



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*August 30, 2020*

*Ephesians 1:2a*

**"Grace to you and Peace"**



## 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.

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## 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 30, 2020

## 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  
Thanksgiving!*

*Revelation 2:7*

“Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. ... *19:5* And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

† Opening 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!



## † Invocation

*Psalm 106:1*

Pastor: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord,

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

## † The Greeting

*Ephesians 1:1*

Pastor: To the Saints who are in Traverse City, *(2 John 3)* Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

**People: 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 11:1*

You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always.  
...*Hosea 4:6* My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, together we confess openly before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners. We have not tried to learn your word as we ought. We have not kept your commands as we ought. We have not pursued your ways or loved others as we ought. Lord teach and purify us fully so that we may have the confidence of being secure in your love. Consume our hearts and minds with a love for you that we can say without reservations, "Whom have I in heaven but you? There is nothing on earth that I desire besides you ... For me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works" (*Psalm 73:25, 28*).  
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**

*Romans 5:1*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

† Hymn of Assurance “His Mercy is More” (Vss. 1 & 2 only)



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.

## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading

*Acts 9:15-16, 13:9*

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him.

*Philippians 3:3-9*

For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

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

*Ephesians 1:1-2*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:  
<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Sermon** “Who are you? What do you have?”

Reverend Dr. Chris Stevens

Sermon Notes:

† Sermon Hymn #460 "Amazing Grace"



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.



5. 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.

## 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.**

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.**

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**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 "His Mercy is More" (Verse 3 only)



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# † Benediction

## † Benediction Response #385 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Unison*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

*Harmony*

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -  
 'neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na  
 when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put his lov - ing  
 keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ning

*Unison*

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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

### **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**Michiana Covenant, Granger** - Pray for wisdom for the elders in making disciples during a pandemic and for the deacons in caring for the friendless.

**Trinity, DeMotte** - Pray for our faithfulness and that the Lord may use us in these days and for our elderly members during the Corona virus epidemic.

**Faith Church, Jenison** - Praise God for our first year anniversary, the growth we've seen over the last couple of months and that our first-year budget is ending on a very good note.

**Reverend Paul Engle** - Pray for the ability to arrange Zoom classes for Middle Eastern pastors this fall, for the ability during global travel cancellations to make good use of my time in developing new class curricula and resources to equip church leaders in areas where little training is available.

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting** - There will be a congregational meeting following both services on August 30. Please plan to attend.

**Giving Envelopes** - Please pick up your giving envelopes located in the narthex.

**Ladies Fall Bible Study**- Wouldn't you love to be wise and know the God who is Wisdom himself? Our 10-week study mines the OT Wisdom Literature not only for wise principles for living, but for the wise person these books point to-Jesus. We begin September 21 and 24, 7-8:30pm via zoom for the 1st 2 weeks (then each group will decide zoom or in person). Mondays Cherie vonDrehle and Angie VanDyk facilitate, and Thursdays Corky Crimmins and Heidi VanTil. Please let Angie vanDyk know if you will join Monday or Thursday (text 517-242-2904 or email [davandyk5@gmail.com](mailto:davandyk5@gmail.com)). Also, please order your own book online (The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books, by Nancy Guthrie) or contact Angie vanDyk (who will have extras for free). Can't wait to learn and grow together!

**Life Skills Classes by Love Thy Neighbor** - Classes start in September. For a list of all classes please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

In June of 2017 we welcomed Chris Stevens to the staff at Redeemer. Today we say goodbye and best wishes to Pastor Chris, Megan, Phineas, and Tobias as they leave for his new call in Louisiana. Please wish them well at a cake reception between services!

## Financials

	<u>July 31, 2019</u>	<u>July 31, 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$173,712	\$195,574	\$201,509	(\$5,935)
Total Expenses	\$184,628	\$186,834		

## August 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Congregational Meeting after both services						

## September 2020

6	7 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	8 Labor Day	9	10	11	12	5
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**REDEEMER**  
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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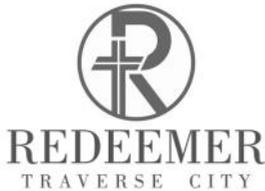
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2nd Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_

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**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)

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Tim Schramm II  
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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

**Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am**

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