

May 29, 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 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: Berneice & Ashby

# The Lord's Service

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# Welcome and Announcements

# Prelude - "Come Home"

# **Carrie Berkompas**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling Calling for you and for me See on the portals He's waiting and watching Watching for you and for me

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home

Why should we tarry When Jesus is pleading Pleading for you and for me Why should we linger and heed not His mercies Mercies for you and for me

Oh for the wonderful love He has promised Promised for you and for me Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon Pardon for you and for me

**†** = Stand if able Bold Words = Congregation

# Call to Worship

#### Psalm 105:1-6

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Opening Hymn: "Be Unto Your Name"



# † 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**

Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

# **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. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise. 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 а gathering of perfect people.

#### The Decla-**Declaration of Forgiveness** ration of Forgive-Psalm 103:8-12 ness breaks The LORD is merciful and gracious, through the accusations slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ofour He will not always chide, conscience. the lies of nor will he keep his anger forever. the evil one, He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. proclaims For as high as the heavens are above the earth, amazing so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west. of the gosso far does he remove our transgressions from us. to our heart!

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**+ Hymn of Assurance** #501 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

# Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

# Scripture Reading

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah* 

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah* 

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 36:16-38

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>17</sup> "Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before me were like the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. <sup>18</sup> So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. <sup>19</sup> I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. <sup>20</sup> But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.' <sup>21</sup> But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

<sup>22</sup> "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eves, <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and vou shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within vou. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

<sup>33</sup> "Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup> And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup> And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' <sup>36</sup> Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

<sup>37</sup> "Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. <sup>38</sup> Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Title: "A Change of Heart"Sermon Outline1.) The Lord's Holy Name2.) The Lord's Holy People

Sermon notes:

#### **† Sermon Hymn** #204 "Arise, My Soul, Arise"



# **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** #55 "To God Be The Glory"

# **†** 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.
- 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.
- Sarah Cobb, baby is due in July.

# 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, peace and unity as these reforms are made, and continued growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**Pathway Community, Brighton** - Pray for a smooth transition for Stated Supply Andrew Chesebro and effective ministry to the Brighton area.

**Confex (Mwayi) Makhalira** - Praise the Lord for the ten people who just completed new members class and the two newly ordained and installed ruling elders. Pray for these men as they serve and continued spiritual and numerical growth.

# Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on Ezekiel 36:16-38

**Save the Date**—A fun and easy way to support Love Thy Neighbor Grand Traverse! Plan on joining us for a night at the Pit Spitters Game, Friday, June 10, 2022. Carrie Berkompas is singing the national anthem and \$3 of every ticket purchased will be used to support Love Thy Neighbor as they help the community.

**Summer Church Picnic**— Our first summer Church picnic will be on Sunday, June 5th right after the service at Greilickville Harbor Park. Plan to bring your lunch and enjoy some fellowship!

**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! If you are interested in signing up speak with Pastor Reed or Dave Van Dyk.

Ladies Summer Psalms Study—please join us as we discuss "uncommon Psalms" this summer! We will meet outdoors six Tuesday evenings, every other week starting June 14th. More information to come soon!

**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 (Contact Tony or Leslie for Location) 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

#### **Financials Over** (Under) Year to Date <u>April 30, 2021</u> April 30, 2022 2022 Budget Budget Total Giving + Rentals: \$102,081 \$114,796 \$93,100 \$21,696 \$61,851 \$103,027 **Total Expenses**

#### **Community Groups and meeting information:**

Husted: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6 pm Paladino: 6 pm, every other Wednesday VanDyk: Will resume meeting in May vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates & times.

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<u>Weber</u>:  $1^{st} \& 3^{rd}$  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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How did you hear about us:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Tony Paladino Fred Weber Rob Whims

David Schafer (Emeritus)

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