



# Redeemer

## Presbyterian Church

And being made perfect,  
He became the source of eternal salvation  
to all who obey Him,  
being designated by God a high priest  
after the order of Melchizedek.  
—Hebrews 5:9-10

**The Lord's Service**  
**March 29, 2009**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

## Welcome!

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If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the fellowship pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us in the narthex for coffee and refreshments after the service. Note: since many of our families with small children sit near the back of the church, visitors may wish to sit closer to the front to avoid any possible distractions during the worship service.

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If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the elders. We would be glad to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. You may also visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at Redeemer: [www.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.org).

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The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the culmination of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward with their parents and will be acknowledged by the pastor. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. Note: The inner ring of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

Silent Preparation for Worship  
Prelude

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## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 135:1, 13

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** “Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him” Bulletin, p. 9

†**Invocation**

Psalm 119:10-16

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You;

**People: let me not wander from Your commandments!**

Pastor: I have stored up Your word in my heart,

**People: that I might not sin against You.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes!

**People: With my lips I declare all the rules of Your mouth.**

Pastor: In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

**People: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.**

**All: I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**God’s Greeting**

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

†**Response** (*in song*) “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.**

**Confession of Sin**

Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

Pastor: For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Since we cannot hide our sins, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace to confess our sins so that we may receive mercy.

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†=Congregation stands.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**All: Almighty God, we open our hearts to You in sorrow for our sins. We have not always loved You as we should. We have not always treated others in a kind and loving way. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to live a life that is more pleasing to You. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 4:14-15; 7:25

Pastor: “We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. . . . [He] has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. . . . Therefore He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, has atoned for your sins and satisfied the wrath of God toward you?

**People: We do.**

Pastor: In the name of Christ and by the authority of His Word, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #181 “We Come, O Christ to You”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

**Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 10:35-45

Bill Morrison

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Hebrews 5:1-10

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “The Perfect High Priest”

**Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering**

*Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.*

**Prayers of Intercession (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)**

# Holy Communion

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

All who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical Christian church, or those who have been approved by the Session, may participate in the Lord's Supper. (Note about Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner rings contain non-alcoholic wine.)

## Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy \*catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The word "catholic" means "universal."

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. We ask that You will take these common elements of bread and wine and set them

apart for holy use to strengthen and edify Your people. For by water and the Holy Spirit You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth Your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Sanctus** (*in song*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

**Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion Hymn** #306 “Jesus, My Great High Priest”  
 #197 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

**Prayer after Communion** (*in unison*)

We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, You have given us Your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We ask that the gifts of Your grace would strengthen and preserve us steadfast in the true faith now and forever. By Your Holy Spirit enable us to serve our neighbors so that You may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn #643 “Judge Me, God of My Salvation”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

## **Serving Today**

Elder: Dave Schafer

Piano: Nicole Gentry

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

Reader: Bill Morrison

*Today Pastor Millward is wearing a purple stole. Purple represents royalty and reminds us of the kingship and sovereignty of Christ. Purple is also associated with repentance from sin. This color is displayed during the seasons of Advent and Lent, which are times of preparation and penitence.*

## **Announcements**

### **After Today's Service...**

Please join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon.

### **Next Sunday, April 5**

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 12:12-16.

Hymns: Insert "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#470 "How Vast the Benefits Divine"

#425 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

#421 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

#235 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Make a time this week for preparation and prayer.

**Sunday, March 29** - Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon following the morning worship service.

**Wednesday, April 1 and 15, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Noon Hour Study Group** will meet in the conference room at the church office.

**Wednesday, April 1, 15, and 29, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group** will meet at the home of Joann Bissell. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, April 8, 7:00pm - Ladies' Study.**

**Thursday, April 9 - 5:30pm - Maundy Thursday Communion Service** followed by a **Fellowship Meal.**

**Wednesday, April 22, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Study** will be held at the church.

**Sunday, April 26 - Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon** following the morning worship service.

**Thursday Mornings - 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study** meets in the conference room at the church office and is studying the book of Proverbs.

