



# Redeemer Presbyterian Church

And the Lord said to him,  
“Pass through the city, through Jerusalem,  
and put a mark on the foreheads of the men  
who sigh and groan over all the abominations  
that are committed in it.”  
—Ezekiel 9:4

**The Lord's Service**  
**April 26, 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 113:1

Rev. Henry Entingh

†**Opening Hymn** #347 “The Church’s One Foundation”

vv. 1, 3, 5

†**Invocation**

Psalm 113:2-4

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord,

**People: From this time forth and forever.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: The Lord is high above all nations;

**People: His glory is above the heavens.**

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*) “Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

James 3:2, 8; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6; Isaiah 59:12-13

Pastor: “We all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.” “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” “For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” God’s Law acts like a mirror, revealing the depth and seriousness of our sin. Let us, therefore, humbly repent and confess before almighty God.

**All: Almighty God, merciful Father, our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:**

**transgressing and denying the Lord, and turning away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving in and uttering from the heart lying words. These sins and more we have committed against You. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 59:16-17a

Pastor: The Scriptures declare, “the Lord saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head.” Brothers and sisters, God has provided forgiveness and salvation through the one Man, Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord. Having confessed your sins to Almighty God, hear and believe His promise of salvation through Christ alone and be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #354 “Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 87

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Romans 8:31-39

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Ezekiel 9:1-11

Rev. Henry Entingh

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “God’s Indelible Mark”

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

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

**Pledges to be Collected for New Building**

*If you forgot to bring your pledge, please mail it to Redeemer Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 4113, Traverse City, MI 49684-4113.*

**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

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

**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.**

**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!**

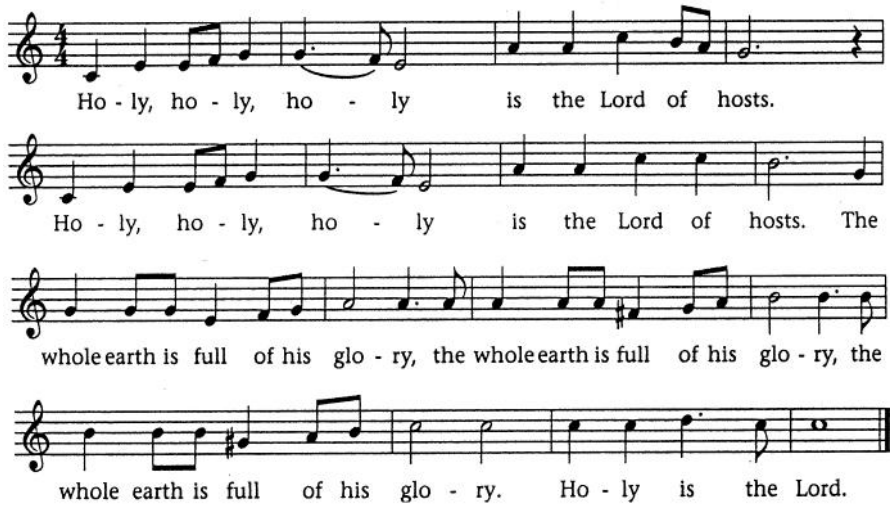
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise You and give thanks to Your name. 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. Great and wonderful are Your works. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift

our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim 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** #423 “According to Thy Gracious Word”  
#427 “Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”

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

We give You most hearty thanks, O Lord, for all the mercies You have shown us, Your people. We especially praise You for the Supper of Your Son. We thank You for the spiritual food of our Lord’s body and blood, and ask that You sustain and protect us throughout this troubled life, until the veil of this present age is lifted, and we see You face to face. We pray, O Father, in the power of Your Spirit and in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

†**Closing Hymn** #345 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

†**Benediction**

†**Benediction Response** “Three-fold Amen”

## **Serving Today**

Elder: Dave Schafer

Reader: David Peterson

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

*Today Rev. Entingh 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 our monthly covered-dish luncheon.

### **Next Sunday, May 3**

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 10:11-18.

Hymns: #170 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

#161 "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"

#473 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

#424 "Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless"

#599 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

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

**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.

# Points to Ponder

## Mourning Over Sin

People mourn for many reasons: sickness, pain, bereavement, material loss, wounded pride, etc. In the present context [of Matt. 5] however, a basically different kind of mourning is in view. It is the mourning of those who recognize their spiritual bankruptcy (first beatitude) and are—or are presently going to be—hungering and thirsting for righteousness (fourth beatitude), that is emphasized. To be sure, when a person bemoans his sin he also laments sin's consequences (Rev. 21:4). From the many distresses of life, including the physical, none need be excluded. But they are included only in their character as the results of sin. Accordingly, by no means all mourners are here called blessed. Cf. II Cor. 7:10.

