





#### 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

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.

#### 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

May 16, 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 #2 "O Worship the King"



- Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
- O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
   While angels delight to hymn you above,
   the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
   with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

# † 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

1 John 3:11-15

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 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 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." 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 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

# **† Hymn of Assurance** #501 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"



- Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

# Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Philippians 1:12-18

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

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**Sermon** "The Encouragement of Chains"

Pastor Austin Reed

Outline:

- 1) Encouragement of Conversion
- 2) Encouragement of Preaching

# **† Sermon Hymn** "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"



# **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**

We thank you Father for the hope this meal gives us. We thank you for the testimony that Christ has died for us, but also that he will return and we will celebrate this supper with him in heaven. Now may this meal enable us to increase in faith, persevere in hope, and grow up in love. Send us out from this place by your Spirit, our ears open to your Word, our minds alert to the calling you give us, our hearts full of love for your coming kingdom, our voices confessing the name of Jesus, our Lord and our God. Amen.

# † Post Communion Hymn #252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M. Gregorian chant Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

# † Benediction

# † Benediction Response #735 "Gloria Patri"



# **Prayer Requests**

#### **Redeemer Family:**

- Joyce Weise, pray for relief from severe back pain.
- Roger & Linda Rowe on the passing of their son-in-law Jack Horstman.
- 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.
- Stephen Ruhl, cadet on The Sunshine State ship for the next 3 months.
- Pray for Pastor Austin and Michelle as they transition to Redeemer.

# **Churches in our Presbytery:**

**University Reformed Church -** Pray for wisdom, unity and safety as we move to our summer worship services.

**Reverend Walter Lorenz** - Once again, thank you for your faithful prayers for Redeemer Church in Traverse City during these months without a regular pastor. This Sunday we join in prayers of thanks and ask for God's blessing as we install Reverend Austin Reed as their new pastor, and for blessings for both Austin and Michelle as they become part of the Redeemer church family.

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

#### Announcements

**Sermon today -** Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Philippians 1:12-18.

**Installation** - Pastor Austin Reed will be installed as the pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church this Sunday at 5 pm. Immediately following there will be a reception for Austin & Michelle in the Fellowship Hall.

**Thank You!** - A really BIG <u>thank you</u> to everyone who has put in countless hours of work at the parsonage. After the renovation is complete it will be a beautiful, welcoming home for Pastor Austin and Michelle.

**Paladino Small Group** - Will begin meeting in-person this week. The group will meet for a meal and a study from 6 to 8 pm on Wednesdays.

#### This Week at Redeemer:

von Drehle Small Group - today after 8:30 am service Installation of Pastor Austin Reed - Tonight at 5 pm Weber Small Group - 6 pm Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 7 pm 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:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

<u>VanDyk</u>: 7 pm, on alternate Tuesdays (check calendar for exact date)

**vonDrehle**: After 8:30 am service, one Sunday a month, more info to come **Weber**: 6 pm, every Wednesday **except** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

# May 2021

Sat	22	29	
Fri	21	28	
Thu	20 Men's Sudy, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	27 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	
Wed	Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 6 pm	26 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 6 pm	
Tue	18	25 VanDyk Small Group, 12:30 pm	
Mon	17	24	31 Memorial Day
Sun	Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am vonDrehle Small Grp. Pastor Austin Reed Installation, 5 pm	23 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	30 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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Date:
Name:
Email:
Best Contact (Call/Text):
Address:
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State/Zip:
How did you hear about us:
1st 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: \_\_\_\_ Send me information about: \_\_\_\_ Becoming a Christian \_\_\_ Baptism \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Serving on a Team \_\_\_ Small Groups Other

#### The Session

Pastor Austin Reed Fred Janke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

#### The Deacons

Tim Schramm II Dave VanDyk

#### **Redeemer Staff**

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Sunday School: (suspended) Worship Service: 8:30 & 10:30 am

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