



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

January 9, 2022



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.

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

January 9, 2022

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


Psalms 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.


† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation


† Opening Hymn #2 “O Worship the King” (Verses 1-5)




1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the




sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.



5. 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!

6. 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.**

† Prayer

† 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

1 Samuel 8:4-9

*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.*

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

Prayer of Confession

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore me to the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 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

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

† Hymn of Assurance #188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;
 2. O how great thy lov - ing - kind - ness, vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art,
 4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me as I work and wait for thee;



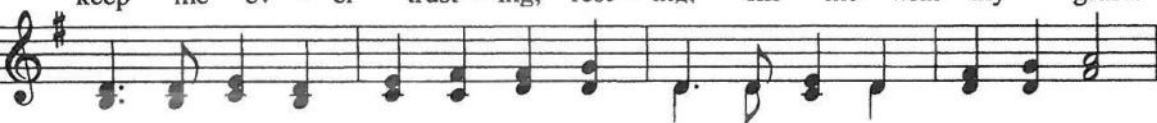
I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
 O how mar - vel - ous thy good - ness lav - ished all on me!
 and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart;
 rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows flee.



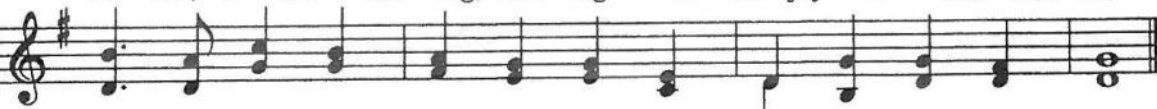
Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee, as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
 Yes, I rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine,
 sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
 Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast made me whole.
 know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.
 com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: thine is love in - deed.
 keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with thy grace.



Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;



I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Genesis 49:8-12

"Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down before you.
Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.
His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

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 19

And you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, ² and say:

What was your mother? A lioness! Among lions she crouched;
in the midst of young lions she reared her cubs.

³ And she brought up one of her cubs;
he became a young lion,
and he learned to catch prey;
he devoured men.

⁴ The nations heard about him; he was caught in their pit,
and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

⁵ When she saw that she waited in vain, that her hope was lost,
she took another of her cubs and made him a young lion.

⁶ He prowled among the lions; he became a young lion,
and he learned to catch prey;
he devoured men, ⁷ and seized their widows.

He laid waste their cities,
and the land was appalled and all who were in it
at the sound of his roaring.

⁸ Then the nations set against him from provinces on every side;
they spread their net over him;
he was taken in their pit.

⁹ With hooks they put him in a cage and brought him to the king of Babylon;
they brought him into custody,
that his voice should no more be heard
on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰ Your mother was like a vine in a vineyard planted by the water,
fruitful and full of branches by reason of abundant water.

¹¹ Its strong stems became rulers' scepters;
it towered aloft among the thick boughs;
it was seen in its height with the mass of its branches.

¹² But the vine was plucked up in fury, cast down to the ground;
the east wind dried up its fruit;
they were stripped off and withered.

As for its strong stem, fire consumed it.

¹³ Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land.

¹⁴ And fire has gone out from the stem of its shoots, has consumed its fruit, so that there remains in it no strong stem, no scepter for ruling.

This is a lamentation and has become a lamentation.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Beautiful Words”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline:

- 1) An Ugly Eulogy
- 2) Beautiful Words

† Sermon Hymn #295 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side;
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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 #286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voic-es, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp- ty now, its mouth de- clares:
 3. Hear the earth pro- test and trem- ble, see the stone re- moved with pow'r;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and sin- ners jeer;
 5. We ac- claim your life, O Je- sus, now we sing your vic- to- ry;

Sing as all the earth re- joic- es; res- ur- rec- tion an- thems swell.
 "Death and I could not con- tain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's min- ions may as- sem- ble, but can- not with- stand his hour.
 but the truth pro- claims a won- der thought- ful hearts re- ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con- quest keeps us free.

Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!
 Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!
 • He has con- quered, he has con- quered, Christ the Lord, the ris- en King!
 He is ris- en, he is ris- en, now re- ceive the ris- en King!
 Stand in tri- umph, stand in tri- umph, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!

† 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:

- For the Sabotka family on the passing of Ron & Cindy’s sister-in-law, Beverly.
- Bernard Hoogland, pray for healing.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting cancer.
- McKinzie Robinson, pray for continued controlled breathing.
- For the Boersma family on the passing of Barb’s sister Marsha.
- 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.
- Brett Schut, recovering from surgery to remove his appendix.

Churches in our Presbytery:

First Presbyterian, Bad Axe - Please pray that God would bring more families to our church.

Pathway Community, Brighton - Pray for the health of our congregation.

Confex Mwayi Makhalira , Evangelistic Missionary - Pray for our church as we will receive our first members in June.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Nov. 30, 2020</u>	<u>Nov. 30, 2021</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	Over (Under) <u>Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$292,828	\$298,868	\$305,151	(\$6,283)
Total Expenses	\$280,800	\$226,876		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Reed will preach on Ezekiel 19

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 study leave from January 13-21. If a need arises please contact one of the elders.

Nursery Open - Our nursery will reopen today. Please read and sign the Nursery Sign In/Out Log located at the nursery door as you leave and pick up your children.

Benevolence Offering - Sunday, January 23rd

Hygiene Donations - For Love Thy Neighbor's hygiene pantry. Items needed are; toothpaste, dish soap, laundry soap & combination shampoo & conditioner. The donation box is located at top of portico stairs. Items can be donated through January 23rd.

Ladies Theology Workshop with Nancy Guthrie - There will be a group of ladies going to this workshop on March 4-5 in Lansing. Registration is now open, please contact Heidi Van Til for more details if you would like to attend.

This Week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - today after the worship service

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

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehle SG	10	11	12 Paladino SG, 6 pm	13 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6:30 pm	14	15
16 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am	17	18	19 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	20 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	21	22
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30 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am	31					

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 2nd & 4th 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



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:

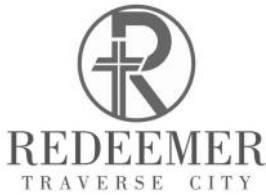
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1st Time Guest: ____

2nd 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

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Tom Nussdorfer

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Worship Services: 10:15 am

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