It is not necessary, however, to limit this mourning to that which takes place because of a person's own individual sins: those whereby he himself has grieved his God. That type of sorrow can be poignant indeed (Ps. 51:4). More, however, is undoubtedly included. The regenerated learn to love God to such an extent that they will begin to weep because of "all the deeds of ungodliness which the ungodly have committed in such an ungodly manner" (Jude 15). Their mourning therefore is God-centered, not man-centered. They "sigh and cry" not only over their own sins, nor only over these plus the power of the wicked to oppress the righteous (Hab. 1:4; II Tim. 3:12), but "over all the abominations that are done in the midst of Jerusalem" (Ezek. 9:4). It grieves them that God, their own God whom they love, is being dishonored. Cf. Ps. 139:21. This type of grief "to the glory of God" is also strikingly expressed in Ps. 119:136, "Streams of water run down my eyes because they do not observe thy law." See also Ezra 10:6. In a most touching chapter Daniel, in mourning over and making confession of sin, combines his own personal sins and those of his people (Dan. 9:1–20; see especially verse 20). In doing so he pleads, "O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, O Lord hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name" (verse 19).

The powerful surge of emotion that characterizes the outpouring of heart expressed in Ps. 119 and in Dan. 9 fits the present context, because the word for mourning in the second beatitude indicates a sorrow that begins in the heart, takes possession of the entire person, and is outwardly manifested.<sup>266</sup>

The blessedness of these people consists in this, that they shall be comforted. Godly sorrow turns the soul toward God. God, in turn, grants comfort to those who seek their help from him. It is he who pardons, delivers, strengthens, reassures (Ps. 30:5; 50:15; Isa. 55:6, 7; Mic. 7:18–20; Matt. 11:28–30). Thus tears, like raindrops, fall to the ground and come up in flowers (Ps. 126:5; Eccl. 7:3; John 14; I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 1:3, 4; Rev. 7:14–17; 21:4).

At times the comfort consists in this, that the affliction itself is removed (II Chron. 20:1–30; 32:9–23; Ps. 116; Isa. 38; Acts 12:5 ff.; etc.). Often, however, the affliction remains for a while but a weight of glory outbalances the grief (II Cor. 4:17; 12:8, 9). Think also of Rom. 8:28; even better, of 8:28–39. Most beautifully is this "comfort" summarized in Lord's Day 1 of The Heidelberg Catechism.

—William Hendriksen, *Baker New Testament Commentary: Exposition of Matthew*.

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**Sermon Notes**

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**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...*

**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...*

- Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, OH - Pray for: new servant leaders & officers through Leadership Training (joint venture with Grace Central & Granville Chapel), and Will Waddell serving army in Afghanistan.
- Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, MI - Pray for: our addiction bible study, the addition of new families, continued peace and unity in the church, a future RUF at MSU, and an evangelistic fervor in the congregation.
- Teaching Elder Tom Vanden Heuval - Pray for: Travel safety in May on return to our home in Fennville, MI and our home church of Covenant PCA in Holland, MI, routine visits at Mayo Clinic on our way home, and ministry serving Zion United Reformed Church in Ripon, CA. beginning in September.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Sam Blosser, Pastor Greg Blosser and Charity Blosser's 4 year old who has Juvenile dermatomyositis.

*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	Daniel 4:1-18	1 Peter 4:7-11	John 21:15-25
Mon.	Psalm 97:1-12	Daniel 4:19-27	1 John 3:19-4:6	Luke 4:14-30
Tue.	Psalm 98:1-9	Daniel 4:28-37	1 John 4:7-21	Luke 4:31-37
Wed.	Psalm 99:1-9	Daniel 5:1-12	1 John 5:1-12	Luke 4:38-44
Thu.	Psalm 47:1-9	Daniel 5:13-30	1 John 5:13-21	Luke 5:1-11
Fri.	Psalm 96:1-13	Daniel 6:1-15	2 John 1-13	Luke 5:12-26
Sat.	Psalm 92:1-15	Daniel 6:16-28	3 John 1-15	Luke 5:27-39

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