



*January 29, 2023*

REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*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.

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## 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 & Esther

# The Lord's Service

January 29, 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

*Isaiah 42:16*

“And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.

Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

† **Opening Hymn:** Hymn #38 “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”

† **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**

*Luke 11:33-36*

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

*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

**“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’ And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
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

*Colossians 1:12-14*

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

† Hymn of Assurance: "Before the Throne of God Above"

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me  
 3 Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
 spot - less righ - teous - ness; the great un - chang - e - able I

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can  
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading: *1 John 1:5-10*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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 7:53-8:30*

<sup>53</sup> [[They went each to his own house, <sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup> Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup> The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst <sup>4</sup> they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. <sup>7</sup> And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. <sup>10</sup> Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." ]]

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. <sup>18</sup> I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." <sup>19</sup> They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

<sup>21</sup> So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup> As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

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

**Sermon Title:** "The Light of the World"

Pastor Austin Reed

## **Sermon Outline**

1.) The Light of the World



# Sermon Hymn "In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain: then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
 power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'til on that  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -  
 stands in vic - tor - y sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er take me from His



cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in All, here in the  
 fied, for ev - ery sin on Him was laid; here in the  
 me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
 hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.  
 death of Christ I live.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 power of Christ I'll stand!

## 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 “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.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

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 2.4. 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.

## † Benediction

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

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- **Harkert Family**—Pray for comfort after the passing of Rick’s sister.
  - **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) Thank you for your continued prayers for Drew. As of yesterday, his "Interim Maintenance" phase officially came to a close. Today (Wednesday), he starts another block of treatment that is significantly more intense and is intended to hit any remaining leukemia cells pretty hard. It is intimidating to think an increase in the intensity of his treatment when the last two months have been so difficult. The chemo drugs he will receive in this block, which lasts 2 months, will hit his immune system hard. Please pray with us:
    - \* That the Lord will protect Drew from illness and infection throughout this block of treatment, which can be very dangerous for Drew with a severely suppressed immune system.
    - \* For protection for Drew from side effects of the chemo drugs, which is known to be more toxic (especially to the heart) and can be very nauseating.
    - \* That Drew would have courage to take all of his numerous oral medications each day.
    - \* That the Lord would strengthen Drew physically. He has lost weight and is still not fully recovered from his first round of steroids in August, which begin again today.
    - \* That the Lord would eradicate all of the leukemia from his body.
- Please also pray that the Lord would give his family strength, courage, and faith for each day as they struggle through this very difficult time.
- **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. Praise God for advances in medical science.
  - **Bobbie Van Til** (sister in law of Dirk and Ethan) has recurrent cancer. Please pray for God to give wisdom and comfort to 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:**

**New City Presbyterian, Ferndale MI— Asst. Pastor Matt (Michelle) Luchenbill** – Praising and thanking God for His continued faithfulness! Would you please pray for perseverance, steadfastness, endurance, and pressing on to the hope we have in Christ Jesus our Lord as we continue ministering to the church, family, and community. May we be found faithful to His commission to go and make disciples. Pray we will grow as worshippers of the One True God in every area of ministry.

**Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp MI—Pastor Douglas (Lesley) Graham; Asst. Pastor Jim (Sandy) Mascow** Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

**Dan Millward (Laura) and the Detroit Project –**

Dan (Laura) Millward, success in fund-raising for the infrastructure of THE DETROIT PROJECT. Please pray for our latest church-planting candidate, Micah (Laura) Jelinek. We are working on calling him as a church-planting fellow to ultimately plant in Clarkston/Waterford! Please pray for Steve (Mandy) Van Noort as they move toward public launch on February 26, 2023. And then generally please pray for all the planters—Ryan (Megan) McVicar, Red Tree Ann Arbor—Jerry (Katherine) Riendeau, Grace Dearborn—Shiv (Namhui) Muthukumar, Gospel Life Novi. Finally, please pray for Namhui who is due to give birth to their second child, a little girl, the end of January!

**Announcements**

**Congregational Meeting**—There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29th.

**Deacon Nominations**—Sunday, January 29th, is the last day to submit Deacon nominations.

**Redeemer Family Game Night-** For everyone! Save the date Friday February 10th 6:30-8:30pm in the fellowship hall

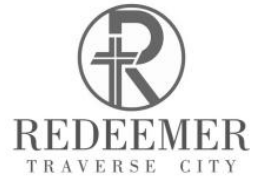
**Church closers needed**—We need some volunteers who would be willing to close the building after the service on Sunday. Please see Deacon Rick Harkert for details.

**Financials**

	<u>Dec 31, 2021</u>	<u>Dec. 31 2022</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$337,837	\$359,582	\$279,300	\$80,282
Total Expenses	\$251,758	\$379,027		

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about us:

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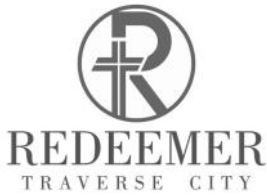
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1st Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_

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**The Deacons**

Rick Harkert  
Darryl Johnson  
Ron Sabotka  
Brett C. Schut

**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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**Worship Service 10:15 am**

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