



# Redeemer

## Presbyterian Church

But these are written  
so that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
and that by believing  
you may have life in His name.  
—John 20:31

**The Lord's Service**

**April 19, 2009**

## 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 148:13

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #2 “O Worship the King”

vv. 1-4

†**Invocation**

Psalm 46:1-3, 7

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

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*) #342 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

v. 5

**Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
While unending ages run.**

**Confession of Sin**

Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18

Pastor: Our covenant God reveals His will in these two verses: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.” God’s law clearly reveals that we are accountable to Him. We do not live up to the perfect standard of His righteousness. Therefore, with one voice, let us confess our sins to Him.

**All: Gracious heavenly Father, we have heard Your word and are grieved by our sinfulness. We have not loved or served You as we should, but instead often ignore Your covenant with us. We have not always honored and revered Your name, but instead have abused it. We have also disregarded Your word and do not always listen and learn it. Nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Instead, we often behave selfishly and unkindly. For these and all our sins, we ask for mercy, grace, and pardon.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. 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 I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #242 “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Fred Weber

**First Reading** Acts 4:32-35

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Epistle Reading** 1 John 1:1-4

Bill Morrison

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon Text Reading** John 20:19-31

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Peace Be with You”

**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 Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor: 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

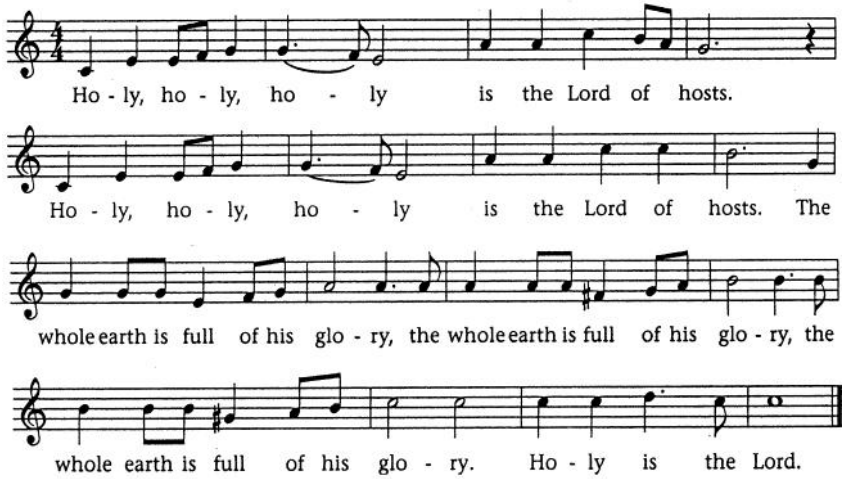
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

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

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

Pastor: Truly it is right and our greatest joy to give thanks to You heavenly Father, at all times and in every place. We ask with confidence that You will take these common elements of bread and wine and set them apart for holy use to strengthen and edify Your people. We praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all 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 Hymns #279 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”  
#283 “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

## Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the great mystery of this holy feast. Although we are unworthy to share in this meal, dressed in Christ's righteousness we have come boldly to the Holy Supper. Instead of wrath, we have received Your pardon; in the place of fear we have been given hope. Please strengthen us by these gifts so that, relying only on Your promise, we may, by Your Spirit, honor You in all we do, to the glory of Your holy name.  
Amen.

†Closing Hymn “Jesus, Lord, Redeemer”

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†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

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## Serving Today

Elder: Fred Weber  
Reader: Bill Morrison  
Piano: Connie Van Til  
Harp: Miriam Johnson  
Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

*Today Pastor Millward is wearing a white stole. White represents purity and reminds us of the sinless righteousness of Christ in which all believers are robed. This color is typically worn for Christmas Eve/Day, Easter Sunday, Easter season, and weddings. White is also commonly worn at funerals where it symbolizes the hope of the resurrection.*

## Announcements

### After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

### Next Sunday, April 26

Rev. Henry Entingh will be preaching on Ezekiel 9:1-11.

