



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*April 25, 2021*

# GOOD NEWS

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13



## 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 25, 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 34:1-3*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



- ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



- Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 • praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.  
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



## † 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 32:2-6*

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 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. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

**Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance. Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.**

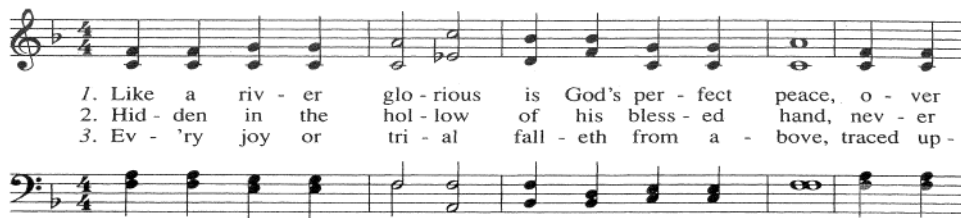
*The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!*

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

*1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

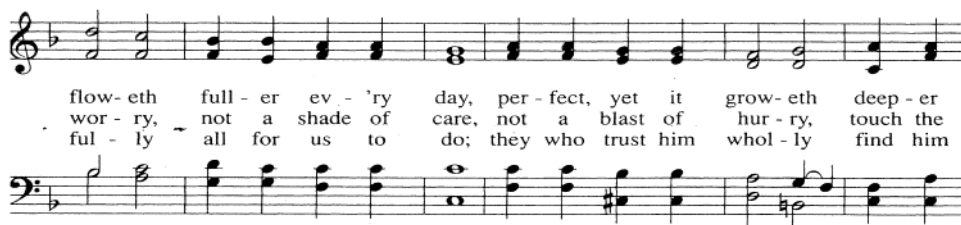
# † Hymn of Assurance #699 "Like a River Glorious"



1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver  
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er  
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -

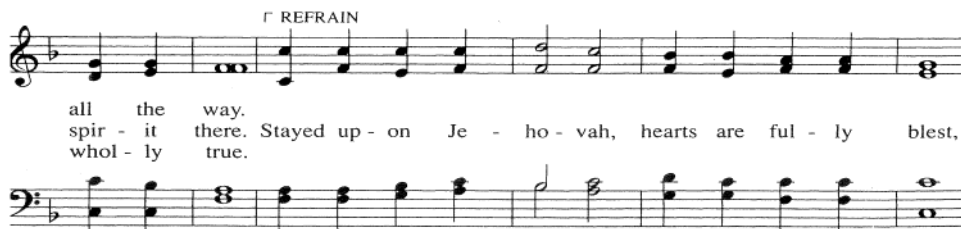


all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it  
 foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of  
 on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him

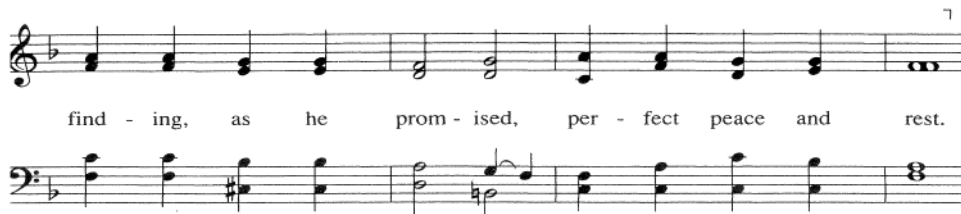


flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er  
 wor - ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry, touch the  
 ful - ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him

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all the way.  
 spir - it there. Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,  
 whol - ly true.



find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Reading

*Jeremiah 23:1-8*

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

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

### *1 Thessalonians 2:1-13*

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. <sup>2</sup> But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. <sup>6</sup> Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. <sup>8</sup> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup> For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. <sup>11</sup> For you know how, like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup> we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup> And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Not Coming in Vain”

Reverend Ken Klett

# † Sermon Hymn "Be Unto Your Name"



1. We are a mo - ment, \_ You are for - ev - er, \_ Lord of the a -  
 2. We are the bro - ken, \_ You are the heal - er, \_ Je - sus, Re-deem-

- ges, \_ God be - fore \_ time; \_ We are a va - por, \_  
 - er, \_ might - y to \_ save; \_ You are the love \_ song \_

You are e - ter - nal, \_ Love ev - er - last - ing, \_ reign - ing on high. \_  
 we'll sing for - ev - er, \_ bow - ing be - fore \_ You, \_ bless - ing Your name. \_

**CHORUS**

\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al-might - y, \_ wor - thy  
 is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo -  
 - ry \_ be un - to Your name, \_ be un - to Your  
 name. \_

## 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 "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.

# † Benediction

## † Benediction Response #735 "Gloria Patri"

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for the Gloria Patri response. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the".

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in".

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er".

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble staff with a double bar line, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men."

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Joeann Bissell, pray for wellness and improved health.
- 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.
- Families of Jo Wolfe and Andy Harris on the passing of Megan Harris. Pray for comfort and peace.
- Susan Johnson, pray for healing and strength.
- Stephen Ruhl, cadet on The Sunshine State ship for the next 3 months.
- 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:

**Tyrone Covenant, Fenton** - Pray for the many visitors who have gone through the inquirer's class and are in the process of becoming members.

**Reverend Elliott Pinegar** - Pray for renewed passion and health for our pastors and others recovering from the pandemic.

## Financials

Year to Date	<u>Mar. 31 2020</u>	<u>Mar. 31, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$67,679	\$73,559	\$83,223	(\$9,664)
Total Expenses	\$84,945	\$45,608		



## **Announcements**

**Sunday Services** - This morning we welcome Reverend Ken Klett who has served as Senior Pastor of Covenant PCA in Holland since 2006. Originally from New Jersey he came here with his family after serving two churches on the east coast. He and his wife Laurie have seven children, four grandchildren and another to be delivered in July.

**Save the Date, Ladies!** - May 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 12 pm Bridal Shower for Matthew Scott and Pasha Kantlehner. Please pick up a Bridal Shower Invitation from the narthex.

### **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 (via 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, 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

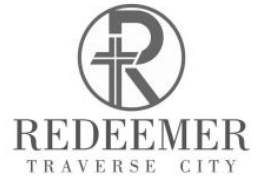
**Weber:** 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

## April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 <b>Worship Service</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b> vonDrehle Small Group	26  Ladies Study, 7 pm	27  VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	28  Weber SG, 6 pm  Paladino SG, 7 pm	29 Men's Study, 7:30 am  Ladies Study, 10 am  Prayers, 12 noon	30	

## May 2021

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2 <b>Worship Service,</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 am</b>	3  Ladies Study, 7 pm	4	5  Weber SG, 6 pm  Paladino SG, 7 pm	6 Men's Study, 7:30 am  Ladies Study, 10 am  Prayers, 12 noon	7	8



*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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact  
(Call/Text): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

How did you hear about us:

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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)

**The Deacons**

Tim Schramm II

Dave VanDyk

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**Sunday School:** (suspended)

**Worship Service:** 8:30 & 10:30 am

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