



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

January 1, 2023

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

The Lord's Service

January 1, 2023

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

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

† = Stand if able

Bold Words = Congregation

† Opening Hymn: “My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”



1. My soul finds rest in God a lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a —
 2. Find rest my soul in God a lone, a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
 3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone, and trust in Him com - plete - ly, with —



for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though
 e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
 ev - ery day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mer - cy. Though



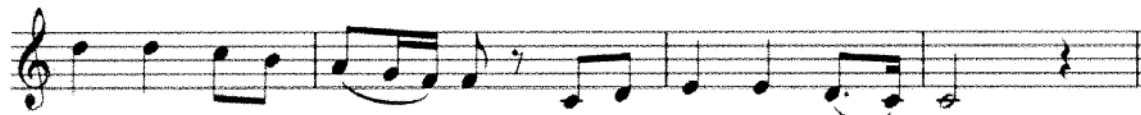
lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me. I'll —
 rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The —
 life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sight too deep to mea - sure, my —



fix my heart on right - eous - ness; I'll look to Him who hears me.
 fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.
 King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His for - ev - er.



O — praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my re - ward; ev - er -



last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

† 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

Galatians 3:10-12

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”

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.

Prayer of Confession

**“Gracious and Eternal God,
We come before you as sinners, yet as those who have boasted
in our own righteousness. We are lawbreakers, yet we judge our
neighbor. Forgive us of our transgressions, for what we have
done and left undone. Forgive us for seeking to be justified by
the work of our hands, rather than the work of Jesus Christ.
Cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew our faith and
trust in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and only hope. Renew us
through your Spirit,
Amen.”**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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



1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
 2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
 3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
 4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
 5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;



not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
 thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
 • thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
 and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
 he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.



Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
 • No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
 His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
 'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;



not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *Romans 4:1-8*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

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 : *John 6:22-71*

On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." ⁷¹He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon Title: "What Must We Do"

Reverend Austin Reed

Sermon Outline

- 1.) Earthly Bread
- 2.) The Bread of Heaven

Sermon Hymn Hymn #499 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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.

Psalms 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** Hymn #521 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response Hymn** #735 “Gloria Patri”

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) Praise God Drew has returned home! Please pray with us that 1. his body (especially his kidneys) will continue to heal, 2. the leukemia will be removed from his body, 3. he will not catch any other illnesses so that he may remain at home (his treatments and procedures will be given on an outpatient basis). Please also pray for his parents and siblings that the Lord will continue to give them strength and encouragement.
- **Julie Reed** (Pastor Reed's mother) Praise God that Julie has been approved for the treatment she needs at no cost. Please pray the treatment will be effective.
- **Anne Smith** (mother of Scott Smith) Praise God for successful breast cancer surgery. She has begun new treatments targeting the suspected cause of the cancer that will last almost another year. Please pray for continued strength and healing.
- **Bernard Hoogland**, pray for healing.
- **Bobbie Van Til** (sister-in-law of Ethan & Dirk) returned home from the hospital. Please continue to 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.
- **Russell Gunn, (Richie Gunn's father)** - Please pray for healing and wisdom for treatment of his heart issues.

Churches in the Presbytery:

Christ Church, Grand Rapids MI – Praise God for His faithfulness leading to the hiring of Roger (LeAnn) Qi as Director of Youth Ministries. Pray for the Qi’s move and transition. Pray for the associate pastor search team’s diligence, unity and discernment as they continue to seek the man God is calling. Thank the Lord for newly elected deacons and elders and their commitment to serving His Church. Pray for the spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing of our Campus Outreach staff and the college students they’re engaging within W. Michigan.

Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo MI–Pastor Neil (Leandra) Quinn – We rejoice and praise the Lord that we are having more college students attending our Sunday services, and that we have seen a handful come to faith in recent months. Please pray for the Campus Outreach staff at our church as they continue to proclaim the gospel on the campus of Western Michigan University, and please pray for us as a church that we would love these students well by standing firmly upon the truth of the gospel and welcoming them into Christian fellowship.

Heart City, Elkhart IN – Pastor Joel (Jamie) Irvin – **Praise God that:** 1) our worship space has many improvements as we celebrate our 2 yr anniversary service Christmas Eve 2) God provided us another new member in December 3) Pastor Joel's chaplaincy continues to bring souls to Christ. **Pray:** 1) that God rend the heavens and bring Revival in our community and for preparation on our part 2) God raise up new leaders in 2023 3) Finances for future renovations (sanctuary carpet, kitchen, side porch) member's class and deacon training that is starting in January.

Announcements

Ladies Book Club- All ladies are invited to read then gather once at the end of the month for discussion! January: A Secular Creed by Rebecca McLaughlin. February: Chosen by God by R.C. Sproul. If you're interested in hosting a morning or evening book club in your home, please see Heidi VanTil.

Youth Movie Night—will be on Saturday, January 21st. Details to follow.

Monthly Church Potlucks will resume on Sunday, January 22nd.

Quarterly Benevolence Offering—Our quarterly benevolence offering will be taken on Sunday, January 22nd.

Congratulations to Rick Harkert on being named Chairman of the Deacons.

Church closers needed—We need some volunteers who would be willing to close the building after the service on Sunday. Please see Deacon Rick Harkert for details.

Financials

	<u>Nov. 30, 2021</u>	<u>Nov. 30 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$298,868	\$322,215	\$256,025	\$66,190
Total Expenses	\$226,876	\$320,227		



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This Week at Redeemer:

Paladino Small Group—Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Men's Study-Thursday, 7:30 am
Prayer Meeting– Thursday, 12:00 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!

Community Groups and meeting information:

vonDrehle: 1st and 3rd Sunday after Church

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

How did you hear about us:

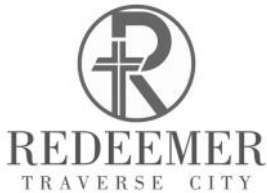
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1st Time Guest: ____

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

The Deacons

Rick Harkert
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