

November 1, 2020

We always *by the set of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. Colossians 1:3*

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 Gods' 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 (not available at this time). 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

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship gives God the first word in our service. God always comes to us before we come to him. God graciously invites us to enter His presence with Thanksgiving!

Revelation 19:6-7a

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

† = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA S.M.D. George J. Elvey, 1868

† 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

Confession of Sin

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 aatherina of perfect people. we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Jeremiah 2:11-13

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart: praise has been often praiseless sound; my best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let me find a hiding place in your appeasing wounds. Though my sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them: though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, your righteousness exalts me to your throne. All things in me call for my rejection; all things in you plead my acceptance. I appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace. Grant me to hear your voice assuring me; that by your stripes I am healed, that you were bruised for my iniquities, that you have been made sin for me that I might be righteous in you, that my grievous sins, my manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. I am guilty, but pardoned; lost, but saved; wandering, but found; sinning, but cleansed. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness. Keep me always clinging to your cross. Flood me every moment with descending grace. Open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through my wilderness of life. 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!

The Declaration **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

† Hymn of Assurance "His Mercy Is More"



Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

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

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Sermon "Praying for Each Other"

Reverend David Groendyk

Sermon Outline:

I. Fruitfulness

II. Increased knowledge

III. Strength to endure

IV. Thankfulness

Summary of sermon:

Do you ever fall into the rut of praying the same exact thing when praying for other believers? How can we grow in our prayer life and expand our vocabulary? If we pay attention in Paul's letters, he's frequently revealing how he prays for the churches he writes to. The big idea of Paul's prayers for the Colossian church is that they would learn to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord. What does it look like to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord? That they would bear fruit, increase in their knowledge of God, have the strength to endure, and grow in thankfulness. Those are the qualities God wants to see in his children, so we ought to pray for those qualities in each other.



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 pra	ise.

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 "He Will Hold Me Fast"

1. When 1 fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been could nev - er keep my hold He will hold me fast. would pre - vail. Ŧ He will hold me fast. He'll soul be lost: His not let my ho - ly sight, end - less life, He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to sat - is - fied: He must hold me For my love is oft - en cold; Through life's fear - ful path; Bought by Him at He will hold me such a cost, Prom - is - es shall last; turned to sight, When He comes at will hold me fast 'Till our faith is He T He will hold me fast; fast. will hold me fast, He fast. last! He will hold Sa - vior loves me me fast. SO, For mv

† Benediction

† Benediction Response "He Will Hold Me Fast" (Chorus only)

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Prayer Requests <u>Redeemer Family</u>:

- 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) pray for continued healing and strength.
- Pansy Peckham, praise for her return home and pray for continued good health.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Good Shepherd, Valparaiso - Praise God for His provision during this time. Pray for the youth and young families that the church and parents train them up in the Lord and for wisdom of the session as they discuss the vision of the church for next year.

Redeemer, Traverse City - Pray for our congregation and leadership as we continue to search for a new pastor, for the health and safety of all who are attending our worship services, and for those in our congregation that are having health issues. Praise for the many pastors who have led us in our Sunday worship these past weeks.

Reverend Satoshi Kawachi - Pray for His blessings upon our efforts to reach out to our neighbors and friends, for His wisdom and guidance on our ministry to refugees/migrants in Italy, and our participation in MBB meetings in Europe.

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

Announcements

Welcome - This morning we welcome Reverend David Groendyk. He was born and raised in the Grand Rapids area into a loving, Dutch Reformed, Christian household. He went to Michigan State University hoping to pursue a career in sports medicine, but through his involvement at University Reformed Church and their college ministry, his faith grew greatly, and the Lord called him to ministry in the summer of 2012. David met his better half, Anaite, through the college ministry at MSU where she became a Christian. Anaite was born in Guatemala but grew up in East Lansing. They've been married since 2016 and had their first son (Elliott) in 2019 and are currently expecting a second baby boy in February. The Groendyks have spent most of their married life in Jackson, Mississippi, where David graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in 2019. After graduating from RTS, David was called as Assistant Pastor to Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fenton, Michigan, where he currently serves.

This Week at Redeemer:

Sunday School - Today at 9:50 am vonDrehle Small Group - Today after the 8:30 am service 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

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th 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 1st & 3rd Sunday
Weber: (schedule information coming soon)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am Sunday School,	2	ß	ł	5 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Draver Maating	9	7
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29 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	30					
No Sunday School						

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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!

Date:
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:____

Music Copy License Number: 2539700



If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: _____ Private: _____ **The Session** Fred Janke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Tim Schramm II Dave VanDvk

Redeemer Staff

Bob Israel, Treasurer Deb Long, Office Administrator/ Bookkeeper

Send me information about :

- ____ Becoming a Christian
- ____ Baptism
- ____ Membership
- ____ Serving on a Team
- ____ Small Groups
- ____ Other

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Sunday School: (suspended) Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am

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