schramm II Dave VanDyk

> **Redeemer Staff**

Scott Korljan, Pastor Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor Bob Israel, Treasurer Deb Long, Office Administrator/ Bookkeeper

Redeemer Presbyterian Church 402 W. Ninth Street Traverse City, MI 49684

(231) 946-1700

Website: www.redeemertraversecity.org Email: redeemertc@gmail.com

Facebook@Redeemerpcatc

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

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America