

#### 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

Nursery: Jessica & Maya

# The Lord's Service

May 1, 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 74:12-17

Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

You divided the sea by your might; you broke the heads of the sea monsters on the waters.

You crushed the heads of Leviathan;

you gave him as food for the creatures of the wilderness.

You split open springs and brooks; you dried up ever-flowing streams.

Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun.

You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter.

† Opening Hymn #100 Holy, Holy, Holy

#### † Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

† = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

# † 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**

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

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.

The Call to

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

# **Prayer of Confession**

"Almighty and most merciful Father,

We confess that often times we believe the lies of the Devil, and we follow after the idols of our own hearts. Too often we desire our own pleasures more than the glory of your name. Cleanse and forgives us in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Spirit, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will. Hear us, for we pray in Jesus' name, amen."

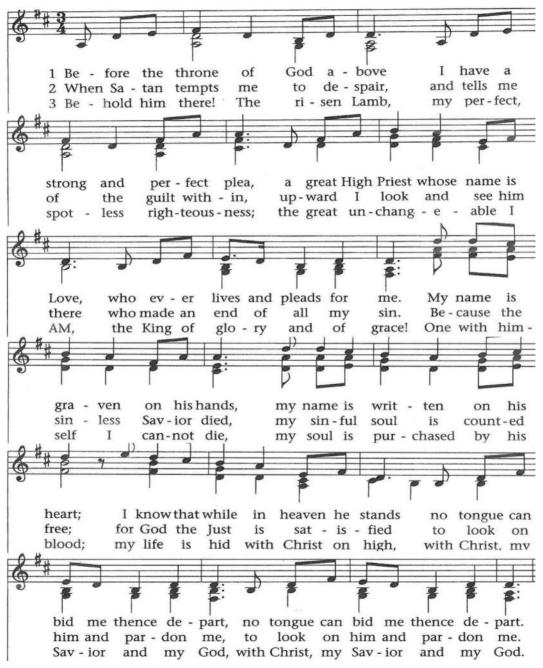
The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

# The Declaration **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

# **† Hymn of Assurance** "Before the Throne of God Above"



#### **Profession of Faith:**

Troy Mizell

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the follower of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

#### Questions to the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation now welcome Troy as a member of this body?

#### We do.

Do you promise to take seriously your responsibilities to build up this new member and to seek to practice with him true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

We do.

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

Revelation 12

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

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 28:1-19: 32:1-10

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Because your heart is proud, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas,' yet you are but a man, and no god, though you make your heart like the heart of a god— <sup>3</sup> you are indeed wiser than Daniel; no secret is hidden from you; <sup>4</sup> by your wisdom and your understanding you have made wealth for yourself, and have gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; <sup>5</sup> by your great wisdom in your trade you have increased your wealth, and your heart has become proud in your wealth— <sup>6</sup> therefore thus says the Lord God: Because you make your heart like the heart of a god, <sup>7</sup> therefore, behold, I will bring foreigners upon you, the most ruthless of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and defile your splendor. <sup>8</sup> They shall thrust you down into the pit, and you shall die the death of the slain in the heart of the seas. <sup>9</sup> Will you still say, 'I am a god,' in the presence of those who kill you, though you are but a man, and no god, in the hands of those who slay you? <sup>10</sup> You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners; for I have spoken, declares the Lord God."

 $^{11}$  Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me:  $^{12}\,^{\circ}$  Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GoD:

"You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup> You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. <sup>14</sup> You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. <sup>15</sup> You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.

<sup>16</sup> In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup> Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you. <sup>18</sup> By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries; so I brought fire out from your midst; it consumed you, and I turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all who saw you. <sup>19</sup> All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more forever."

