



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

September 11, 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: Aubrey & Jenny

The Lord's Service

September 11, 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!*

Isaiah 41:10

fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Opening Hymn: #81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True"

† 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

1 John 4:19-21

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Prayer of Confession

"Almighty God,

We confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, or strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not kept your royal law of love. And yet, you have still loved us perfectly, and have shown that love through sending Jesus Christ to deliver us from our guilt. We thank you for this gift, and pray that your Spirit would conform us into the image of Christ.

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

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hymn of Assurance: "The Lord Is My Salvation"

1. The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

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And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

8 24. Refrain D/AE/A A E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# DA/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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 3:16-20

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: “Jesus and Nicodemus Pt. 2”

Pastor Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

1.) For God So Loved the World

Sermon notes:

† Sermon Hymn: “The Love of God”

The Love of God

Frederick Martin Lehman, 1917

Claudia Lehman Mays

♩=105

1. The love of God is great - er far Than tongue or pen can ev - er
 2. When years of time shall pass a - way, And earth - ly thrones and king - doms
 3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill, And were the skies of parch - ment

tell; It goes be - yond the high - est star, And reach - es to the low - est hell; The guilt - y
 fall, When men, who here re - fuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mount - ains call, God's love so
 made, Were ev - ery stalk on earth a quill, And eve - ry man a scribe by trade, To write the

pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His err - ing child He re - con -
 sure, shall still en - dure, All mea - sure - less and strong; Re - deem - ing grace to A - dam's
 love of God a - bove, Would drain the o - cean dry. Nor could the scroll con - tain the

Refrain
 - ciled, And par - doned from his sin. O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure -
 race— The saints' and an - gels' song. whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

- less and strong! It shall for - ev - er - more en - dure The saints' and an - gels' song.

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 Courtesy of the Cyber Hymnal™

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.

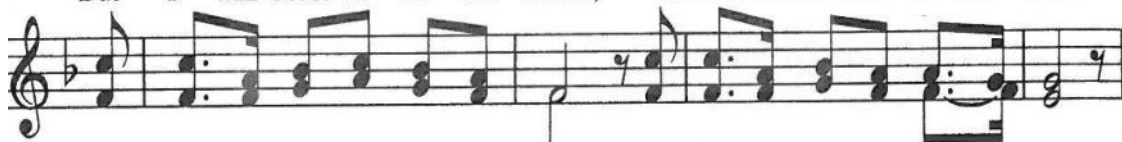
† Post Communion Hymn “How Deep the Father’s Love”



1. How deep the Fa-ther’s love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure;
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no power, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
 A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way
 It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
 Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

† 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:

New City Presbyterian, Ferndale MI— Asst. Pastor Matt Luchenbill Please pray for our transition as we are in the beginning process of a pastor search.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp MI—Pastor Douglas. Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

Dan Millward and the Detroit Project – The mission work of Metro North in Sterling Heights, Ann Arbor, West Dearborn, and Novi. Pray for financial and infrastructure support and the growth and ministry of those called to these areas.

Announcements

Sermon today - Pastor Austin Reed will preach on John 3:16-20

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 25th.

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 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!

Warm Hearts Foundation donation box with information is located by the church office, for school supplies being collected the month of September for an African children's school.

“An Evening with Westminster Seminary California” with President Joel E. Kim on Thursday, Oct 13, 2022 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Sunnybrook Country Club, Grandville, MI. Come see and hear about the fruit of God's blessings at WSC. You will not be asked to make a donation and there is no charge for the dinner, but a reservation is necessary. Please call 888-480-8474, or email rkats@wscal.edu for reservations.

Financials

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



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This Week at Redeemer:

Women’s Study—Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Men’s Study - Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting– Thursday at noon
Women’s Study—Friday, 8:30 am

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!

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd Time Guest: ____

Regular Attendee: ____

Member: ____



The Session

- Pastor Reed
- Bill Morrison
- Tom Nussdorfer
- Tony Paladino
- Fred Weber
- Rob Whims
- Fred Janke (Emeritus)
- David Schafer (Emeritus)

*If you would like to be prayed for
please fill out and place in the
Offering Plate*

Prayer Requests:

Share with congregation: ____

Private: ____

The Deacons

- Rick Harkert
- Darryl Johnson
- Ron Sabotka
- Brett C. Schut
- Dave VanDyk

Redeemer Staff

- Jeff Kozisek, Treasurer
- Bill Morrison, Assistant to the Pastor

Send me information about :

- ___ Becoming a Christian
- ___ Baptism
- ___ Membership
- ___ Serving on a Team
- ___ Small Groups
- ___ Other

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