



January 3, 2021

REDEEMER
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ASCENSION

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 (**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

January 3, 2021

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 99:1-3

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

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

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

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

Zechariah 3:1-3

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive us for our many sins which rob you of glory and leave us unclean. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

By your grace, help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

† Hymn of Assurance “Before the Throne of God Above”

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
 3 Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less righ - teous - ness; the great un - chang - e - able I

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

"I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed."

John 14:1-3

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

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

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “A Hopeful Community”

Pastor Scott Korljan

† Sermon Hymn # 691 "It Is Well with My Soul" (Verse 1 only)

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend

REFRAIN
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 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 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.**

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. We praise you that you sent him into this world to satisfy our need and our longing for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. And now as we set apart these common elements of bread and wine, we ask you to bless them so that the bread that we break, and the cup of blessing which we bless, would be for us by faith a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. Now with the angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, 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 #691 "It Is Well with My Soul" (Vss. 2, 3 & 4 only)

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

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 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend

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 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

† Benediction

† Benediction Response #195 “Joy to the World” (Verse 4 only)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Susan Johnson who is recovering from back surgery; pray for healing and strength. For Darryl, pray for comfort and peace.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer, Holland - Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the church, numerical growth, an increased joy in knowing our Lord, a desire to be outward focused in our ministries, and wisdom for our elders.

Covenant, Holland - Pray that we would maintain a vigorous ministry in the midst of Covid 19 challenges, for our members who can't be with their families due to virus restrictions, and for development of men to serve as deacons and elders.

Reverend Don Remillard - Pray for the people I visit who are elderly, weak, and shut-in.

Financials

	<u>Nov. 30, 2019</u>	<u>Nov. 30 2020</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	Over (Under) Budget
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$285,544	\$292,828	\$316,657	(\$23,825)
Total Expenses	\$291,417	\$280,800		

Announcements

Sunday Services - This morning Pastor Scott Korljan will preach on Acts 1:1-11.

Women's Ministries - Beginning the week of January 11th, Women's Ministries will offer a 7 week study on Spiritual and Emotional Growth. Please see Connie Van Til for more information.

Safe Harbor - We have an opportunity to serve dinner to the guests at Safe Harbor on Thursday, January 14th between 4 & 8 pm. Please contact Dave VanDyk (517-242-2912, vandykdav78@gmail.com) if you can help. Covid protocols will be followed.

Ladies Winter Book Study - Please join us in reading The Covenantal Life: Appreciating the Beauty of Theology and Community by Sarah Ivill in January! We'll meet via zoom the last week of the month to fellowship and discuss (Monday 7 pm and Thursday 10 am). Our February book will be Becoming Elisabeth Elliott by Ellen Vaughn. For more details, contact Heidi Van Til.

Sunday School - Is cancelled until further notice.

This Week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - via Zoom

VanDyk Small Group - 12:30 pm via Zoom

Paladino Small Group - 6 pm via Zoom

Weber Small Group - 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Women's Ministry Study - Thursday, 6:30 pm via Zoom

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)

vonDrehle: Following the 8:30 am worship service on the 1st & 3rd Sunday

Weber: 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2nd Wednesday of each month

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group	4	5 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	6 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm Weber Small Group 6 pm	7 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Women's Ministry Study 6:30 pm (Zoom)	8	9
10 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	11	12 Women's Ministry Study, 9:30 am at church	13 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm	14 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Volunteer at Safe Harbor, 4 pm Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm Women's Ministry, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	15	16
17 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group	18	19 Women's Ministry Study, 9:30 am at church VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	20 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm Weber Small Group 6 pm	21 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Ministry Study 6:30 pm (Zoom)	22	23
24 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	25 Ladies Winter Book Study, 7 pm (Zoom)	26 Women's Ministry Study, 9:30 am at church	27 Paladino Small Group, 6 pm Weber Small Group 6 pm	28 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Ladies Winter Book Study, 7 pm (Zoom) Women's Ministry Study 6:30 pm (Zoom) Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	29	30
31 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am						



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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!

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: ____

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: ____

Send me information about :

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

The Session

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

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