



REDEEMER  
TRAVERSE CITY

*February 5, 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.

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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: Aubrey

# The Lord's Service

February 5, 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

*Psalm 145:17-19*

The LORD is righteous in all his ways  
and kind in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;  
he also hears their cry and saves them.

Stand if able

**Bold Words** = Congregation

† **Opening Hymn:** Hymn #76 “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

† **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**

*Proverbs 6:16-19*

There are six things that the LORD hates,  
seven that are an abomination to him:  
haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
and hands that shed innocent blood,  
a heart that devises wicked plans,  
feet that make haste to run to evil,  
a false witness who breathes out lies,  
and one who sows discord among brothers.

*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

**“Almighty God,  
With heartfelt sorrow we confess and repent of our offenses. Be  
pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all  
mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And as you  
remove our guilt and pollution, grant to us the daily increase of the  
grace of your Holy Spirit and the fruits of holiness and righteousness.  
We ask in the name of Jesus,  
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

*Galatians 3:13-14*

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

† Hymn of Assurance: Hymn #499 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Γ A D A D A Γ Bm<sup>7</sup> A E<sup>7</sup> A

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

E A E<sup>7</sup> A E A E<sup>7</sup> A

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

D A D A Γ Bm<sup>7</sup> A E<sup>7</sup> A Γ

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776  
 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.  
 Thomas Hastings, 1830

## Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Reading: *Galatians 4:1-7*

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 8:31-59*

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

<sup>39</sup> They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, <sup>40</sup> but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. <sup>41</sup> You are doing the works your father did."

They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup> Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup> Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup> Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup> The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup> Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup> Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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

**Sermon Title:** “Like Father, Like Son”

Pastor Austin Reed

### **Sermon Outline**

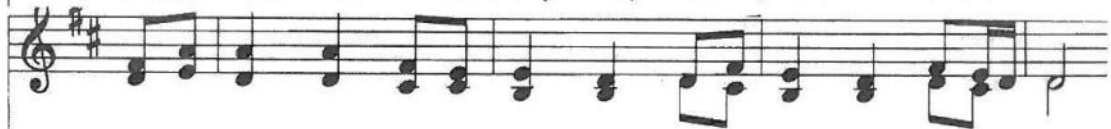
- 1.) The Freedom of the Truth
- 2.) Like Father, Like Son



## Sermon Hymn "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.  
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
But no grave could éer re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ Who con-de-scent - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un-meas - ured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.

## 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 "Be Unto Your Name"

1. We are a mo - ment, \_ You are for - ev - er, \_ Lord of the a -  
 2. We are the bro - ken, \_ You are the heal - er, \_ Je - sus, Re-deem-

- ges, \_ God be - fore \_ time; \_ We are a va - por, \_  
 - er, \_ might - y to \_ save; \_ You are the love \_ song \_

You are e - ter - nal, \_ Love ev - er - last - ing, \_ reign - ing on high. \_  
 we'll sing for - ev - er, \_ bow - ing be - fore \_ You, \_ bless - ing Your name. \_

**CHORUS**

— Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, \_ wor - thy

is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo -

- ry \_ be un - to Your name, \_ be un - to Your

name. \_

## † Benediction

## † Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- **Drew** (8 yr old grandson of Randy and Gail Lawton) Thank you for your continued prayers for Drew. Please pray with us:
  - \* That the Lord will protect Drew from illness and infection , (Drew is hospitalized with an infection in his colon), which can be very dangerous for Drew with a severely suppressed immune system.
  - \* For protection for Drew from the severe side effects of the chemo drugs.
  - \* That the Lord would strengthen Drew physically, as he continues to lose weight.
  - \* 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:

**University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI –Sr. Pastor Jason (Leah) Helopoulos, Assoc. Pastor Kevin (Emily) Phipps** - Praise for recent new members and a new semester of ministry. Pray for Devon (Taylor) Rossman as they get settled in Mount Pleasant for the church planting effort. Pray for a fruitful weekend as we host the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology on February 24-26.

**Rev. Walter (Mynda) Lorenz (Pastor at Large of GLP)** Please join in faithful prayers of (1) Thanksgiving to God for a wonderful year of church plants becoming particular churches in our GLP (Faith Church, Jennison, MI and Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo, MI) and for God leading other churches to join us in our GLP (Christ Church, Blantyre, Malawi and Hudsonville Reformed in Hudsonville, MI). (2) And in prayers of petition that God will raise up men strong and wise in faith as Elders and Deacons in our many newer ministries of church planting (currently at least 7). Gracehill in Grand Rapids, Ben Seneker pastor; wife Janae - Heart City in Elkhart, Joel Irvin pastor; wife Jamie - Metro North in Sterling Heights, Steve Van Noort pastor; wife Mandy - Dearborn Heights, Jerry Riendeau, wife Katherine - Ann Arbor plant by Ryan McVicar, wife Megan - Potential Novi plant with Shiv Muthukumar, wife Namhui - Detroit Project, Dan Millward, wife Laura - URC looking to Mount Pleasant/CMU; Devon Rossman Fellow at URC, wife Taylorgreat

**Great Lakes Presbytery:** Please continue to pray for those who have recently begun planting works within our bounds, for the faithfulness of all our teaching and ruling elders, for the Lord's steadfast provision, and for the glory of Christ in the GLP.

## Announcements

Gray skies got you down? Let the **Redeemer Family Game Night** brighten up your life. Join us Friday, February 10, 6:30-8:30 PM in the fellowship hall!

**Interested in learning more about Redeemer?** We are holding a "Get to Know Redeemer" class on three consecutive Thursday evenings. The class will be held on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd beginning at 6:30 pm. The sessions will run from 60-90 minutes. Food will be provided.

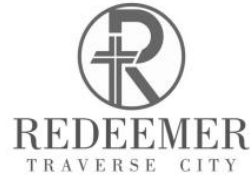
**Church closers needed—**We need some volunteers who would be willing to close the building after the service on Sunday. Please see Deacon Rick Harkert for details.

## 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	\$359,537	\$279,300	\$80,237
Total Expenses	\$251,758	\$363,782		

**This Week at Redeemer:**

Deacon Meeting—Tuesday, 6:00 pm  
Session Meeting—Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Men's Study-Thursday, 7:30 am  
Prayer Meeting- Thursday, 12:00 pm



**Community Groups and meeting information:**

**vonDrehle:** 1st and 3rd Sunday after Church  
**Paladino:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4th Wednesday at 6pm

**Mission Statement**—"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

**Vision Statement**—Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to proclaim Christ and Him crucified, to live as disciples of Christ, and to make disciples of Christ.

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

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How did you hear about us:

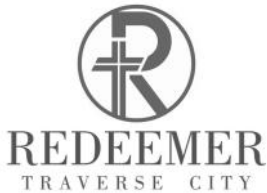
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_

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**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
- Darryl Johnson
- Ron Sabotka
- Brett C. Schut

**Redeemer Staff**

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

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