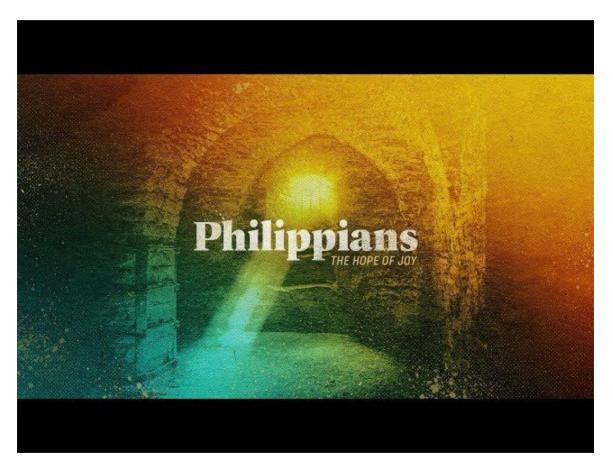


May 23, 2021



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

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 23, 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!

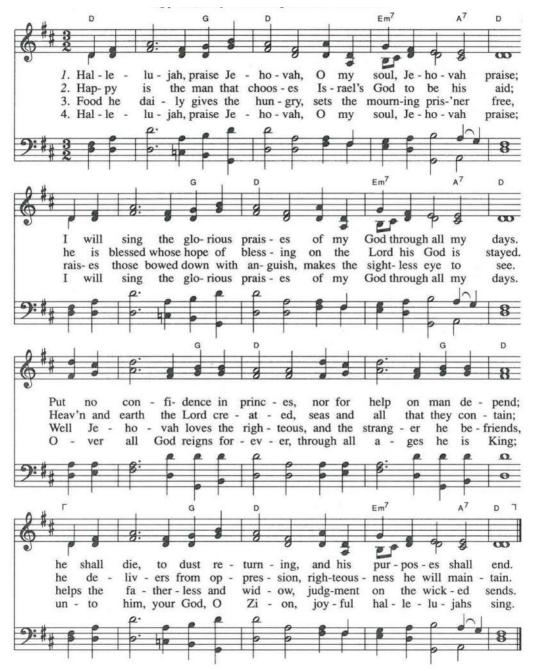
Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

† = 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

Confession of Sin

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.

Ephesians 4:1-7

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

"Oh Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have loved what we ought not to have loved, and we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength nor our neighbor as ourselves. We have followed after the impure desires of our hearts, rather than the perfection of your will as revealed in your Word. Hear the prayers of your servants, and for your own sake, make your face to shine upon us. We do not present our pleas to you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy in the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. Cleanse us through the Lord Jesus Christ who always lives to intercede 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

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **† Hymn of Assurance** #246 "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"



Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you. O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

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 1:18-30

¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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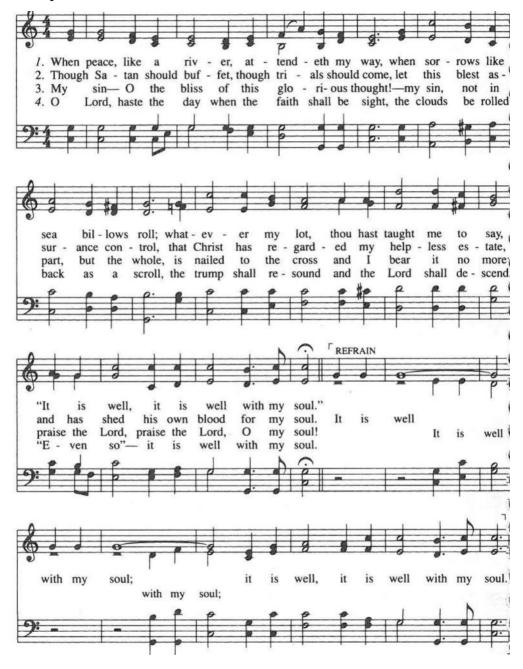
Sermon "To Live and To Die"

Pastor Austin Reed

Outline:

- 1) Paul's Desire for Himself
- 2) Paul's Desire for the Philippians

† Sermon Hymn #691 "It Is Well With My Soul"



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.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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.

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.	
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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 "In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ a - lone is found, He is my hope mv 2. In Christ a - lone who took flesh, full - ness of on 3. There in the ground His bo dy lay, Light of the is 4. No guilt in life. no fear in death, this the this Cor this sol - id light, my strength, my song; ner - stone, gift of God in help less babe! This love and right - eous dark , burst - ing forth glor - ious slain: then in world by ness Christ from life's first fi - nal power of in me; CITY to the fier - cest drought What heights of firm through and storm. Ground. 'til scorned by the ones He came to save: on that ness. day, up from the grave He rose a gain! And as He Je com - mands my des ti -No power of breath, sus ny. stilled, when fears when striv - ings love. what depths of peace, are Je - sus the wrath of God was sa - tis -CTOSS as died, stands vic - tor sin's curse has lost its grip in Y on from hell, man, take His no scheme of can ev - er me cease! My Com for my All in A11, here in the ter. fied. Him was laid; here in the for ev егу sin on Ι He is mine, bought with the me. for am His and hand; 'til He re - turns OT calls me home, here in the 3 love of Christ I stand. death of Christ Ι live. prec ious blood of Christ. power of Christ I'11 stand!

† Benediction

† Benediction Response #735 "Gloria Patri"



Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- The family of Elaine Mandenberg (Keith McLennan's grandmother), who passed away on Monday. Pray for comfort and peace.
- 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.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer, Holland - Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the church, numerical growth, and an increased joy in knowing our Lord.

Covenant, Holland - Pray that we would maintain a vigorous ministry in the midst of C-19 challenges and for development of men to serve as deacons and elders.

Trinity, DeMotte - Pray that we will remain faithful to the Lord and for families dealing with health issues.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	<u>Apr. 31 2020</u>	<u>Apr. 31, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Budget
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$100,851	\$102,081	\$110,964	(\$8,883)
Total Expenses	\$111,169	\$61,851		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Philippians 1:18-30.

Spring Clean Up - We need a volunteer to organize the Spring Clean Up at church. If you are interested please give Deb a call at the office (231-946-1700) or send an email (redeemertc@gmail.com). Your help is greatly appreciated!

Masks - Following along with recommendations made by the CDC, masks will no longer be required to attend the first morning worship service. For both worship services the wearing of masks will be optional. Let us continue to show great love and respect for one another as the body of Christ and family of God during this time. *"Above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony (Colossians 3:14)."*

Ladies Summer Book Club - Please see Newsletter for details.

Thank you to everyone who sent me and Michelle a welcome card with suggestions to explore Traverse City! We can't wait to get to know the area better, and we can't wait to get to know all of you better as well! And a continued thank you to every-one who has hosted us, made a meal for us, and to all of those working so hard on the Parsonage! We have been so blessed by all of you! — Pastor & Michelle Reed

This Week at Redeemer:

VanDyk Small Group - Tuesday, 7 pm Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm 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: 6 pm, every Wednesday
VanDyk: 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 2nd Wednesday of each month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	24	25 VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm	26 Weber SG, 6 pm Paladino SG, 6 pm	27 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	28	29
30 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am	31 Memorial Day					

May 2021



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!

Date:
Name:
Email:
Best Contact (Call/Text):
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____ 2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee:____

Member:____

Music Copy License Number: 2539700



If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: _____ Private: _____ The Session

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

> The Deacons Tim Schramm II Dave VanDyk

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<u>Send me information about</u> :

- ____ Becoming a Christian
- ____ Baptism
- ____ Membership
- ____ Serving on a Team
- ____ Small Groups
- ____ Other