



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

*October 18, 2020*

## Mark 2:1-12

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## 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 18, 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 34:1-3*

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,  
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

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 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

## † 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 51:1-4*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

**Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. By thought, word and deed we have transgressed your Law. We ask for mercy according to your steadfast love. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. For you will not delight in mere words, but broken and contrite hearts you will not despise. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Christ our LORD we pray. 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**

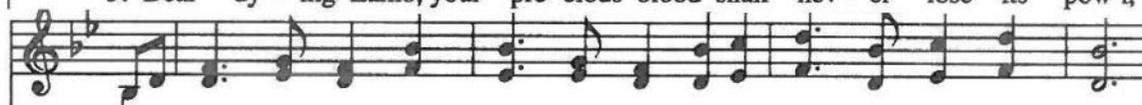
*Psalm 34:18-19*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

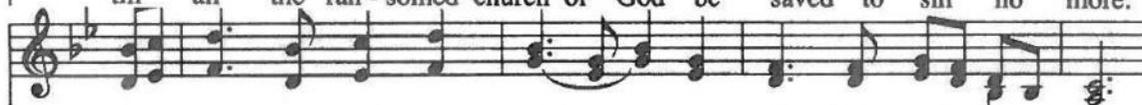
† Hymn of Assurance #164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;  
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;  
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:  
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:  
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:  
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:



lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;  
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;  
 be saved to sin no more. be saved to sin no more;



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## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-23*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*Mark 2:1-12*

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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

**Sermon** “Our Greatest Need”

Reverend James Mascow

Sermon Outline:

I. A Christ Centered Home

II. Faith in JESUS Christ

III. Know the Heart of the Gospel

† Sermon Hymn #498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

## 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 "I Will Glory in My Redeemer" (Verses 1 & 2 only)



I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, whose price-less blood has ran-somed  
 I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, my life He bought, my love He  
 I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who car-ries me on ea-gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails and hung Him on that judg-ment  
 owns. I have no long-ings for an-oth-er, I'm sat-is-fied in Him a-  
 wings. He crowns my life with lov-ing-kind-ness. His tri-umph song I'll ev-er

tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and  
 lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, His faith-ful-ness, my stand-ing  
 sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who waits for me at gates of

death, my on-ly Sav-ior be-fore the ho-ly Judge, the  
 place. Though foes are might-y and rush up-on me, my  
 gold. And when He calls me it will be par-a-dise, His

Lamb who is my right-eous-ness, the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness.  
 feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.  
 face for-ev-er to be-hold, His face fo-ev-er to be-hold.

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response “I Will Glory in My Redeemer” (Verse 3 only)

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.

He crowns my life with loving kindness.

His triumph song I'll ever sing.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold.

And when He calls me it will be paradise,

His face forever to behold, His face forever to be hold.

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Fred Janke, pray for healing and recovery from his recent surgery. Pray for peace and comfort for Gloria and the Janke 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:

**University Reformed Church, East Lansing** - Pray for wisdom, unity, and safety as we continue in-person worship services. Praise for new officers recently ordained and for a wonderful installation service for Kevin Phipps as Associate Pastor.

**Great Lakes Presbytery** - Pray for our churches as they adjust to the Covid regulations, for our church planting efforts, for church plants that are moving toward particularization and for our Pastors & Elders as they minister to congregations. Praise the Lord for His abundant blessings up our Presbytery.

**Reverend Walter Lorenz** - Please pray for Redeemer Church in Traverse City as they search for a new pastor. Pray that the search committee will experience God's strength, provision & guidance and for the Elders to shepherd the congregation well during these months without a full-time pastor.

## Financials

Year to Date	<u>Sept. 30, 2019</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<b>Over (Under) Budget</b>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$231,184	\$251,936	\$259,083	(\$7,147)
Total Expenses	\$239,785	\$235,902		

## Announcements

**Guest Pastor** - This morning we welcome Reverend James Mascow who is an assistant pastor at Knox Presbyterian Church in Harrison Township. He graduated from Central Michigan University in 1977, and married his wife Sandy in 1978. Pastor Mascow attended Covenant Theological Seminary and was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1986. He has pastored churches in Wisconsin and Michigan, including Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fenton from 1997-2017. The Mascows have three children, Marjorie, Danielle and Josiah, along with two grandchildren.

**Candidate for Pastor** - The Pastoral Search Committee is bringing Reverend Brian Vos to Redeemer to preach at both services on October 25th. There will be an Open House to meet him & his family on Saturday, October 24th from 4-6 pm. A townhall style meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8 pm.

**Thank You!** - To the volunteers from Redeemer (Joe Lashbrook, Bob Bostelaar, Ron Sabotka, Richie Gunn, Rob Whims & Dave VanDyk) who worked with Freedom Builders on a project that included yard work and inside construction.

**Youth Sunday School** - will start on Sunday, November 1st. Note; our high school students will be studying Romans and adults are invited to join in the discussion.

### This Week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - today between the 8:30 & 10:30 am services  
Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm (Zoom) or Thursday 10 am (at church)  
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm  
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am  
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon  
Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

### 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>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> 4 - 6 pm, Open House for Rev. Brian Vos. 6:30 - 8 pm, Townhall style meeting.
<b>25</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> 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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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