



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

*October 11, 2020*



**Despondent Prophet, Persistent God**

**1 Kings 19:1-18**

## 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

October 11, 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

*Hebrews 12:18-24*

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

† = 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*

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**

*Psalm 139:23-24*

Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Father as we come this morning we confess that our blindness to your glory and slowness to accept the magnitude of your grace, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.**

**We are more sorry for what we do than who we are.**

**We are more prone to confess after we have sinned, and have been caught, rather than continually repent because we continually sin.**

**We focus more on what our hands do than where our hearts are.**

**We put more effort into explanations and excuses for our sin, rather than receiving and resting on your mercy.**

**Holy Spirit help us never to confuse true repentance with its fruit. May our posture always reflect that of the psalmist - Search me and know me, try me and see if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. 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**

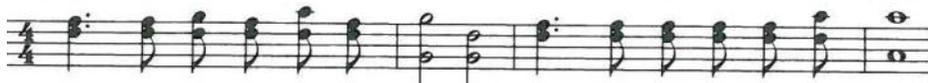
*Colossians 1:12-14*

God the Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

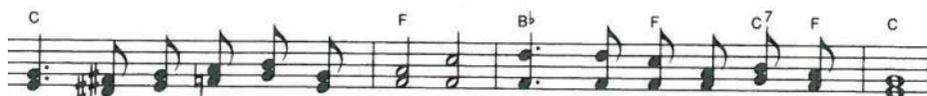
# † Hymn of Assurance #629 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading

*Matthew 17:1-8*

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

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

*1 Kings 19:1-18*

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” <sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup> And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

<sup>9</sup> There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup> And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.

<sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "YHWH's Tender Touch"

Reverend Andrew Vander Maas

Description: Like Elijah, Christians can often feel let down by God and those around them, so much so that death seems like a good option. But God is patient with his people providing for them in tangible ways and reminding them that his plan encompasses their concerns.

# † Sermon Hymn #499 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

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let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

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be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776  
 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.  
 Thomas Hastings, 1830

## 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. 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**

Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

# † Post Communion Hymn "May the Peace" (Verse 1 only)

1. May the peace of God our Heav'nly Fa - ther, and the grace of Christ the ris - en  
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which makes us what we

4 F Gm7 F/A F7 B<sup>b</sup>add9 B<sup>b</sup>/D E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add9/D Gm7 Cm7

Son, and the fel - low-ship of God the Spi - rit keep our hearts and minds with-in His  
 are, and this fel - low-ship of His com - mun - ion make us one in spi - rit and in

8 F/A Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>/D F Gm7 F/A E<sup>b</sup>add9/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add9 F/A Gm7 F/A

**Chorus**

love. And to Him be\_\_\_ praise for His glo - rious reign, from the depths of\_\_\_ earth to the  
 heart.

12 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add9/D F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Cm7/E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/F Cm7/F

heights of Heav'n; We de - clare the\_\_\_ name of the Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal the King of Kings!

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response “May the Peace” (Verse 2 only)

May the peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and this fellowship of His communion  
make us one in spirit and in heart.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of Heav'n;  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal the King of Kings!

## 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:

**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, moving into our new building, for good relations with our new neighbors and the grace and love to reach out to people in a time where we are instructed to be physically distant.

**Knox, Harrison Township** - Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

## 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		

## Announcements

**Guest Pastor** - This morning we welcome Reverend Andrew Vander Maas. He has been the lead pastor at Christ Church PCA in Grand Rapids since 2014. He grew up in Grand Rapids but served as a pastor in Saint Louis for 17 years, the last 12 as planter and lead pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship. Andrew earned his Doctor of Ministry in Homiletics and Master of Divinity from Covenant Seminary and holds a bachelor's degree from Calvin College. After meeting Lisa at Calvin College, they were married in 1991. They have eight children – Josiah (and wife Morgan), Malachi, Isaiah, Lydia, Sophia, Gabriella, Zoë and Moses. This past summer Andrew and Lisa joined the rank of grandparents with the birth of Eliza!

**Volunteers needed!** - Please contact Dave VanDyk if you can help with building a wheelchair ramp and remodeling a bathroom for an elderly couple. Work will be done on Monday, October 12th. Dave can be reached at 517-242-2912.

**Youth Sunday School** - will not start today but will start in 1 to 2 weeks due to curriculum planning.

**Women's Ministries** - will offer a 7 week study on Spiritual and Emotional Growth. Beginning the last week in October and again in January. See Connie Van Til with questions or to sign up (231-218-4356)/cgvantil@gmail.com).

**Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center** - this is the last day to turn in your baby bottle.

### This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm (Zoom) or Thursday 10 am (at church)

VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 12:30 pm

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

### Community Groups and meeting information:

**Husted:** 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

**Paladino:** Wednesday, 6 pm

**VanDyk:** 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

**vonDrehle:** Following our 8:30 am worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

**Weber:** (schedule information coming soon)

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>	<b>12</b> Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>13</b> VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm (Lawton's)	<b>14</b> Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	<b>15</b> Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> vonDrehle Small Group, after the 8:30 am service at church	<b>19</b> Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	<b>22</b> Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Sunday School 9:50 to 10:20 am Benevolence Offering	<b>26</b> Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>27</b> VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm (VanDyk's)	<b>28</b> Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	<b>29</b> Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayer Meeting, 12 noon	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Turn clocks back 1 hour before going to bed.



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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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(Call/Text): \_\_\_\_\_

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State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us:

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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

Regular Attendee: \_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_



**The Session**

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

**The Deacons**

Tim Schramm II  
Dave VanDyk

**Redeemer Staff**

Bob Israel, Treasurer  
Deb Long, Office Administrator/  
Bookkeeper

*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

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