



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*October 31, 2021*



# The Book of Ezekiel

## 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

October 31, 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

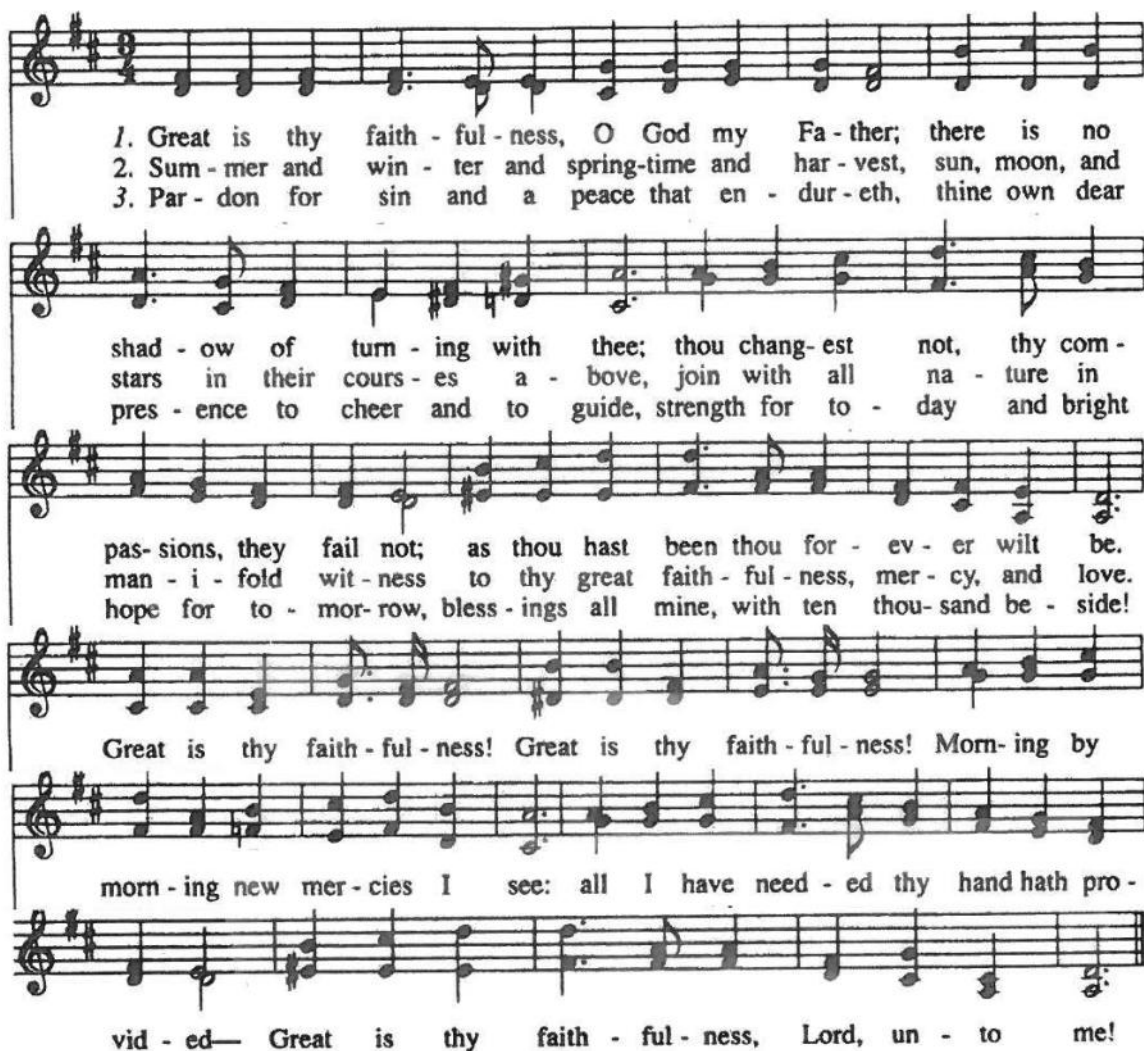
*Psalm 84:1-2*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

† = Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

# † Opening Hymn #32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by  
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -  
 vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## † Invocation

*Psalm 124:8*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

## † 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

*Galatians 5:16-25*

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

*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.*

**“Our Father in Heaven**

**With humble hearts we confess our sins before you, God Most Holy. We have produced the works of the flesh rather than bearing the fruit of the Spirit. We pray that you would cleanse us from dead works through the blood and Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. And we pray that we might keep in step with the Spirit, walking in the good works which you have prepared beforehand for us. We ask all of these things in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 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 2:1-10*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 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. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# † Hymn of Assurance #308 "Jesus Paid It All"

