



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

“I am the vine, you are the branches;
he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit,
for apart from Me you can do nothing.”
—John 15:5

The Lord's Service
May 10, 2009

Welcome!

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.

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.

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

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 30:4

Pastor Dan Millward

†Opening Hymn #379 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

†Invocation

from Psalm 18:2-3, 30-35

Pastor: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

People: He is My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;

Pastor: He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**People: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and
I am saved from my enemies.**

Pastor: He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

People: The Lord has also given me the shield of His salvation,

**All: And His right hand upholds me; and His gentleness makes me
great.**

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*) “Thy Strong Word” v. 4

(Tune: Ebenezer)

God the Father, Light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever

Praise the Holy Trinity!

Confession of Sin

1 Peter 1:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Pastor: As the children of God, we are called to obedience and conformity to Christ. Like the Holy One who called us, we are to be holy in all our

behavior, just as it is written: YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.

Yet, because of our flesh we fall short and do not live in a manner worthy of the God who called us into His own kingdom and glory. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

All: Gracious Heavenly Father, because of our fallen nature, we have not lived in accordance with Your holiness. We have transgressed Your laws and failed to keep Your commands. There are those we have hurt, and those we have failed to help. Our thoughts and desires are stained with sin. Therefore, merciful Father, we confess to You all our sins with which we have offended You. We are truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. And we pray according to Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of Christ, that You would be gracious and merciful to us. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

from 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Pastor: Because of His great mercy, and for our sake, God has made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Through Christ, God has reconciled us to Himself, and has not counted our trespasses against us. 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** “Psalm 22”

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†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

Forbes Husted

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†**Sermon Text Reading** John 15:1-11

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “That Your Joy May Be Made Full”

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time and RSVP for the Wednesday Family Night Dinner.

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!

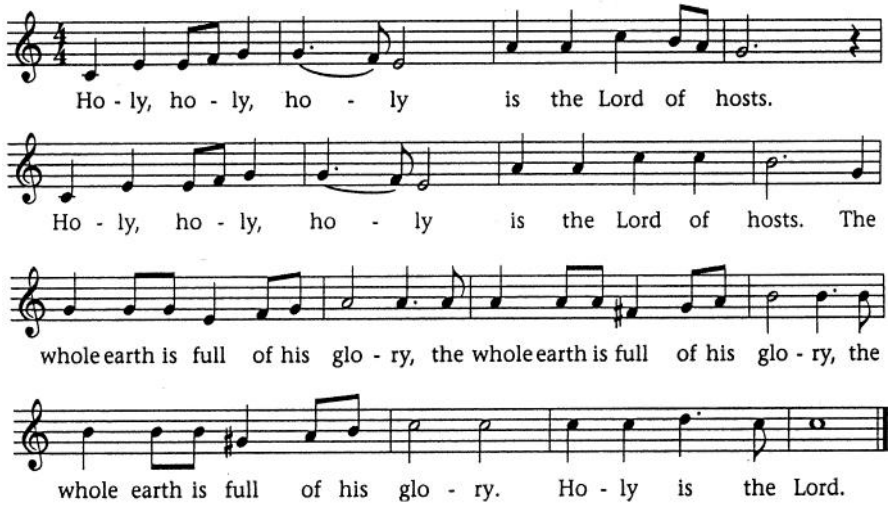
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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

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

Pastor: It is truly right, and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. We ask You to set apart for Your holy use these common elements of bread and wine that they may strengthen and edify Your people. In Your wisdom, You made all things, and sustain them by Your power. You formed us in Your own image, setting us in this world to love and to serve You. Therefore we praise You, 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 #429 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”
#646 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Closing Hymn #604 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Serving Today

Elder: Dave Schafer
Reader: Forbes Husted
Piano: Mary Doran
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, May 17

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 15:12-17.

Hymns: #535 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"
#498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"
#645 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
#186 "One There Is, above All Others"
#172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

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 13, 5:30pm to 8:00pm - Family Night Meal and Study will be held at the church. *Please RSVP on the fellowship pad as to how many in your family will be attending.*

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

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

A Gracious Work of God

Spiritual growth is a gracious work of God in the regenerate whereby they increase in both habitual and actual grace.