Hymns: #347 "The Church's One Foundation" vv. 1, 3, 5  
#354 "Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation"  
#423 "According to Thy Gracious Word"  
#427 "Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"  
#345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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

Next Sunday, we will also collect our quarterly **Benevolence Offering**. Please prayerfully consider how you may give to this important fund.

Following the morning worship service, we will also enjoy our **Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon**.

**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.

**Wednesday, May 6 and May 20, 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Noon Hour Study Group** will meet in the conference room at the church office.

**Wednesday, May 6 and May 20, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group** will meet at the home of Joann Bissell. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, May 6, 7:00pm - Ladies Study** at Espresso Bay downtown.

**Wednesday, May 13, 5:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Meal and Study** will be held at the church.

**Wednesday, May 27, 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Study** will be held at the church office conference room.

**Sunday, May 31 - Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon** following the morning worship service.

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**Sermon Notes**

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Closing Hymn  
**Jesus, Lord, Redeemer**

1. Je - sus, Lord, Re - deem - er, Once for sin - ners slain,  
2. Faith - ful ones, com - mun - ing, Toward the close of day,  
3. In the up - per cham - ber, Where the ten, in fear,

Cru - ci - fied in weak - ness, Raised in pow'r, to reign,  
Des - o - late and wea - ry, Met thee in the way.  
Gath - ered sad and troub - led, There thou didst ap - pear.

Dwell - ing with the Fa - ther, End - less in thy days,  
So, when sun is set - ting, Come to us, and show  
So, O Lord, this eve - ning, Bid our sor - rows cease;

Un - to thee be glo - ry, Hon - or, bless - ing, praise.  
All the truth; and in us Make our hearts to glow.  
Breath - ing on us, Sav - iour, Say, "I give you peace." A - MEN.

April 19, 2009  
**Prayer Requests**

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

**Health / Healing**

- Dominic Nittolo - His surgery was successful and he can now begin to walk! Praise God!

**Other Concerns**

- Stephen Morrison - Please pray for Stephen's spiritual and physical strength and his mental focus as he finishes his very busy final semester and his thesis.
- 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**

- Dick Crowe - went to be with the Lord.
- Dick Scott (Tim's father) back in hospital.
- Keegan Beyer - finished a three-year treatment plan for leukemia. Praise God for sustaining him during this time and please pray that Keegan continues to remain cancer free.

**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...***

- Northwest Presbyterian, Dublin, OH - Pray for: our three worship services this Easter Lord's Day, stirring of our hearts to marvel at Jesus' death and resurrection, prepared ears and hungry hearts for the Gospel declaration, our 'Christianity Explored' investigative Bible study, discernment in God's leading of elder and deacon candidates, and wisdom for current leaders to minister well to many impacted by the current economic environment.
- First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, MI - Pray for: financial stability for our members, financial stability for our congregation's General Fund, and healing of a member with an Aortic Aneurysm.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Sam Blosser, Pastor Greg Blosser and Charity Blosser's 4 year old who has Juvenile dermatomyositis - an autoimmune disease. Praise that: Sam is doing well right now.

*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 93:1-5	Isaiah 43:8-13	1 Peter. 2:2-10	John 14:1-7
Mon.	Psalm 97:1-12	Daniel 1:1-21	1 John 1:1-10	John 17:1-11
Tue.	Psalm 98:1-9	Daniel 2:1-16	1 John 2:1-11	John 17:12-19
Wed.	Psalm 99:1-9	Daniel 2:17-30	1 John 2:12-17	John 17:20-26
Thu.	Psalm 47:1-9	Daniel 2:31-49	1 John 2:18-29	Luke 3:1-14
Fri.	Psalm 96:1-13	Daniel 3:1-18	1 John 3:1-10	Luke 3:15-22
Sat.	Psalm 92:1-15	Daniel 3:19-30	1 John 3:11-18	Luke 4:1-13

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