



### 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

November 7, 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 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

### † Opening Hymn #1 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"



### † 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**

Jeremiah 3:12-14

Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say,

"'Return, faithless Israel,

declares the LORD.

I will not look on you in anger,

for I am merciful, declares the LORD;

I will not be angry forever.

Only acknowledge your guilt,

that you rebelled against the LORD your God

and scattered your favors among foreigners under every

green tree,

and that you have not obeyed my voice,

declares the LORD.

Return, O faithless children,

declares the LORD;

for I am your master;

I will take you, one from a city and two from a family,

and I will bring you to Zion.

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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

We come before you this morning repenting of all manner of sin. We have been faithless with our thoughts, words and deeds. We have been discontent with what we have, and we have coveted that which belongs to our neighbor. We have given our hearts, our worship and our affections to idols, rather than to you the one true God. Lead us in genuine repentance. Forgive us and cleanse us with the blood and Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, 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 54:4-5

"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

### **† Hymn of Assurance** "Mercies Anew"



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

### † Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

### † 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 16

Again the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations, <sup>3</sup> and say, Thus says the Lord GoD to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth are of the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. <sup>4</sup> And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. <sup>5</sup> No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you out of compassion for you, but you were cast out on the open field, for you were abhorred, on the day that you were born.

<sup>6</sup> "And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' <sup>7</sup> I made you flourish like a plant of the field. And you grew up and became tall and arrived at full adornment. Your breasts were formed, and your hair had grown; yet you were naked and bare.

<sup>8</sup> "When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine. <sup>9</sup> Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. <sup>10</sup> I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. <sup>11</sup> And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. <sup>12</sup> And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. <sup>13</sup> Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. <sup>14</sup> And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord God.

<sup>15</sup> "But you trusted in your beauty and played the whore because of your renown and lavished your whorings on any passerby; your beauty became his. <sup>16</sup> You took some of your garments and made for yourself colorful shrines, and on them played the whore. The like has never been, nor ever shall be. <sup>17</sup> You also took your beautiful jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and with them played the whore. <sup>18</sup> And you took your embroidered garments to cover them, and set my oil and my incense before them. <sup>19</sup> Also my bread that I gave you—I fed you with fine flour and oil and honey—you set before them for a pleasing aroma; and so it was, declares the Lord God. <sup>20</sup> And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter <sup>21</sup> that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them? <sup>22</sup> And in all your abominations and your whorings you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, wallowing in your blood.

<sup>23</sup> "And after all your wickedness (woe, woe to you! declares the Lord GoD), <sup>24</sup> you built yourself a vaulted chamber and made yourself a lofty place in every square. <sup>25</sup> At the head of every street you built your lofty place and made your beauty an abomination, offering yourself to any passerby and multiplying your whoring.

<sup>26</sup> You also played the whore with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, multiplying your whoring, to provoke me to anger. <sup>27</sup> Behold, therefore, I stretched out my hand against you and diminished your allotted portion and delivered you to the greed of your enemies, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd behavior. <sup>28</sup> You played the whore also with the Assyrians, because you were not satisfied; yes, you played the whore with them, and still you were not satisfied. <sup>29</sup> You multiplied your whoring also with the trading land of Chaldea, and even with this you were not satisfied.

<sup>30</sup> "How sick is your heart, declares the Lord God, because you did all these things, the deeds of a brazen prostitute, <sup>31</sup> building your vaulted chamber at the head of every street, and making your lofty place in every square. Yet you were not like a prostitute, because you scorned payment. <sup>32</sup> Adulterous wife, who receives strangers instead of her husband! <sup>33</sup> Men give gifts to all prostitutes, but you gave your gifts to all your lovers, bribing them to come to you from every side with your whorings. <sup>34</sup> So you were different from other women in your whorings. No one solicited you to play the whore, and you gave payment, while no payment was given to you; therefore you were different.