#### Ezekiel 32:1-10

In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, raise a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him:

"You consider yourself a lion of the nations, but you are like a dragon in the seas; you burst forth in your rivers, trouble the waters with your feet, and foul their rivers. <sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord God: I will throw my net over you with a host of many peoples, and they will haul you up in my dragnet. <sup>4</sup> And I will cast you on the ground; on the open field I will fling you, and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you, and I will gorge the beasts of the whole earth with you. <sup>5</sup> I will strew your flesh upon the mountains and fill the valleys with your carcass. <sup>6</sup> I will drench the land even to the mountains with your flowing blood, and the ravines will be full of you. <sup>7</sup> When I blot you out, I will cover the heavens and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. <sup>8</sup> All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and put darkness on your land, declares the Lord God.

<sup>9</sup> "I will trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries that you have not known. <sup>10</sup> I will make many peoples appalled at you, and the hair of their kings shall bristle with horror because of you, when I brandish my sword before them. They shall tremble every moment, every one for his own life, on the day of your downfall.

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Thanks be to God!

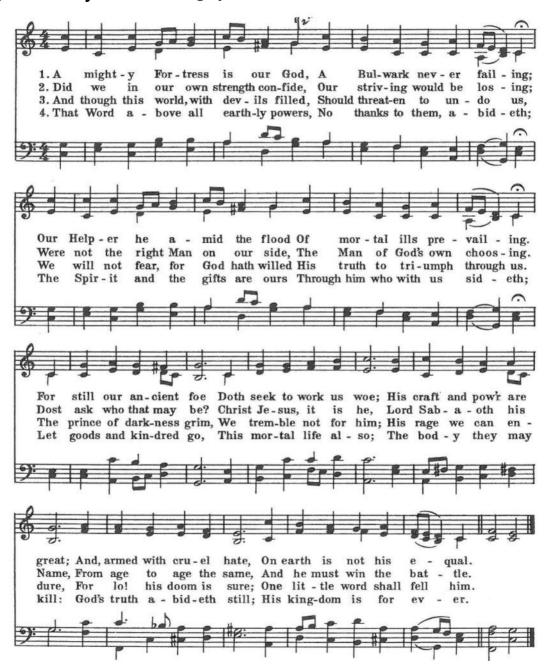
Sermon Title: "The Oracle against the Serpent" Pastor Austin Reed

**Sermon Outline** 

- 1.) The Fallen Cherub
- 2.) The Monster of the Nile
- 3.) The Judgment of the Dragon

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** Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation, therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready, always, to live for him.

# 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 "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



# † Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

# **Prayer Requests**

#### **Redeemer Family:**

- Susan Johnson, recovering from back surgery, 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:**

**University Reformed Church, East Lansing-** Pray for our pastoral staff and wisdom as we consider a church plant In Mount Pleasant.

**Reverend Walter Lorenz, PAL of the GLP** - Pray for the work that the GLP is doing particularly for the process of bringing a new church into the PCA.

**Great Lakes Presbytery** - Please pray for God's grace to be upon all the churches of the GLP and that we would remain faithful to God's word that the Kingdom may continue to grow.

Financials				Over (Under)
Year to Date	Mar 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2022	2022 Budget	<u>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 28:1-19 and 32:1-10.

There will be a Congregational Meeting this 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.

This morning we joyfully welcome Troy Mizell to full communicant membership. Let us rejoice together in God's covenant faithfulness!

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

**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.

**Nursery Refresh** - The nursery is going thorough some updates so will be unavailable for a few weeks.

**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

# **May 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am Cong. Meeting	2	3	4 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	5 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon	6 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am	7
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22 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am	23	24	25 Paladino SG, 6 pm Weber SG, 6 pm	26 Men's Study, 7:30 am Prayers, 12 noon Husted SG, 6 pm	27 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 - 11 am	28
29 Worship Service 10:15 am	30 Memorial Day	31				



# **Community Groups and meeting information:**

Husted: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6 pmPaladino: 6 pm, every WednesdayVanDyk: Will resume meeting in May

vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates

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& 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:
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

**Prayer Requests:** 

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

> The Deacons Dave VanDvk

Bill Morrison,	Jeff Kozisek,	

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Sunday School: 9 am Worship Services: 10:15 am

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