Spiritual growth is a work of God. The spiritual life of the regenerate proceeds from God, who has caused them to be regenerated according to His will. The preservation of that spiritual life in them is also from God, who, by His power, preserves them by faith unto salvation. If that were not so, they would lose it a thousand times in one day. Likewise the increase and growth of spiritual life also proceed from God. Believers, by reason of the spiritual life within them, cannot of themselves bring about anything unless this were at all times joined by the preceding, cooperating, and pursuant power of the Holy Spirit. “Without Me ye can do nothing” John 15:5; “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do” Phil. 2:13. The persons referred to here are already regenerate, and yet these words are said of them. Since it is God who grants, preserves, and activates life, it is likewise He alone who causes life to increase. “Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish” Ps. 92:13; “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength” Isa. 40:29. The disciples therefore prayed, “Increase our faith” Luke 17:5.

The Lord causes spiritual life to grow by granting an increased measure of His Spirit. The water which Ezekiel witnessed coming out of the sanctuary, continually increased. First it came to the ankles, then to the knees, then to the loins, and after that it could not be passed over Ezek. 47:1–5. Elisha desired a double portion of the spirit of Elijah and received it 2 Ki. 2:9. On the day of Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost Acts 2:4. As God, in the realm of nature, causes trees and herbs to grow by way of rain and sunshine, He likewise does so in spiritual life. He does so by means of:

1. the Word, that is, the sincere milk 1 Pet. 2:2;
2. prayer Ezek. 36:26–27, 37;
3. providing us with examples of those who have a greater measure of the Spirit, whereby we may perceive that there is more to be had than we personally possess, and whereby we are thus stirred up to emulate them Phil. 3:17;
4. trials and tribulations 2 Cor. 4:17;
5. prosperity, physical Acts 3:8 as well as spiritual Neh. 8:11.

—Wilhelmus aBrakel, *The Christian’s Reasonable Service*, Vol. 4

Hymn of Assurance

Psalm 22:23-31

Kingsfold, CMD

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23. Let those that fear the LORD sing praise! Give glo - ry to him now, all
 25. When I pro - claim my praise of you, then all the church will hear, and
 27. All ends of earth will turn to him, re - mem - ber - ing the LORD, all
 All those whose souls de - scend to dust will fall be - fore his throne, they

Ja - cob's seed; all Is - rael's seed, in awe be - fore him bow. 24. For
 I will pay my vows in full where men hold him in fear. 26. The
 fam' - lies of the earth shall come and wor - ship and a - dore. 28. For
 can - not keep them - selves a - live they rest on him a - lone. 30. Pos -

he did not de - spise nor spurn the grief of one op - pressed, nor
 wretch - ed poor will eat their fill and will be made se - cure. All
 all do - min - ion is the LORD's he rules the na - tions well. 29. The
 - ter - i - ty will hear of this; and they will serve the LORD. 31. His

did he shun his cry for help, but heard and gave him rest.
 those who seek will praise the LORD. So let your hearts en - dure.
 proud of all the earth will bow be - fore him where he dwells.
 right - eous - ness they will de - clare to a peo - ple yet un - born.

May 10, 2009
Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Dominic Nittolo - For bone strengthening and filling in.

Other Concerns

- 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...

- Christ Church - Grand Rapids, MI - Pray For: guidance and provision as we seek to fill ministry staff positions, and to raise up faithful leaders for our Session and diaconal ministries leadership training group.
- Great Lakes Presbytery - MI , IN, OH - Pray For: the overture for the Ohio Presbytery, improvement in Presbytery's functioning and help to churches, the economic security of our churches, a Summer of faithful attendance by our church members, and our out of bounds Teaching elders, that they may always be ready to help our Presbytery and Denomination.
- 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)

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The Deacons

Jerry DeVries	938-2317
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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 32:1-8	2 Thess. 2:13-17	Matt. 7:7-14
Mon.	Psalm 97:1-12	Jer. 32:1-15	Colossians 3:18-4:18	Luke 7:36-40
Tue.	Psalm 98:1-9	Jer. 32:16-25	Romans 12:1-21	Luke 8:1-15
Wed.	Psalm 99:1-9	Jer. 32:36-44	Romans 13:1-14	Luke 8:16-25
Thu.	Psalm 47:1-9	Jer. 33:1-13	Romans 14:1-12	Luke 8:26-39
Fri.	Psalm 96:1-13	Deut. 31:30-32:14	Romans 14:13-23	Luke 8:40-56
Sat.	Psalm 92:1-15	Deut. 33:34-43	Romans 15:1-13	Luke 9:1-17

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