



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

February 21, 2021

TRIALS *to* THANKSGIVING

James 1:1-16

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

February 21, 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 40:1-5

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD;

People: he inclined to me and heard my cry.

Pastor: He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,

People: and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Pastor: Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

**People: who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!**

Pastor: O LORD my God;

**People: You have multiplied, your wondrous deeds and thoughts
toward us.**

Pastor: No one can compare with you!

**All: I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.**

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn #674 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Capo 1: (G)

(D) (G) (C) (G)

1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near - by;
 3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
 4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour; teach me thy will,
 5. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly One;

(D) (G) (D) (A⁷) (D)

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
 • come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fil.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

REFRAIN
 (G) (D) (D⁷) (G)

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;

(C) (G) (A^m7) (G) (D⁷) (G) 7

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

† 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 25:11; 16-18

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. 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.

Hear us Father for Jesus' sake. We are sinful even in our closest walk with you; we would have perished long ago if not for your mercy. Your Grace has given us faith in the Cross, upon which we were reconciled to you, drawing us by your great love, reckoning us as innocent in Christ though guilty in ourselves. Giver of all grace, we look to you for strength to use them, for it is hard to practice what we believe. Strengthen us against trials and temptations. You have disarmed us of all the corrupt means in which we trusted. We have no strength but in you only. You alone hold back our evil ways, without your grace to sustain us we fall. Satan's arrows do slow us down, and the shield that can negate them, easily drops from our hands. Help us to be vigilant, while aware of our weakness, to trust in your strength. May every trial teach us of your peace, more of your love. Your Holy Spirit equips us with more of your grace. He must work continually in us. May the Holy Spirit confirm our trust in your promised help, and let us walk in humble dependence upon you, for Jesus' sake. 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 Peter 5:8-10

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

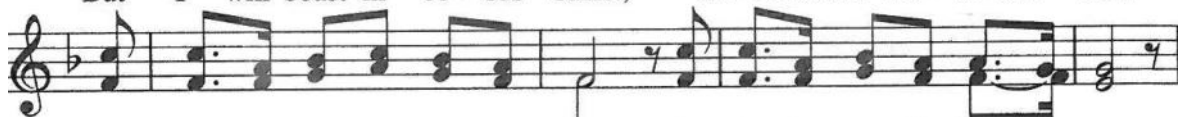
† Hymn of Assurance “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure;
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no power, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
 A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way
 It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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

James 1:1-16

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Trials of Our Lives"

Reverend Jan Dykshoorn

Sermon Outline:

1. Asking God; Vss. 5-8
2. Humility and Exaltation; 9-11
3. A Good and perfect God; 12-16

† Sermon Hymn #693 "Blessed Assurance"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is accompanied by a bass line in bass clef. The score includes three verses of lyrics and a final chorus line. Chord symbols D, G, and A are placed above the first four measures of the first line.

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove.

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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**

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.

Psalms 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

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to stand, and won - der at such
 neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my own. Once strang - ers chas - ing
 neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown, We fol - low in His

mer - cy that calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -
 self - ish dreams; Now, one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
 foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -

card me hold wounds which tell me come. Be - neath the cross of
 ho - nour the ones that You have loved? Be - neath the cross of
 fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of

Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
 Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
 Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our

2. Be -
 3. Be - lives.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

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.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Rick Harkert is having surgery on February 22; pray for healing and strength.
- Berneice Gonder, for healing and strength.
- Susan Johnson who is recovering from back surgery; pray for healing and strength. For Darryl, pray for comfort and peace.
- Crimmins family as they mourn the loss of Bill's father, pray for comfort and peace.
- 'Geoff', a dear brother in Christ, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer, pray for healing, comfort, and peace during this time of trial.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer, Detroit - Pray that we would continue in good hope knowing that God is surely with us.

Christ Church, Ann Arbor - Pray that the Lord would provide a more suitable building for us to call home, for several congregation members who are in the health care industry and for protection from the virus for our older and more vulnerable members.

Reverend Daniel Eguiluz– Praise the Lord for bringing us up to 85% of funding. Pray that the rest of the support needed comes within the next month and that the online teaching I do edifies many congregations in Peru.

Financials

	<u>Jan. 31, 2020</u>	<u>Jan. 31 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$26,437	\$26,779	\$27,742	(\$963)
Total Expenses	\$28,673	\$16,448		

Announcements

Sunday Services - This morning we welcome Reverend Jan Dykshoorn. He is a teaching elder and former Stated Clerk of Great Lakes Presbytery. He works as an itinerant preacher and teacher, and lives outside Detroit. He, and his wife, Patty attend Knox PCA in Harrison Township. They have two adult children.

Ladies Winter Book Study - This week we'll gather for fellowship and conversation about our February book, Becoming Elisabeth Elliot! Monday 6:30 pm & Thursday 10 am (both via zoom-look for the email link to come).

Spring Ladies Bible Study - All ladies are invited to come as we study 1 Peter together! Beginning Thursday March 11 10-11:30am (in person, sanctuary) or Monday March 15 (via zoom), we'll meet weekly through May to grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please order your own copy online: 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ by Jen Wilkin. Questions? See Heidi Van Til

This Week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - Today via Zoom

Ladies Winter Book Study - Monday, 6:30 pm (Zoom) & Thursday, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Women's Ministry Study - 9:30 am (church) Thursday, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 7 pm via Zoom

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, 2nd & 4th Thursday

Paladino: 7 pm, every Wednesday

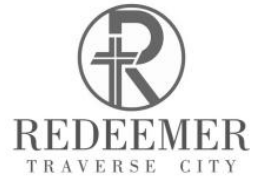
VanDyk: 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

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

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group	22 Ladies Winter Book Study, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	23 Women's Ministry Study, 9:30 am at church	24 Paladino Small Group, 7 pm Weber Small Group, 6 pm	25 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Ladies Winter Book Study, 10 am (Zoom) Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm Women's Ministry Study, 6:30 pm (Zoom)	26	27
28 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am						



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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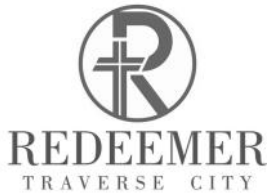
How did you hear about us:

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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Sunday School: (suspended)

Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am

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