



Redeemer Presbyterian Church

“I will ask the Father,
and He will give you another Helper,
that He may be with you forever;
that is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,
because it does not see Him or know Him,
but you know Him
because He abides with you and will be in you.
—John 14:16-17

The Lord's Service
June 14, 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 72:18-19

Rev. Tom Vanden Heuvel

†**Opening Hymn** #297 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

vv. 1-4

†**Invocation**

Psalm 111:2-4

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord;

People: They are studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Splendid and majestic is His work,

People: And His righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has made His wonders to be remembered;

People: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

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*) #734 “Gloria Patri”

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5-10

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins before almighty God.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace. Father, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Pastor: The Scriptures declare that “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed His promise of salvation through Christ alone, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #331 “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Fred Weber

First Reading Acts 17:16-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Forbes Husted

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

†**Sermon Text Reading** John 14:15-21

Rev. Tom Vanden Heuvel

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit”

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

Prayers of Intercession

Fred Weber

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

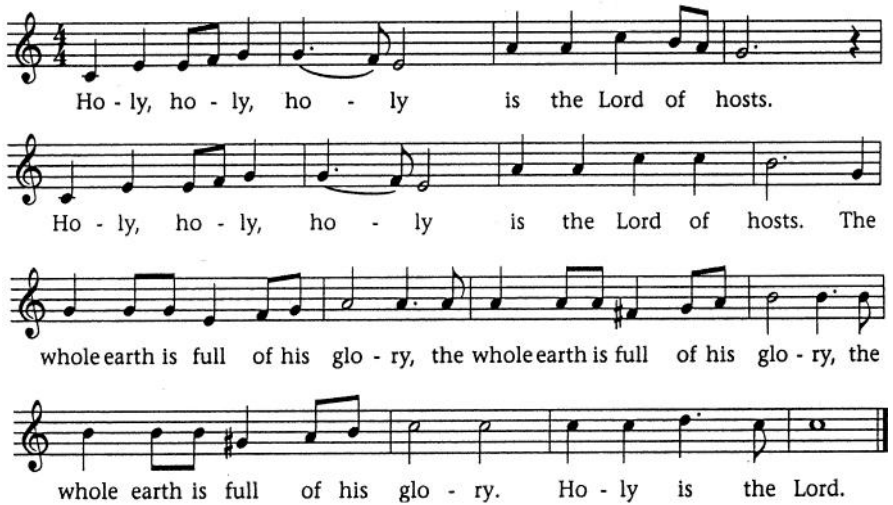
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

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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 #332 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
#334 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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 us on 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 #529 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Serving Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Tom Vanden Heuvel

Elder: Fred Weber

Reader: Forbes Husted

Piano: Laurie Vanden Heuvel

Sound Board: Kyle Doran

Today Rev. Vanden Heuvel is wearing a green stole. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions. It is worn during all "ordinary times" of the church year.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, June 21

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on Mark 3:20-35

Hymns: #76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#455 "And Can It Be" vv. 1, 3, 4, 5

#553 "My Sins, My Sins, My Savior!"

#501 "Just As I Am"

#570 "Faith of Our Fathers"

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

Tuesday, June 16, 23 & 30, 6:00pm-9:00pm – Church Work Days (at new building).

Saturday, June 20 through Friday, June 26 - Volunteers are needed to help **prepare and serve the meals** (food is being provided) for the group from Covenant Presbyterian Church. Three volunteers will be needed for each day. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Maggie Cairns (392-3985) for details. Also, those who would like to **donate snacks** (such as donuts, muffins, cookies, etc.) for the morning and afternoon break time, please coordinate with Maggie Cairns.

Saturday, June 20 & 27, 9:00am – 5:00pm - Church Work Days (at new building).

Sunday, June 21 there will be a **congregational meeting**. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on Elder Elect Sean Doran, and to provide an update on the progress at the new facility.

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group will meet at the home of Ethan and Heidi Van Til.

Friday, June 26, 7:00pm to 11:00pm - Bonfire at the Millward's beach. Please bring your own chairs, beverages, and snacks.

Thursday Mornings - 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study meets at the new church building on Ninth Street.

