



*September 13, 2020*

**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

The Lord  
Is my light  
And my  
Salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?  
- Psalm 27:1

## 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

September 13, 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!*

*Psalm 103:1-5*

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

♯ D A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## † 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**

*Luke 12:28-32*

But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.  
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,  
more ready to manipulate than to serve,  
more ready to fear than to love,  
more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,  
more ready to compete than to help.  
We do not love one another as we should,  
because we do not believe that you love us as you do.  
Forgive us our cold unbelief.  
And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. 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**

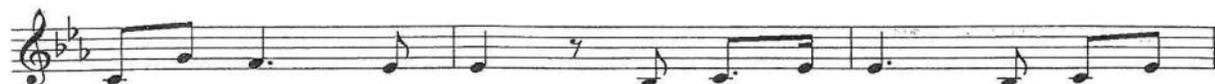
*Luke 23:42-43*

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

# † Hymn of Assurance "In Christ Alone" (Vss. 1, 2, & 4 only)



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



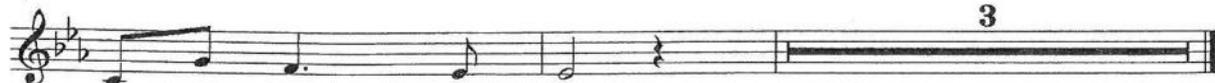
Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'til on that  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of



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!

**Profession of Faith:** (8:30 am service)

Stewart Gibson and Elsie Gibson

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

**Questions to the Congregation:**

Do you as a congregation now welcome Stewart and Elsie Gibson as members of this body?

**We do.**

Do you promise to take seriously your responsibilities to build up these new members and to seek to practice with them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

**We do.**

## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 43:1-5*

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

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

*Psalm 27*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. <sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! <sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Getting Free from Fear"

Pastor Scott Korljan

† Sermon Hymn #521 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" (Vss. 1-3 only)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B $\flat$ (G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B $\flat$ (G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

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## 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 "My Worth is Not in What I Own" (Vss. 1-4 only)

1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone. But  
 2. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame. But  
 3. As sum-mer flowers we fade and die; Fame, youth and beau-ty hur-ry by. But  
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or hu-man wis-dom's fleet-ing light. But  
 5. Two won-ders here that I con-fess: My worth and my un-worth-i-ness. My

in the cost-ly wounds of love at the cross.  
 in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross (Chorus)  
 life e-ter-nal calls to us at the cross.  
 I will boast in know-ing Christ at the cross (Chorus)  
 va-lue fixed-my ran-som paid at the cross

(Chorus) I re-joice in my Re-deem-er-Great-est

treas-ure, Well-spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no

oth-er; my soul is sa-tis-fied in Him a-lone.

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response “My Worth is Not in What I Own” (Verse 5 only)

Two wonders here that I confess:  
My worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed—my ransom paid  
at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer—  
Greatest treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other,  
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

## **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:**

**Christ Church, Grand Rapids** - Pray that the elders and deacons will shepherd and serve the saints in a fresh way during the state wide "stay at home".

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo** - Praise to our Lord for those who have recently found employment. Pray for our in-person worship services and for our church to love one another in these charged and combative times.

**Heart City, Elkhart** - Praise God, our offer was accepted for an excellent worship location, and we added three more members over the summer. Pray for our leadership training and bible studies.

## Announcements

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

**Men's Study** - Will resume this Thursday (September 17) at 7:30 am at the church. The men will be studying the book "Praying with Paul" by D. A. Carson. Copies of the book are available on the book table in the narthex.

**Update on Ladies Fall Bible Study**- We're adding a Thursday morning in person study! Beginning the week of September 21, Monday 7-8:30pm will be via zoom the first 2 weeks, then decide zoom or in person. Thursdays will be 10-11:30am in person, and 7-8:30pm via zoom. Please let Angie vanDyk know which group you will join (517-242-2904 or davandyk5@gmail.com). Also, you may order your book online (The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books, by Nancy Guthrie) or Angie vanDyk has extras for free. Please complete Week One for September 21 and 24. Can't wait to learn and grow together!

**Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center**- Empty baby bottles are located in the basket in the narthex. Please take one home and fill it with change or a check (**made out to the Pregnancy Care Center**) and return it to the basket by October 11. Thank you for supporting this life changing ministry for women, men, and their unborn babies!

## 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
13 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	14	15	16	17 Men's Study, 7:30 am	18	19
20 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	21 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	22	23	24 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 10 am 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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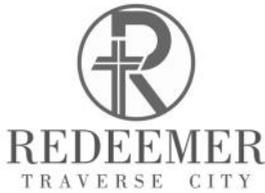
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2nd Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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

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**Sunday School: (suspended)**

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

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