



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*April 11, 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 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

For those who have young children, please relax and take a deep breath! We want them in the sanctuary during our worship service and they are not a distraction. Having our children with us will allow them to not only learn the importance of worship but they 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.

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### 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

April 11, 2021

## 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!*

*Psalm 33:1-5*

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.  
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!  
Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.  
  
For the word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

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

**† Opening Hymn**    “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”    By Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder, Let us praise the Savior’s name,  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes,  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down,  
For the Lord our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu’ror’s crown,  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, Join and point to mercy’s store,  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more,  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high,  
Here they trusted Him before us, Now their praises fill the sky,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## † 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

*Psalm 14:2-3*

The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
there is none who does good, not even one.

*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.*

(Adopted from the Scottish Order of Worship)

**Eternal God, and most merciful Father,**

**We confess and acknowledge here before your divine majesty, that we are miserable sinners, conceived and born in sin and iniquity, so that in us there is no goodness. We continuously rebel against your commandments, and as such are worthy of your just judgment. Therefore we do repent, and humbly beseech you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to show your mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins. Increase your Holy Spirit in us; that we, acknowledging from the bottom of our hearts our own unrighteousness, may henceforth put to death our own sinful affections and bring forth fruits agreeable to your will, not for the worthiness thereof, but for the merits of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior, whom you have given as a sacrifice for all our sins, and in whose name we do pray. 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**

*Romans 8:31-39*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# † Hymn of Assurance #261 "What Wondrous Love is This"

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:2-13

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

*Psalm 139:-1-16*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** "Perfectly Known and Perfectly Loved"

Reverend Robert Knuth

### **Outline:**

- 1) What God's knowledge of us says about who we are
- 2) What God's knowledge of us says about who he is

# † Sermon Hymn "Oh The Deep, Deep Love"

1. Oh the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un -  
 deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His  
 deep, deep love of Je - sus, far sur -

meas - ured, bound - less, free, roll - ing as a might - y  
 praise from shore to shore, how He came to pay our  
 pass - ing all the rest! It's an o - cean full of

o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der -  
 ran - som through the sav - ing cross He bore; how He  
 bless - ing in the midst of ev - ery test. Oh the

neath me, all a - round me is the cur - rent of Your  
 watch - es o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His  
 deep, deep love of Je - sus, might - y Sav - ior, pre - cious

love, lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward to Your  
 own; how for them He's in - ter - ced - ing, plead - ing  
 Friend! You will bring us home to glo - ry, where Your

glo - rious rest a - bove. Oh the  
 now be - fore the throne.  
 love will nev - er end.

deep, deep love! All I need and trust is the  
 deep, deep love of Je - sus.

## 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 My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who  
 2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; Who  
 3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; Who  
 floods my weak - ness - es and strengths and caus - es fear to fly; Whose  
 wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love; For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, And  
 ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take, Sus -  
 ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
 I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low Him.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response “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.

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Jack Horstman (son-in-law of Roger & Linda Rowe) who passed away from Covid. Please keep his wife Laurie and the Rowe family in your prayers.
- McKinzie Robinson is home from the hospital, pray for healing and strength.
- Marsha (Barb Boersma's sister). She is suffering from terminal cancer.
- Marie Goins (Randy's mother), pray for her failing health and for faith in our great God.
- Megan Harris (niece of Jo Wolfe) has terminal cancer. Please keep the Harris family (husband Andy & 3 young daughters) in your prayers.
- Susan Johnson, pray for healing and strength.
- Praise for the many pastors who have preached at Redeemer during this transition season.
- Pray for Pastor Austin as he prepares for his exams and for Austin & Michelle as they transition.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Christ Church, Grand Rapids** - Continued praise for God's multi-faceted provision through these tumultuous times.

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo** - Pray for those who have been fairly isolated during the pandemic but are starting to rejoin the congregation.

**Heart City, Indiana** - Pray for more visitors and that they will connect to Christ's body.

## Financials

	<u>Feb. 28, 2020</u>	<u>Feb. 28 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<b>Over (Under) Budget</b>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$52,957	\$49,816	\$55,482	(\$5,666)
Total Expenses	\$55,426	\$31,688		



## **Announcements**

**Sunday Services** - This morning we welcome Reverend Robert Knuth who will preach on Psalm 139:1-16.

**Depressed? Feeling Hopeless? Have the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions caused you or a loved one to be overcome with despair?** You are invited to join us the evening of April 16th, to hear words of gospel hope from Dr. David Murray, author of "Christians Get Depressed Too." His encouraging message on battling depression will be offered by the Shepherd's Way Biblical Counseling Center in Holland. For free registration or more information, please visit the Shepherd's Way Holland Facebook page, or contact Pastor Chip Byrd at 616-994-0280.

### **This Week at Redeemer:**

vonDrehle Small Group - Today, 12:30 pm (via Zoom)  
Ladies Study - Monday, 7 pm or Thursday, 10 am (via Zoom)  
VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 12:30 pm  
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 7 pm (via Zoom)  
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am  
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

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

**Husted:** 6:30 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

**Paladino:** 7 pm, every Wednesday

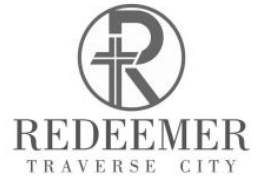
**VanDyk:** 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (then alternate Tuesdays)

**vonDrehle:** Zoom on Sunday, contact Cherie vonDrehle for details

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

# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> vonDrehle Small Group	12 Ladies Study, 7 pm	13 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	14 Paladino SG, 7 pm	15 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon	16	17
<b>18</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>	19 Ladies Study, 7 pm	20	21 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 7 pm	22 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Study, 10 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	23	24
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*1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Best Contact  
(Call/Text): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_

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**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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