If you have taken a **Baby Bottle** to help support **Pregnancy Care Center**, please return your bottle on or before June 21.

Points to Ponder

The Holy Spirit as Comforter

In His teaching in the upper room on the eve of His death, Jesus spoke at length about the Holy Spirit. He said, “I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper” (John 14:16). The word Helper is sometimes translated “Comforter” or “Counselor” and comes from the Greek word *paraclete*.

The first thing we notice in this passage is that Jesus promises another “Paraclete” or “Helper.” For Jesus to say that the Holy Spirit will be another Helper, there had to be a Helper before the Spirit. The New Testament clearly identifies the first Helper, or Paraclete, as Jesus Himself. John writes: “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1).

The title Advocate given here to Jesus is another translation of the Greek word *paraclete*. We see then that Jesus is the first Paraclete, and upon His departure from this world, Jesus prays that the Father will supply another Paraclete in Jesus’ absence. The Spirit is sent to be Christ’s substitute; He is the supreme vicar of Christ on earth.

In the ancient world, a *paraclete* was someone summoned to give assistance in a court of law. The Holy Spirit, in fulfilling this role, performs more than one task. One such task is the Spirit’s aiding the believer in addressing the Father. Paul writes to the Roman church:

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

The Holy Spirit also aids the believer in addressing the world. He speaks on our behalf when we face conflict, as Jesus promises in Mark 13:11. The Spirit defends us against the world by convicting it of sin. The Holy Spirit works to vindicate the righteous against the attacks of the ungodly.

The concept of Paraclete also includes the role of Comforter. This has two aspects to it. He is a tender source of solace to the wounded, the defeated, and the grief-stricken. The second aspect is equally important. The word Comforter in its Latin derivation means “with strength.” The Spirit comes to us when we are in need of strength. He empowers us with courage and boldness. As Comforter, He both consoles and emboldens that in Christ we may be more than conquerors (Romans 8:37).

—R. C. Sproul, *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*

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Sermon Notes

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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Katina Gibson - pray for a safe, healthy pregnancy.
- Dominic Nittolo - For bone strengthening and filling in.

Other Concerns

- Pray for God's continued blessing on all the efforts being put forth for our new facility. Particularly pray for our pastor, elders, and deacons and the many people who are working overtime to get much work accomplished for our targeted move in date of July 5, 2009.

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

- Hershberger family in Bulgaria; Thornton family in Ukraine (Julia is in her final trimester of pregnancy); and the mission work in Burma.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Faith Community, La Porte, IN - Pray for: Pastor Hamilton's Son-in-law Alford following major surgery, and Pastor Hamilton's recovery after falling and damaging his rib cage. Praise for: several returning former attendees, blessing on our outreach program, our solid core group, and for the gift of our new building.
- Covenant Presbyterian - Holland, MI - Pray for: our June one week mission/work trip, strategic planning for our Education program, and wisdom for how to better engage our community.
- Teaching Elder Dan Denk - Pray for: additional responsibilities at Christ Church as a volunteer and presbyter organizing adult education, sharing in preaching, teaching & leadership training, and my InterVarsity responsibilities building our groups on campus and coordinating the Midwest ministry. Praise for: a positive response to my paper on Theology of Growth and my teaching for the InterVarsity staff directors.
- Special Needs - Pray for: Pastor Greg Blosser and Charity Blosser's 4 year old son Sam who has Juvenile dermatomyositis.

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

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 103:1-22	Exodus 6:2-13; 7:1-6	Rev. 15:1-8	Matt. 18:1-14
Mon.	Psalm 5:1-7	1 Samuel 1:1-20	Acts 1:1-14	Luke 20:9-19
Tue.	Psalm 42:1-11	1 Samuel 1:21-2:11	Acts 1:15-26	Luke 20:19-26
Wed.	Psalm 89:1-18	1 Samuel 2:12-26	Acts 2:1-21	Luke 20:27-40
Thu.	Psalm 97:1-12	1 Samuel 2:27-36	Acts 2:22-36	Luke 20:41-21:4
Fri.	Psalm 51:1-19	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Acts 2:37-47	Luke 21:5-19
Sat.	Psalm 104:1-35	1 Samuel 4:1b-11	Acts 4:32-5:11	Luke 21:20-28

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