## **Points to Ponder**

### **Christ, Our High Priest**

That the Messiah was to be a priest was foretold in the Old Testament (Ps. 110:4; Zech. 6:13), and foreshadowed in the Levitical priesthood of Israel. In the New Testament the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapters 5–10, shows that Christ is the one and only High Priest that actually reconciled the world unto God.

“For such an High Priest became us” (we had need of) “who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, First for His own sins, and then for the people’s: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore” (Hebr. 7:26–28). This text clearly points out the difference between Christ and the other priests. They were men, having sin and infirmity; Christ is the Son of God, holy and perfect and higher than the heavens. They had to sacrifice first for their own sins; Christ had no sins of His own for which to sacrifice. They offered animals; Christ offered up Himself, and thus He was both the Priest and the Sacrifice. The necessary repetition of their sacrifices proved them to be ineffective (Hebr. 10:1. 2); by one sacrifice Christ effected an eternal redemption (Hebr. 9:12; 10:14).

Opening Hymn

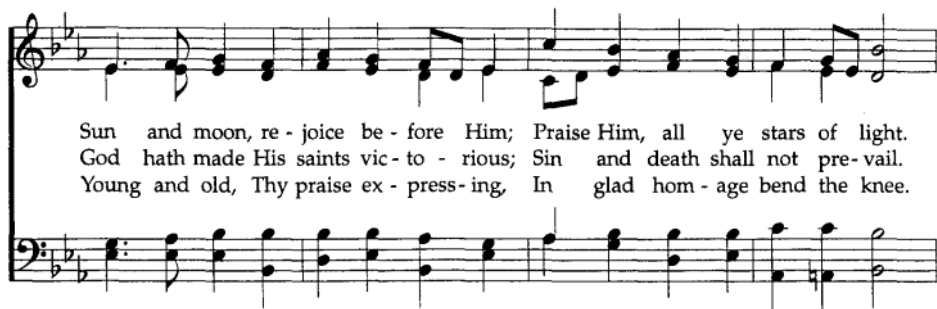
# Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him



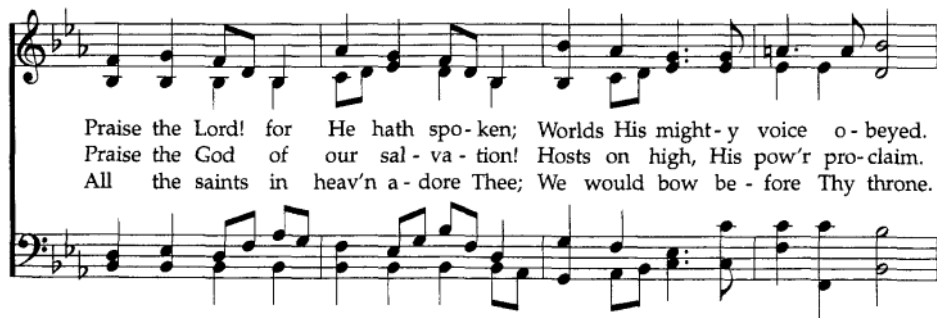
1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dore Him; Praise Him, an - gels, in the height.  
2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; Nev - er shall His prom - ise fail.  
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to Thee.



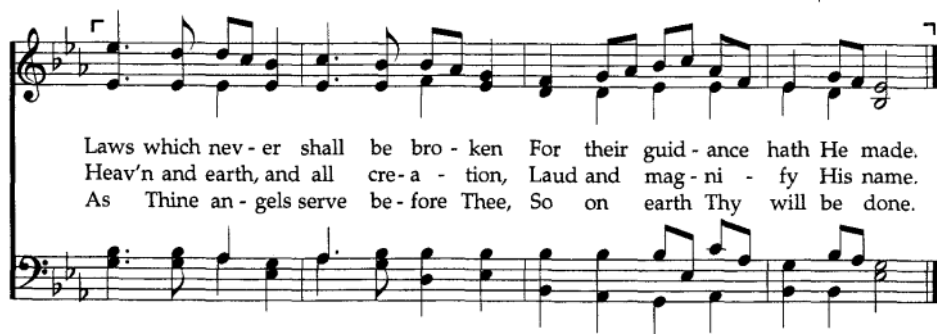
Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
God hath made His saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.  
Young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing, In glad hom - age bend the knee.



Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; Worlds His might - y voice o - beyed.  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, His pow'r pro - claim.  
All the saints in heav'n a - dore Thee; We would bow be - fore Thy throne.



Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance hath He made.  
Heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy His name.  
As Thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee, So on earth Thy will be done.



March 29, 2009  
**Prayer Requests**

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***FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...***

**Health / Healing**

- Lindy Van Til - the results from a recent blood sugar monitoring device are being analyzed. Pray that these results will aid in managing her diabetes.
- Dominic Nittolo - Lengthening process is complete. He will have surgery the middle of April to remove a screw in his ankle. Please pray for continued bone strengthening and growth in his leg.

**Other Concerns**

- Pray that we will raise the needed funds to complete the purchase of the Ninth Street facility.
- Pray that our church would have the evangelistic vision Christ commissioned us with, and also passion, wisdom, and boldness in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Prayer for our pastor, elders, and deacons - for their encouragement, strength, and joy in the work to which God has called them.

***FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...***

**Health / Healing**

- Eleanor Kaarre (Mary Doran's mother) - has a serious heart condition.

**Our Country and Armed Forces**

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- Pray for President Obama, his advisors, and other national, state, and local leaders.

## **Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches**

- Bristol family in Querétaro, Mexico; Hershberger family in Bulgaria; Thornton family in Ukraine; Nellie Vos in France; and the mission work in Burma.

### ***FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...***

- Redeemer Presbyterian, Traverse City, MI - Pray for: fund-raising efforts for the facility we've made an offer on, efforts to get into the new building to go smoothly, God-driven vision for outreach, retention of jobs of those who are employed, new jobs for those struggling to find work to care for their families, generosity by those who have been given much, and our Elders and Deacons and the work that is before them.
- Michiana Covenant, South Bend, IN - Pray for: four deacon interns, those seeking employment, building expansion plans, summer intern Brandon Addison, and the men's leadership study. Praise for: new members (both through conversion and infants), and increasing enrollment in Michiana Covenant (home school) Academy.
- Teaching Elder Mark Levine - Pray for: Blessing on ministry as I disciple and counsel soldiers and family members, build relationships with non-believers to share Christ with them, and work as an ethics instructor. Sustaining grace for Cameron and me as I will be attending more schooling all summer.

*If you have any prayer requests or an update on a current request,  
please contact David Peterson at 946-1700.*

## The Session (Pastor and Elders)

Rev. Daniel Millward, Pastor .....	922-7270
David Schafer .....	946-5501
Fred Weber .....	947-0426

## The Deacons

Jerry DeVries .....	938-2317
Forbes Husted .....	929-7291
C. J. Weber .....	275-3475

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## Scripture Readings for this Week

Our Scripture readings are taken from the Daily Lectionary. It provides for reading twice through the New Testament and once through the Old Testament during a two-year cycle. The readings also reflect the seasons of the liturgical year. (Please note that during various seasons of the Church year, the Psalm readings often repeat.)

Sun.	Psalm 84:1-12	Jeremiah 23:16-32	1 Corinthians 9:19-27	Mark 8:31-9:1
Mon.	Psalm 119:73-80	Jeremiah 24:1-10	Romans 9:19-33	John 9:1-17
Tue.	Psalm 34:1-22	Jeremiah 25:8-17	Romans 10:1-13	John 9:18-41
Wed.	Psalm 5:1-12	Jeremiah 25:30-38	Romans 10:14-21	John 10:1-18
Thu.	Psalm 27:1-14	Jeremiah 26:1-24	Romans 11:1-12	John 10:19-42
Fri.	Psalm 22:1-31	Jeremiah 29:1-14	Romans 11:13-24	John 12:1-10
Sat.	Psalm 43:1-5	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Romans 11:25-36	John 12:37-50

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**Worship: Sundays 10:00 a.m.**

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