



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

September 4, 2022

The
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

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: Johanna & Nancy

The Lord's Service

September 4, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

*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!*

Psalm 104:31-32

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Opening Hymn: #164 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

† 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

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

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

Romans 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Prayer of Confession

“Almighty God,

Your Word has revealed our spiritual blindness. In the light of your perfect Law we see the idols of our hearts revealed. We repent of our sin, and confess freely to you who has promised to forgive us all of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to live worthy of your call.

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

Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Hymn of Assurance: #466 “I Sought the Lord and Afterward I knew”

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-32

“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. 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 eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. 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. 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. 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. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Offertory

† 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

John 2:23-3:15

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Jesus and Nicodemus Pt. 1”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) The Man from the Night**
- 2.) The Man of Eternal Life**

Sermon notes:

† Sermon Hymn: "Holy Spirit"

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul;
 2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
 3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, gi - ving life to all that God has made.

5 D Gadd9 D/F# A⁵ Asus A Gadd9 Gadd9/B A⁷/C# G/D Dadd9

Bring the pre - sence of the Ri - sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.
 Love e - nough to co - ver ev - ery sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
 Show Your pow - er once a - gain on Earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9 Gadd9 Dadd9/F# Gadd9 A⁷sus A⁷ Gma⁷/B Aadd9/C# Dadd9 Em⁷Em⁹ A⁷sus A⁷

Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see.
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
 Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,

13 Gadd9 D/F# Gadd9 A⁵ Asus A G D/F# Gadd9/B A⁷/C# D

Give me pass - ion for Your pu - ri - ty; Hol - y Spi - rit breathe new life in me.
 Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
 that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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 Peoples Praise You”

1. You have called us out of dark - est night, In - to Your glor - ious light, That
 2. May our ev - ery breath re - tell the grace That broke in - to our strife With
 3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, And
 4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard, May
 5. This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your Name to

we may sing the won - ders of the__ ris - en Christ. (Verse 2)
 bound - less love and deep - est__ joy, with__ end - less life. (Refrain)
 from Your hand we give to__ You, To__ make Christ known. (Verse 4)
 songs of praise build lives of__ grace To__ spread Your Word. (Refrain)
 ev - ery na - tion, tribe and__ tongue Your__ church pro - claim. (Refrain)

Refrain

May the peop - les praise You, Let the nat - ions be__ glad! All Your
 bless - ing comes that we may praise, May praise the name of__ Je sus.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **Richie Gunn's father** - Please pray for healing and wisdom for treatment of his heart issues.
- **Julie Reed** (Pastor Reed's mother) has been diagnosed with a malignant melanoma, and is undergoing a series of tests. Please pray that the cancer has not spread.
- **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) has leukemia and has begun a three year treatment plan. Please pray for him and his family.
- **Anne Smith** (mother of Scott Smith) Praise God for successful breast cancer surgery. Please pray for continued strength and healing.
- **Steve Ruhl**, Pray for strength while I am away and that I would be able to use the time to draw close to God.
- **Mark Sentell**, son-in-law of Fred and Gloria Janke, is recovering from a serious motorcycle accident. Please pray for healing and peace.
- **Carol Ann Lehman**, niece of the Sabotka's, is doing well. Praise God for healing.
- **Bernard Hoogland**, pray for healing.
- **Bobbie Van Til** (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk), admitted to a hospital in Pittsburgh. Pray for her and her family.
- **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:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Detroit MI – Pray for conference in September with Kevin DeYoung and various Church plants in Detroit area.

Christ Church, Ann Arbor MI – Pray for the Lord's provision in leasing downtown space and ministry to new students of RUF.

Daniel (Abby) Eguiluz—Pray for ongoing educational and preaching opportunities to equip the local congregations.

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on John 2:23-3:15

Weekly Volunteers Needed - As our Fall Ministry begins, we need additional volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers and helpers, greeters; to open and close the building; to set up communion and cleanup; and to serve in the nursery. Please see the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Thrive Medical Clinic (Formerly Pregnancy Care Center) will be doing the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser starting September 11th and running through October 9th. The bottles will be in the back starting next week so please pick one up and see Beth Nussdorfer if you have any questions.

Sunday School for all ages will begin September 18th.

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.

Ladies Fall Kickoff Dessert on Friday, September 9th from 6:30- 8pm. In addition to some sweet fellowship, we will discuss our 5 year Bible study plan and opportunities to plug in and serve. Please mark the date and plan to come!

Ladies Fall Bible Study- Come weekly to see how the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is a beautiful, epic, cohesive story about our God... meant to transform us and invite us into the glorious redemption of all things! Beginning September 13 and 16, Tuesday evenings (6:30-8pm) or Friday mornings (8:30-10am) at the church. Books will be available at our kickoff and the first week (no prep needed before then). Come and bring a friend!

This Week at Redeemer:

Weber small group - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

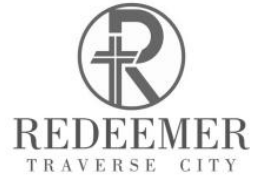
Prayer Meeting- Thursday at noon

Financials

Year to Date	<u>July 31, 2021</u>	<u>July 31 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$181,690	\$211,911	\$162,925	\$48,986
Total Expenses	\$134,063	\$176,875		

Community Groups and meeting information:

Paladino: 6 pm, Wednesday, September 21st
vonDrehle: Check with Jim or Cherie for dates & times.
Weber: 1st & 3rd 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:

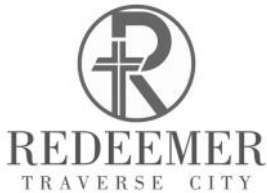
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1st Time Guest: ____

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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David Schafer (Emeritus)

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