<sup>35</sup> "Therefore, O prostitute, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>36</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, Because your lust was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of the blood of your children that you gave to them, <sup>37</sup> therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved and all those you hated. I will gather them against you from every side and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. <sup>38</sup> And I will judge you as women who commit adultery and shed blood are judged, and bring upon you the blood of wrath and jealousy. <sup>39</sup> And I will give you into their hands, and they shall throw down your vaulted chamber and break down your lofty places. They shall strip you of your clothes and take your beautiful jewels and leave you naked and bare. 40 They shall bring up a crowd against you, and they shall stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords. <sup>41</sup> And they shall burn your houses and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women. I will make you stop playing the whore, and you shall also give payment no more. 42 So will I satisfy my wrath on you, and my jealousy shall depart from you. I will be calm and will no more be angry. 43 Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have enraged me with all these things, therefore, behold, I have returned your deeds upon your head, declares the Lord God. Have you not committed lewdness in addition to all your abominations?

44 "Behold, everyone who uses proverbs will use this proverb about you: 'Like mother, like daughter.' 45 You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite. <sup>46</sup> And your elder sister is Samaria, who lived with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who lived to the south of you, is Sodom with her daughters. <sup>47</sup> Not only did you walk in their ways and do according to their abominations: within a very little time you were more corrupt than they in all your ways. <sup>48</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GoD, your sister Sodom and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. <sup>49</sup> Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. 50 They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it. 51 Samaria has not committed half your sins. You have committed more abominations than they, and have made your sisters appear righteous by all the abominations that you have committed. <sup>52</sup> Bear your disgrace, you also, for you have intervened on behalf of your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. So be ashamed, you also, and bear your disgrace, for you have made your sisters appear righteous.

<sup>53</sup> "I will restore their fortunes, both the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters, and I will restore your own fortunes in their midst, <sup>54</sup> that you may bear your disgrace and be ashamed of all that you have done, becoming a consolation to them. <sup>55</sup> As for your sisters, Sodom and her daughters shall return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former state, and your daughters shall return to your former state. <sup>56</sup> Was not your sister Sodom a byword in your mouth in the day of your pride, <sup>57</sup> before your wickedness was uncovered? Now you have become an object of reproach for the daughters of Syria and all those around her, and for the daughters of the Philistines, those all around who despise you. <sup>58</sup> You bear the penalty of your lewdness and your abominations, declares the LORD.

<sup>59</sup> "For thus says the Lord GoD: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant, <sup>60</sup> yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant. <sup>61</sup> Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you take your sisters, both your elder and your younger, and I give them to you as daughters, but not on account of the covenant with you. <sup>62</sup> I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, <sup>63</sup> that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "The Unbreakable Covenant" Pastor Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) A Broken Covenant
- 2) An Unbreakable Covenant

## **Sermon Notes:**

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### Sermon Hymn #347 "The Church's One Foundation"



### **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**

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 "My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness"



### † Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"



### **Prayer Requests**

### **Redeemer Family:**

- Addi Winters, infant daughter of Matthew & Haylee (Matthew is the pastor of The Salvation Army congregation here in TC). Addi is out of the hospital and back home with her family. Please pray for continued healing.
- 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:**

**Christ Church, Grand Rapids-** Pray that the weary would find a welcome in Christ and that God's people would find their rest in him.

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo** - Pray for the renovation process for our new building.

**Heart City, Elkhart** - Pray for children's ministries that are being launched.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Sept 30, 2020	Sept 30, 2021	2021 Budget	<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 16.

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!

Pastor Reed will be on vacation from November 8-23. If you have an emergency please contact one of the elders.

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.

### This Week at Redeemer:

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7 pm
Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm
Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon
Husted Small Group - 6:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service, 10:15 am	8 Ladies Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm	6	10 Paladino SG, 6 pm	Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	12 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30-11 am	13
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28 No Sunday School Worship Service, 10:15 am	29	30				

### **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: 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at 6 pm

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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:
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

Share with congregation: \_\_\_\_

**Prayer Requests:** 

The Session Pastor Reed Fred Ianke Bill Morrison Tom Nussdorfer Fred Weber David Schafer (Emeritus)

> The Deacons Dave VanDvk

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Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer
Deb Long, Office Administrator/
Bookkeeper

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