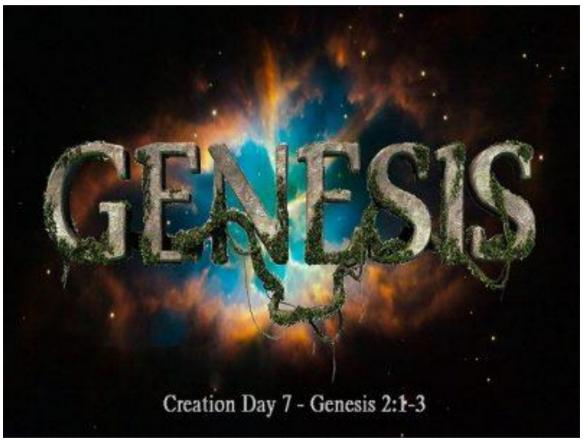


### March 7, 2021



#### 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

March 7, 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 146:1-6

Pastor: Praise the Lord

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom

there is no salvation.

People: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on

that very day his plans perish.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose

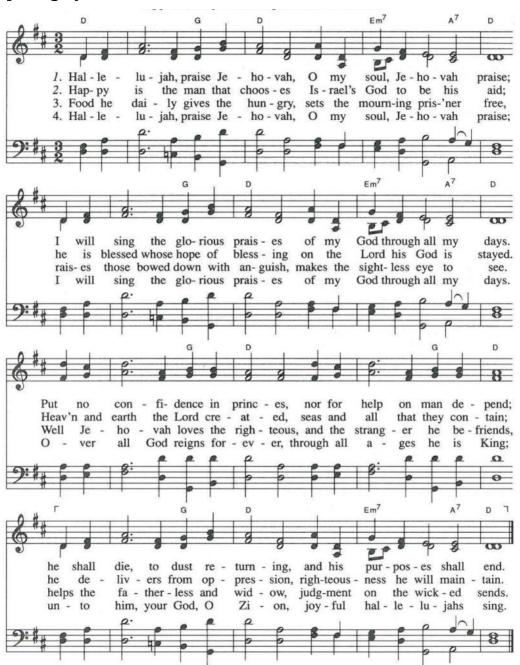
hope is in the LORD his God,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in

them.

**† =** Stand if able **Bold Words** = Congregation

#### **† Opening Hymn** #57 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"



#### † 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

Psalm 32:3-5

"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, or with all our soul, or with all our mind, or with all our strength, or our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with your provisions for us.

We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach you through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. 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**

Isaiah 43:25

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

† Hymn of Assurance #455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"



#### Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:1-9

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said.

"As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest,"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

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

Genesis 2-1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

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Sermon "The Seventh Day" Reverend Austin Reed
Sermon outline:
1.) The Sabbath in Creation

2.) The Sabbath in the Old Covenant

3.) The Sabbath in the New Covenant

#### **† Sermon Hymn** #115 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (Vss. 1, 2, & 5 only)



#### **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. 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

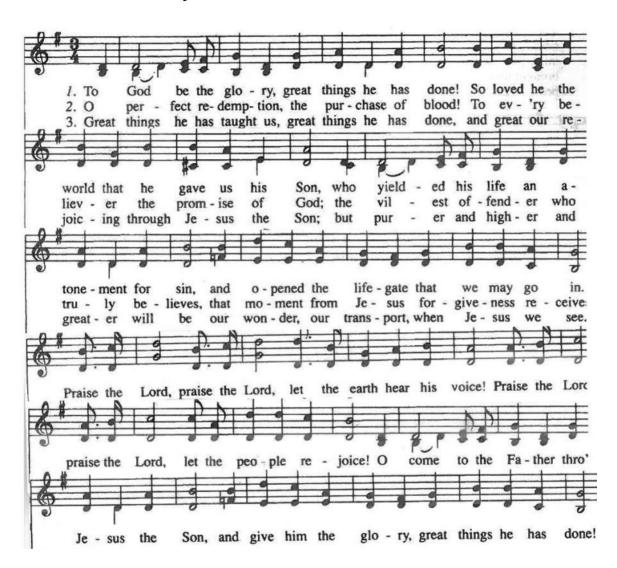
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, the whole earth is full of his glory, Holy is the Lord.

#### Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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 #55 "To God Be the Glory"



#### † Benediction

#### **† Benediction Response** #735 "Gloria Patri"



#### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Redeemer Family:**

- Megan Harris (niece of Jo Wolfe) has terminal cancer. Please keep the Harris family (husband Andy & 3 young daughters) in your prayers.
- Rick Harkert, praise to God for a successful surgery and good recovery.
- Berneice Gonder, for healing and strength.
- Susan Johnson, pray for healing and strength.
- Thank you for all your prayers for Geoff. He is home and recovering from surgery wherein the diseased kidney was removed. Your continued prayers on his recovery are most welcome.
- For the work of our pulpit search committee, the elders, and our church during this transition season.
  - John Van Til has received his vaccines and can have limited visits. Please contact Connie Van Til (231-218-4356) to schedule a visit.

#### **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**University Reformed, East Lansing -** Pray for wisdom, unity, and safety as we continue in-person worship, for our new member's class and training of new officers.

**Reverend Walter Lorenz** - Thank you for your faithful prayers for Redeemer PCA (Traverse City) during these months of transition. The Lord has been very gracious in raising up faithful men to fill the pulpit.

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

#### **Community Groups and meeting information:**

<u>Husted:</u> 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday <u>Paladino:</u> 7 pm, every Wednesday

<u>VanDyk</u>: 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays) <u>vonDrehle</u>: Zoom on Sunday, contact Cherie vonDrehle for details

**Weber**: 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

#### Announcements

**Sunday Services** - This morning we welcome Reverend Austin Reed who will preach on Genesis 2:1-3. Pastor Austin and his wife Michelle are graduates of Westminster Seminary California and are California natives. He received a Bachelors Degree in Biblical and Theological studies from Biola University and a Masters in Divinity from Westminster.

**Covid 19, Tier 1B** - Are you experiencing any barriers registering? Scheduling? Getting your vaccination? Please contact Forbes Husted who may be able to lessen the frustration that many have or will experience by understanding and managing the vaccination process.

**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 7-8:30pm (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

**Cook Book Announcement** - A cookbook is being compiled with recipes from our church body for potlucks and getting together in the hope that we will begin to enjoy these activities together soon. Details will be printed in the newsletter. Recipes & photos in digital format are due by March 28th. For more info please contact Corky Crimmins (corkcrimmins@gmail.com).

#### This Week at Redeemer:

VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 12:30 pm
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 7 pm via Zoom
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Ladies Study, Thursday, 10 am
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon
Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

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Fri	12	19	26	
Thu	11 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	18 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon	25 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	
Wed	10 Paladino SG, 7 pm	17 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 7 pm	24 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 7 pm	31 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 7 pm
Tue	9 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	16	23 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	30
Mon	8	15 Ladies Study, 7 pm	22 Ladies Study, 7 pm	29 Ladies Study, 7 pm
Sun	7 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group	21 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	28 Palm Sunday Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Group



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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**Prayer Requests:** 

The Session Fred Ianke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Tim Schramm II Dave VanDvk

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