



April 24, 2022

REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY



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

Nursery: Ashby & Berneice

The Lord's Service

April 24, 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

Psalm 46:4-7

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn “Kauflin Reformation Hymn ”

6 G/B C F C **VERSE** C F/C C

1. We will trust God's Word a-lone, where His
 2. We are saved by grace a-lone- un - de-

per - fect will is known; Our tra - di - tions shift like sand while His truth for - ev - er
 served, yet free - ly shown; No ac - com - plish - ment on earth can a - chieve the sec - ond

stands. We will live by faith a-lone, clothed in mer - it not our own; All we
 birth. We will stand on Christ a-lone, the un - yield - ing Cor - ner - stone; Na - tions

claim is Je - sus Christ and his fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
 rage and dev - ils roar, still He reigns for - ev - er - more!

CHORUS

Glo - ry be, glo - ry be to God a - lone, through the Church He re -
 deemed and made His own. He has freed us, He will keep us till we're
 safe - ly home, Glo - ry be, glo - ry be to God a - lone!

† 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**

*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.*

Confession of Sin

Psalm 2:1-9

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Prayer of Confession

**“Almighty and most merciful Father,
We confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we
have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and
lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your holy name, 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 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

† Hymn of Assurance #461 Not What My Hands Have Done

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do

not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 25

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, set your face toward the Ammonites and prophesy against them. ³Say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus says the Lord GOD, Because you said, ‘Aha!’ over my sanctuary when it was profaned, and over the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and over the house of Judah when they went into exile, ⁴therefore behold, I am handing you over to the people of the East for a possession, and they shall set their encampments among you and make their dwellings in your midst. They shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. ⁵I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and Ammon^[a] a fold for flocks. Then you will know that I am the LORD. ⁶For thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet and rejoiced with all the malice within your soul against the land of Israel, ⁷therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand against you, and will hand you over as plunder to the nations. And I will cut you off from the peoples and will make you perish out of the countries; I will destroy you. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

“Thus says the Lord GOD: Because Moab and Seir said, ‘Behold, the house of Judah is like all the other nations,’ ⁹therefore I will lay open the flank of Moab from the cities, from its cities on its frontier, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim. ¹⁰I will give it along with the Ammonites to the people of the East as a possession, that the Ammonites may be remembered no more among the nations, ¹¹and I will execute judgments upon Moab. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

¹²“Thus says the Lord GOD: Because Edom acted revengefully against the house of Judah and has grievously offended in taking vengeance on them, ¹³therefore thus says the Lord GOD, I will stretch out my hand against Edom and cut off from it man and beast. And I will make it desolate; from Teman even to Dedan they shall fall by the sword. ¹⁴And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath, and they shall know my vengeance, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁵“Thus says the Lord GOD: Because the Philistines acted revengefully and took vengeance with malice of soul to destroy in never-ending enmity, ¹⁶therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the rest of the seacoast. ¹⁷I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I lay my vengeance upon them.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "The Oracle to the Nations "

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) The Oracle of Hope to Babylonian Exiles**
- 2.) The Oracle of Hope to Modern Exiles**

Sermon notes:

† Sermon Hymn #92 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Holy Communion

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 inner rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer. A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread. We come forward 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

**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 "May the Peace"

1. May the peace of God our Heav'nly Fa - ther, and the grace of Christ the ris - en
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing, and this grace which makes us what we

4 F Gm7 F/A F7 B^badd9 B^b/D E^b B^badd9/D Gm7 Cm7

Son, and the fel - low-ship of God the Spi - rit keep our hearts and minds with-in His
 are, and this fel - low-ship of His com - mun - ion make us one in spi - rit and in

Chorus

8 F/A Gm7 F B^b/D F Gm7 F/A E^badd9/B^b B^badd9 F/A Gm7 F/A

love. And to Him be ___ praise for His glo - rious reign, from the depths of ___ earth to the
 heart.

12 E^b B^badd9/D F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Cm7/E^b B^b/F Cm7/F

heights of Heav'n; We de - clare the ___ name of the Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal the King of Kings!

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Susan Johnson, having back surgery on April 27th, pray for relief from pain, wisdom for her doctors and an expedient treatment plan.
- Dennis Weise recovering from knee surgery.
- David Stevens (Jim & Cherie von Drehle’s grandson) is home from the hospital, please continue to pray for the family.
- Bernard Hoogland, pray for healing.
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), still fighting 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.
- Sara Cobb, baby is due in July.

Churches in our Presbytery:

New City Presbyterian, Ferndale- Pray for our ministries and new visitors to be welcomed and connect to the church .

Knox Presbyterian, Harrison Twp - Pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

Trinity, Hudsonville - Pastor Jeremy (Marie) Visser.

Reverend Dan Millward- please pray for the Detroit Project and the various church plants being started.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Mar 31, 2021</u>	<u>Mar 31, 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$73,559	\$84,154	\$69,825	\$14,329
Total Expenses	\$46,608	\$71,630		

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 25.

Sunday School -- Children and adult Sunday School will be held before the worship service at 9 am.

Benevolence Offering - today.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 1** immediately following the worship service. During this meeting the congregation will vote on new officers of the church. The nominees for elder and deacon are as follows: Elder: Tony Paladino, Rob Whims; Deacon: Rick Harkert, Darryl Johnson, Ron Sabotka, Brett Schut.

Freedom Builders Ministry will be hosting a missions week July 18-23. They are looking for volunteers who can provide help at works sties, provide transportation, and fix lunches. No construction skill or experience necessary! There are opportunities for individuals of every skill level to participate, serve our community, and show forth the love of Christ! If you are interested in signing up speak with Pastor Reed or Dave Van Dyk.

Ladies Bible Study in Hebrews - continues Fridays 9:30-11am in the sanctuary!

Please see Corky, Cherie, or Heidi for details.

Parents of young children: The Session would invite you to go and retrieve your children from the nursery during the sermon hymn and bring them back into the sanctuary for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. While they are still too young to fully understand the sacrament or receive the elements themselves, we believe there is a rich blessing that God reserves for them in being present for the distribution of the elements. As you come forward to receive the elements, we invite you to bring your young children with you to receive a benediction and even at a young age bear witness to God's covenant faithfulness to His people. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to speak to one of the elders or to Pastor Reed.

Ladies Pop-up Events - from a walk or cup of coffee to a day trip, we love getting together! If you'd like to receive a text message when an event is happening, contact Corky Crimmins.

This Week at Redeemer:

Paladino Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Weber Small Group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Husted Small Group—Thursday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

Ladies Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 am

Community Groups and meeting information:

Husted: 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6 pm

Paladino: 6 pm, every Wednesday

VanDyk: Will resume meeting in May

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

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



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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:

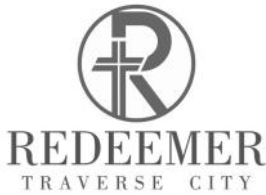
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1st Time Guest: ____

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

Pastor Reed

Fred Janke

Bill Morrison

Tom Nussdorfer

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

The Deacons

Dave VanDyk

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Sunday School: 9 am

Worship Services: 10:15 am

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