D G D A Bm A D

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,  
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,  
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim—  
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

G D G D/A A<sup>7</sup> D

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."  
 can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.  
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

REFRAIN  
 D G D G D A

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

D G D D<sup>7</sup> G E<sup>7</sup> D/A A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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

### **† Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

### **† 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 15*

And the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, how does the wood of the vine surpass any wood, the vine branch that is among the trees of the forest? <sup>3</sup> Is wood taken from it to make anything? Do people take a peg from it to hang any vessel on it? <sup>4</sup> Behold, it is given to the fire for fuel. When the fire has consumed both ends of it, and the middle of it is charred, is it useful for anything? <sup>5</sup> Behold, when it was whole, it was used for nothing. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it ever be used for anything! <sup>6</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup> And I will set my face against them. Though they escape from the fire, the fire shall yet consume them, and you will know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them. <sup>8</sup> And I will make the land desolate, because they have acted faithlessly, declares the Lord GOD.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon Title:** “What Will Become of the Branch?”

Pastor Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) The Fruitless Branch
- 2) The Fruitful Vine

## **Sermon Notes:**

## Sermon Hymn "He Will Hold Me Fast"

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold  
 ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
 sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me  
 Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
 fast.  
 last!

For my Sa-vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

# 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. 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

Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

# † Post Communion Hymn #402 "Abide With Me" (Verses 1, 3 & 5)

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark-ness  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow  
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy  
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no  
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and  
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -  
 • grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and  
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy  
 gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain

com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 • stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## † Benediction

### † Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

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

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

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

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

# Prayer Requests

## Redeemer Family:

- Addi Winters, infant daughter of Matthew & Haylee (Matthew is the pastor of The Salvation Army congregation here in TC). Addi was hospitalized with breathing issues and is on a ventilator. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and a successful treatment plan.
- Dave VanDyk, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Jo Wolfe, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting cancer.
- 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 and wisdom for our leaders.

**Pathway Community, Brighton** - Pray for several families who have loved ones with significant health issues.

**Confex Mwayi Makhalira, Missionary for Mission to The World** - Pray for new members as a church plant and for God’s blessing on our efforts.

# Financials

Year to Date	<u>Sept 30, 2020</u>	<u>Sept 30, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$251,936	\$242,858	\$249,669	(\$6,811)
Total Expenses	\$235,903	\$192,424		



## **Announcements**

**Sermon today** - Pastor Reed will preach on Ezekiel 15.

Children and adult Sunday School will be held before the worship service at 9:00 am.  
The Worship Service will be at 10:15 am.

Pastor Reed will be leading the Adult Sunday School class in a study of reformed covenant theology. We will be learning the biblical and confessional grounds for the concepts of the Covenants of Redemption, Works, and Grace. The Lord willing this will provide us with a helpful lens through which to read all of the Scriptures. All are welcome to attend!

**Ladies Social** - Please join us for a casual evening of fellowship in The Barrel Room, the 120-year-old-root cellar of the old state hospital, located in The Grand Traverse Commons on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7:00-8:30 pm. See Connie/Heidi for details/directions.

**The *Adopt A Family* Program** will again be sponsored by Love Thy Neighbor. All information about the 2021 program and sponsor sheets are located on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is November 18th.

**Communion Teams** - We need more teams to set up communion and clean up when the service is over. Please text Barb Weber if you are interested. Time commitment is about 30 minutes.

**Note:** Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th at 2 am. Please turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

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

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm

Ladies Social - Tuesday, 7 pm

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Ladies Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 am

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Sunday School, 9 am  Worship Service, 10:15 am						

November 2021

	1  Ladies Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm	2  Ladies Social 7 pm at Grand Traverse Commons	3  Paladino SG, 6 pm  Weber SG, 6 pm	4 Men's Study, 7:30 am  Prayers, 12 noon	5  Ladies Bible Study, 9:30-11 am	6  Turn clocks back 1 hour before going to bed
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**Community Groups and meeting information:**

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

**Paladino:** 6 pm, every Wednesday

**VanDyk:** Dates will vary over the next months  
(contact Angie for more info)

**vonDrehle:** Check with Jim or Cherie for dates &  
times.

**Weber:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm



*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!*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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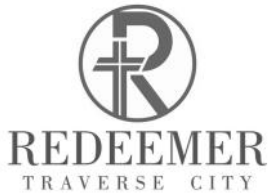
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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**

Pastor Reed

Fred Janke

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

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**Sunday School: 9 am**

**Worship Services: 10:15 am**

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