



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

September 6, 2020

Romans 8:31

**What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?**



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

September 6, 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 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn "Behold Our God"

$\text{♩} = 13$ C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave. Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em⁷ G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - jice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all His won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is the Verse, starting at measure 1. It is in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 13. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The chords are C, Em, C, and Em. The lyrics are: '1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? 2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? 3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?'. The second system starts at measure 5. The chords are C, Em, and C. The lyrics are: 'Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom God eternal, humbled to the grave. Jesus, Savior,'. The third system starts at measure 8. It is marked 'CHORUS' and has a 2/4 time signature. The chords are Em7, G, C, G/B, Am, and F. The lyrics are: 'ris - es to re - jice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - all His won - drous deeds? ris - en now to reign!'. The final system starts at measure 13. The chords are C, G, C, G/B, Am, F, C, G, and C. The lyrics are: 'dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!'.

† 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

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

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

Romans 7:21-24

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are, by ourselves, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Although you have proven yourself trustworthy over and over again, we often doubt your promises to us. Although you have given us the indescribable gift of your Son as our Savior, we often doubt your love and care for us. O Lord we believe, help our unbelief. Have mercy on us and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

† Hymn of Assurance #246 "Man of Sorrows, What A Name"

(Vss. 1-3 & 5 only)

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-30

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

Romans 8:31-32

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

This is the Word of the Lord!

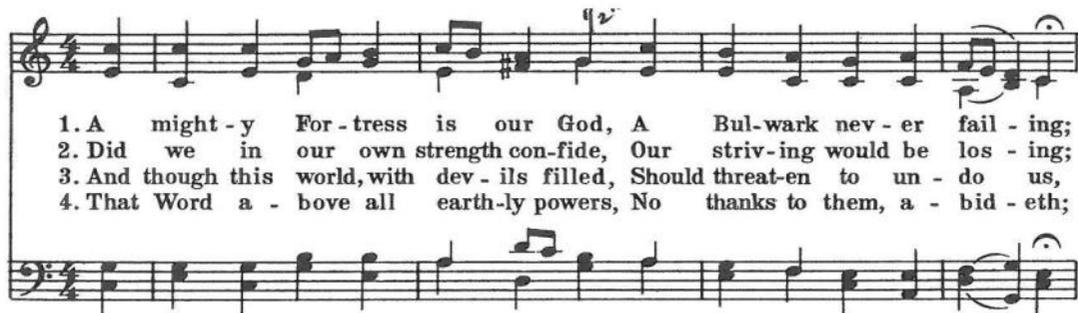
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “God Is For You”

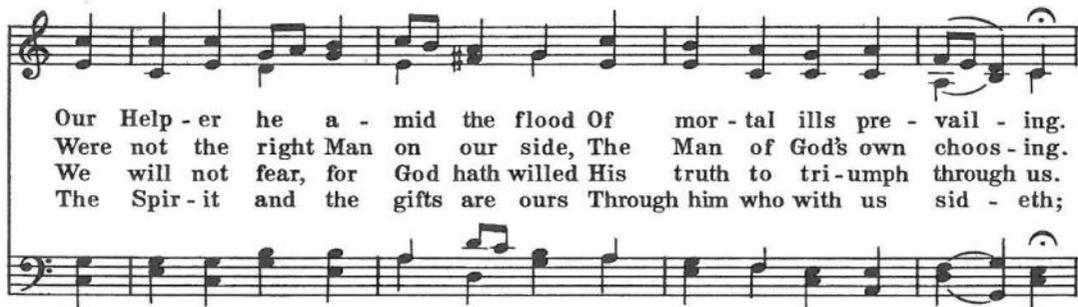
Reverend Kevin Phipps

Sermon Notes:

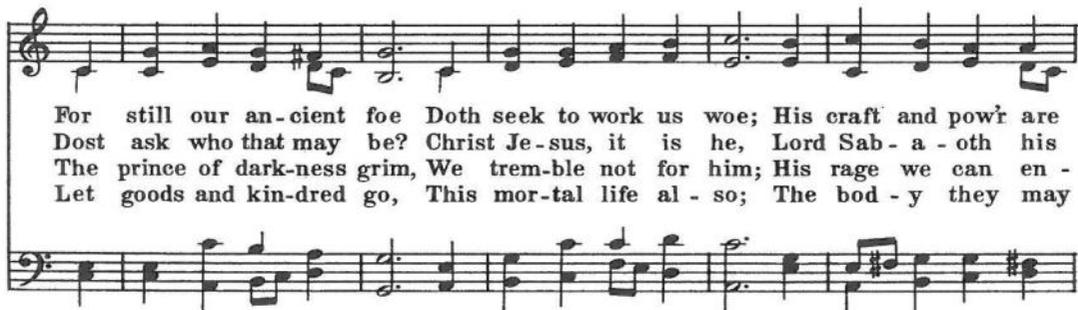
† Sermon Hymn #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Vss. 1 & 2 only)



