

November 22, 2020



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

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 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

† = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Vss. 1, 3, & 5 only)



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

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5-7; Psalm 130

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; for with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem me from all my iniquities.

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**

Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

† Hymn of Assurance "The Gospel Song"



Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

† 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 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

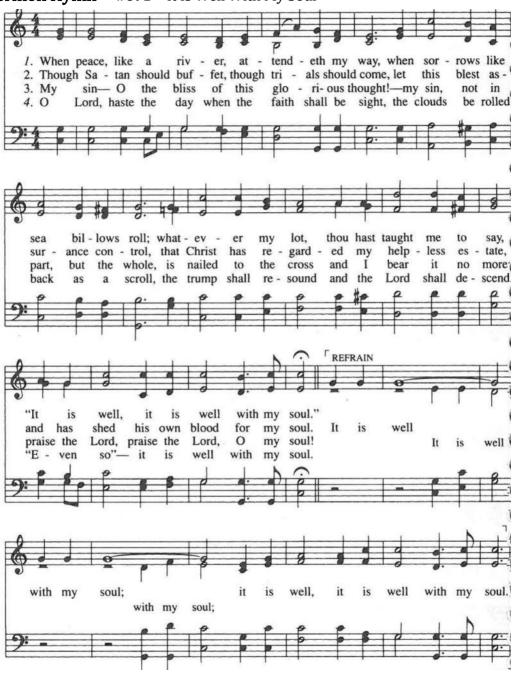
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Adoption by Christ"

Mr. Rob Whims

Sermon Notes:

† Sermon Hymn #691 "It Is Well With My Soul"



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.

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

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "My Worth is Not in What I Own" (Vss. 1-4 only)



† 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, well spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Dirk Van Til who had hip surgery this past week, pray for healing and strength.
- Bill & Jenny Morrison who have the coronavirus, pray for healing and strength.
- For the residents, staff, and management at Traverse Manor where there is an outbreak of the coronavirus, pray for healing and strength. Note, no visitors are allowed at this time.
- Susan Johnson who is in the hospital with sciatica, pray for healing and relief from pain.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Abigal Seneker, daughter of Pastor Ben & Janae Seneker who had surgery last weekend. Pray for healing for Abigal and God's comfort for the Seneker family.

Christ Church, Grand Rapids - Praise for the Lord's provision through a tumultuous time. Please pray for the ongoing discipleship efforts with the very youngest to the very oldest at Christ Church.

Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo - Praise for several families added to our church family this year. Pray for the health and safety of our congregation.

Heart City, Elkhart - Praise for the satisfactory inspection of our proposed building. Pray for Elkhart as it is being rocked by Covid and for preparations to move into the new building.

<u>Financials</u>				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Oct. 31, 2019	Oct. 31 2020	2020 Budget	<u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$253,927	\$271,777	\$287,870	(\$16,093)
Total Expenses	\$266,169	\$259,502		

Announcements

Note: Sunday School will not be held next Sunday, November 29th.

Love Thy Neighbor Hygiene Pantry - Needs the following items: toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, laundry soap and dish soap. These items can be dropped off at the Faith Reformed church campus (1109 E. Front Street, Traverse City) where Love Thy Neighbor offices are located. The items can be dropped off until Friday, December 11th. Please put items in the drop box outside of the Love Thy Neighbor door (it has their logo on it).

Ladies Christmas Cookie Delivery- We encourage anyone who would like to make and deliver Christmas cookies within the Redeemer Family! Please contact Angie VanDyk by November 30 if you want to help. Children can make these treats even more special by creating notes, poems, or artwork we could include with the cookie plates. Delivery will be the weekend of December 12. Thank you for sharing Christmas joy!

This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm (Zoom) or Thursday 10 am (Zoom)
VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday 12:30 pm (Zoom)
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm (Zoom)
Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 6:30 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday **Paladino:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

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

<u>vonDrehle</u>: Following the 8:30 am worship service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday **<u>Weber</u>**: 6 pm, every Wednesday **<u>except</u>** the 2nd Wednesday of each month

November 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am		VanDyk Small		Happy		
	Sunday School, 9:50 am	Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	_	Weber Small Group, 6 pm	Thanksgiving		
				Paladino Small Group, 6 pm			
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	8:30 & 10:30 am						
18	No Sunday School						

December 2020

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		Weber Small Group, 6 pm	Men's Study, 7:30 am		
		Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	Prayer Meeting 12 noon		



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!

Music Copy License Number: 2539700

Date:
Name:
Email:
Best Contact (Call/Text):
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
How did you hear about us:
1st Time Guest:
2 nd 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

Other

___ Serving on a Team

___ Small Groups

The Session

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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