

#### 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

August 22, 2021

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

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 93:1-2

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

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

#### † Opening Hymn "Come Praise and Glorify"



#### † 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

Matthew 5:43-47

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel for all his iniquities. Amen."

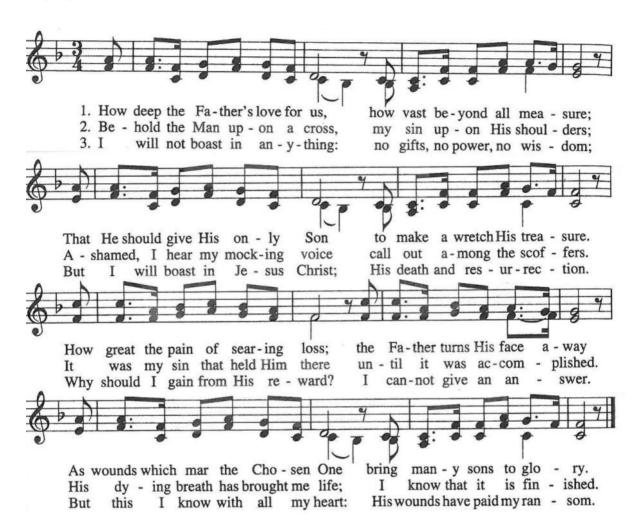
The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

#### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

#### † Hymn of Assurance "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"



#### Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

#### **Scripture Reading**

John 12:44-50

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told 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

Ezekiel 3:16-27

<sup>16</sup> And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>17</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>18</sup> If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup> But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>20</sup> Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his

sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup> But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul."

<sup>22</sup> And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And he said to me, "Arise, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you." <sup>23</sup> So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face. <sup>24</sup> But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself within your house. <sup>25</sup> And you, O son of man, behold, cords will be placed upon you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people. <sup>26</sup> And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and unable to reprove them, for they are a rebellious house. <sup>27</sup> But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' He who will hear, let him hear; and he who will refuse to hear, let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.

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**Sermon Title:** "The Faithful Watchman" Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

1) A Warning to Watch

2) A Mission of Muteness

### **Sermon Notes:**

#### **Sermon Hymn** "He Will Hold Me Fast"



#### **Holy Communion**

We celebrate communion each week to remember what Christ has done and to be nourished spirituallu.

#### 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. 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**

Eternal God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to serve you and others through Christ our Lord. Amen

- **† Post Communion Hymn** #535 "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"
- † Benediction
- † Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

#### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Redeemer Family:**

- Stephen Ruhl. He is having open heart surgery on November 1st. Pray for wisdom for the doctors, healing and strength.
- McKinzie Robinson, pray for continued controlled breathing.
- Joyce Weise, pray for relief from back pain.
- 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.

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

**First Presbyterian, Bad Axe-** Pray for continued reform in our church according to the Word of God and our denominational standards, peace and unity in our church as we make these reforms and strength and wisdom for our leaders.

**Pathway, Brighton** - Pray for several families who have loved ones in the church suffering with significant health issues.

**Confex Makhalira, Missionary (Missions to the World)** - Pray for our church plant as we receive our first members and for leadership training where we hope to identify leaders who can serve as elders & deacons.

#### Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 3:16-27

Coffee will not be served at church this morning but will be available at the picnic!

#### **Summer Picnic!**

<u>Today</u> at the <u>Greilickville Harbor Pavilion</u>. Redeemer will provide the meat, you bring a dish to pass, beverage and beach items. Please meet at the Pavilion after the 10:30 am worship service.

**Baby Shower for Ashby Mizell** - save the date! September 18<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow.

Come see G.U.S.T.O. (God Using Students to Tell Others) perform their lively musical extravaganza! 48 youngsters, including a few from Redeemer, will blend their talents and energy to glorify God and inspire others through beautiful vocals, upbeat choreography, and harmonies in this fast-paced, 75 minute production! Wednesday, August 25th at 7 pm at the West Side Community Church Auditorium, 4975 E. Traverse City Highway. There is no cost.

#### From Pastor Reed:

"Dear Congregation, perhaps you have noticed that I have not been wearing the ministerial robe. I just want to assure you, the robe is coming! We have ran into a few issues with the vendor regarding size, style, and shipping, so it is taking longer to arrive than originally anticipated. The Lord willing, it will arrive in the next few months. Thank you for your patience! God bless you all!"

#### This Week at Redeemer:

Picnic - Today after the 10:30 am worship service Paladino SG - Wednesday, 6 pm Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

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

Husted: 6:30 pm, will not meet in July, will meet on the 4th Thursday in August

**Paladino:** 6 pm, every other Wednesday (Summer schedule)

**VanDyk**: (check calendar for exact date & time)

**vonDrehle**: After 8:30 am service, one Sunday a month **Weber**: 6 pm, 1st & 3rd Wednesday (Summer schedule)

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	July 31, 2020	July 31, 2021	2021 Budget	Budget
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$195,574	\$181,690	\$194,187	(\$12,497)
Total Expenses	\$186,834	\$134,063		

# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 Worship Service, 8:30 & 10:30 am Summer picnic at the Greilickville	23	24	25 Paladino SG,	26 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	27	28
Harbor Pavilion			6 pm			
29 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 am	30	31				



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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How did you hear about us:
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#### If you would like to be prayed for please fill out and place in the Offering Plate

#### The Session Pastor Austin Reed Fred Ianke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons Davio Van Dule

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

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