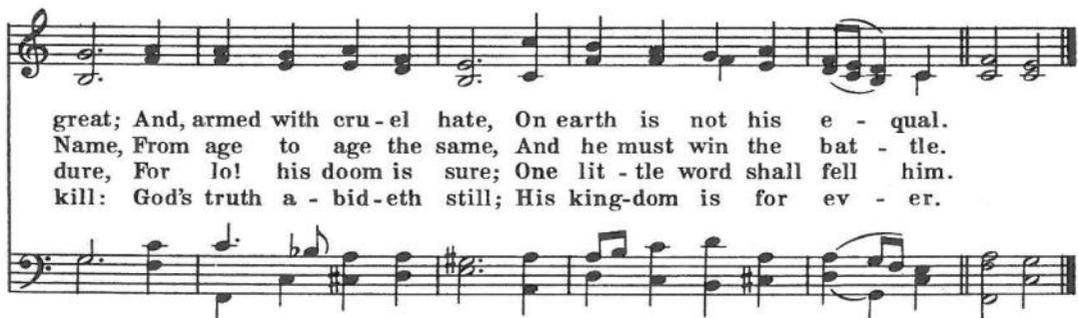
1. A might-y For-ress is our God, A Bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That Word a-bove all earth-ly powers, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



Our Help-er he a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Through him who with us sid-eth;



For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he, Lord Sab-a-oth his
 The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so; The bod-y they may



great; And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
 Name, From age to age the same, And he must win the bat-tle.
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure; One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a-bid-eth still; His king-dom is for ev-er.

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.

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

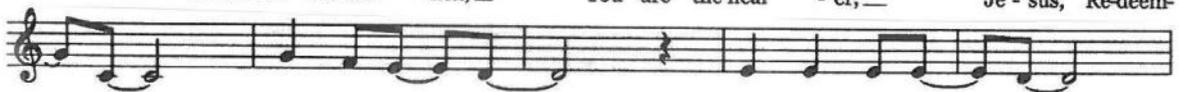
Prayer after Communion

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 "Be Unto Your Name"



1. We are a mo - ment, _ You are for - ev - er, _ Lord of the a -
 2. We are the bro - ken, _ You are the heal - er, _ Je - sus, Re - deem -



- ges, _ God be - fore _ time; _ We are a va - por, _
 - er, _ might - y to _ save; _ You are the love _ song _



You are e - ter - nal, _ Love ev - er - last - ing, _ reign - ing on high. _
 we'll sing for - ev - er, _ bow - ing be - fore _ You, _ bless - ing Your name. _

CHORUS



_ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, _ wor - thy



is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo -



- ry _ be un - to Your name, _ be un - to Your



name. _

† Benediction

† Benediction Response #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Verse 4 only)

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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:

First Presbyterian, Bad Axe - Pray for the continued blessing of good health for our congregation.

Pathway Community, Brighton - Pray for several families who have loved ones in the church suffering with significant health issues.

Confex Makhaira - Pray for our Bible studies and that the Lord will continue to grow us both spiritually and numerically.

Announcements

Welcome - This morning we welcome Reverend Kevin Phipps, his wife Emily, and children Claire and Lucas from University Reformed church in East Lansing. Kevin has lived in the Michigan area since 2018 when he accepted the call to serve on the pastoral staff of URC.

Husted Small Group - Meets on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 pm.

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). 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.

Financials

| Year to Date | <u>Aug. 31, 2019</u> | <u>Aug. 31, 2020</u> | <u>2020 Budget</u> | Over (Under) <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Giving + Rentals: | \$201,502 | \$218,063 | \$230,296 | (\$12,233) |
| Total Expenses | \$213,215 | \$212,184 | | |

September 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|---|-----|-----|
| 6 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am | 7 Labor Day | 8 | 9 | 10 Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am | 21 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm | 22 | 23 | 24 Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am | 28 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm | 29 | 30 | | | |



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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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Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

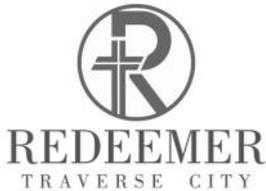
How did you hear about us:

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
Fred Janke
Bill Morrison
Tom Nussdorfer
Fred Weber
David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

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Sunday School: (suspended)

Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am

A Congregation of the
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