

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd,
and He felt compassion for them
because they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and He began to teach them many things.

—Mark 6:34

The Lord's Service
July 19, 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. In the narthex, we have a small booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. Please feel free to take a copy. 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

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 33:20-22

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him,

People: Because we trust in His holy name.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

People: Even as we hope in You.

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

Galatians 5:13-18

Pastor: For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

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. We have not always acted out of compassion and concern for others. 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

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.” 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.

Holy Baptism and Receiving of New Members

New Members

Profession of Faith: Ron Chalfant, Jr.

Transfer of Membership: Brett Schut

Baptism of Ron Chalfant, Jr.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #415 “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” vv. 1-4

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dave Schafer

First Reading Psalm 89:20, 30-36

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:11-22

Ron Gentry

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Text Reading Mark 6:30-34

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Compassion of the Christ”

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 also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

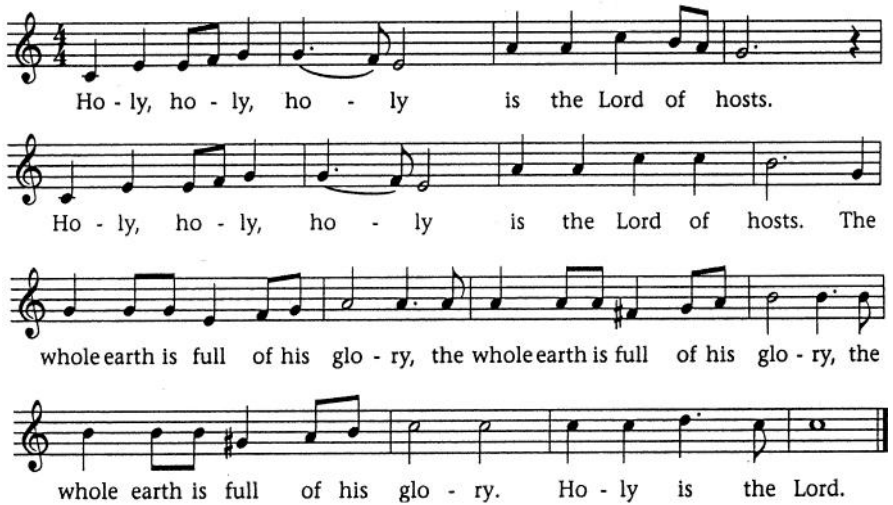
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

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.

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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 Hymns #157 “None Other Lamb, None Other Name”
#188 “Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting”

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 “Lord You Give the Great Commission”

Insert

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Today Pastor Millward is wearing a green stole. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions. It is worn during all “ordinary times” of the church year.

Serving Today

Elder: Dave Schafer

Reader: Ron Gentry

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

Next Sunday, July 26

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 6:5-21.

Hymns: #4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

#523 "My Hope Is in the Lord"

#146 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

#304 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

#559 "Father, I Know That All My Life"

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

Tonight, 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Next Generation meets at the church. Please bring \$5.00 for pizza and pop.

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30pm-7:30pm - Prayer Group will meet at the church.

Friday, July 24, 7:00pm - 11:00pm - Bonfire at the Millward beach. Please bring your own chairs, snacks and beverages.

Sunday, July 26 - We will collect our quarterly **Benevolence Offering**. Please prayerfully consider how you might give to help the needy in our congregation and community.

Sunday, July 26 - Choir practice will resume after the morning worship service. It is important that all members be present.

Thursday Mornings - 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study meets at the church.

Daily, 8:00am to 12:00pm - We need **volunteers** to help with **painting** our church building. Until further notice, every day that it doesn't rain, there will be painting during the specified hours. See Forbes Husted for details.

Member Directory - It's been a long time since our last update, so please help us get current! If you would like to be listed for the first time, or if you have had any changes in address, phone number, email, etc., please fill out the Directory Update Form and give it to one of the deacons or David Peterson. Thank you!

Points to Ponder

Compassion

God, in His wisdom and goodness, is pleased to preserve and govern all things upon this earth by the use of means. This is true for the inanimate as well as the animate creation. One person's life is contingent upon that of another. Thousands of people are involved in the well-being of one person; however, the nature of this involvement is such that each person seeks his own welfare. When help is rendered to a needy person, however, the only objective is (and indeed ought to be) the welfare of the person who is being helped; that is, when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and render assistance to the poor, sick, and weak. This practice is referred to as compassion, benevolence, liberality, and kindness. This is a virtue praised by all, practiced by few, and practiced rightly by even fewer.

Compassion is the inner motion of sympathy in the heart of a believer, generated by a consideration of the misery of the other person, thus motivating the believer to assist another in very deed.

This virtue is exclusively to be found in the believer. Outwardly an unconverted person can perform whatever a godly person performs. The distinction is as great, however, as the difference between the artificial motion of a watch and the motion of a living being. The natural man is dead in sins and trespasses and is thus unto all good work reprobate. His compassion proceeds from a natural heart, which in reality is a having compassion with himself, imagining within himself what it would be like if he were that miserable. He therefore, so to speak, gives to himself, except that he has a heart which strives to be rewarded with honor and love. The godly person, however, has spiritual life by reason of his faith in Christ. Since he has become a partaker of the nature of Christ as a result of that union, his actions are motivated by love to God and His will. From this proceeds love for his neighbor, being inclined also to seek his spiritual welfare in order that God may be thanked and glorified by the recipient of such help. It is with such a disposition that the believer helps the needy person. The apostle therefore limits compassion to the elect who are holy and beloved: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies" Col. 3:12.

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

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Sermon Notes

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Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Ron Chalfant, Jr. - his leg was injured when he hit by a car while riding his moped. Pray for a full and speedy recovery.
- Katina Gibson - pray for a safe, healthy pregnancy.
- Dominic Nittolo - Is doing fine and his cast will be coming off this week.

Other Concerns

- Dr. Robert Zimmer - will be in Haiti the entire month of August. Pray for his safe travels and effective ministry. Pray also for Marilyn who will remain home this trip.
- Pray for God's continued blessing on all the efforts being put forth for our new facility.

FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...

Health / Healing

- Carol and Ralph Opper's son (Steve) and daughter-in-law (Bonnie) are both suffering from recently diagnosed cancers Bonnie was diagnosed with leukemia about 7 weeks ago, and Steve was diagnosed with lymphoma about three weeks ago. The prognosis for Steve is good as the cancer is only stage one and treatable. Bonnie's prognosis is less certain. She had several rounds of chemo that took a lot out of her, but is home now and feeling a little better. They are thinking she will need a bone marrow transplant and are beginning steps in that direction.

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

- Hershbergers (Bulgaria); Thornton (Ukraine); Nellie Vos (France); and the mission work in Burma.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, OH - Pray for: Multiple community outreach programs: Summer Lunch Program, VBS, & Back-to-School supplies give away. While Will Waddell returns home after serving army in Afghanistan, Stephen Bultje is on front line. Praise for: Jonathan & Jessica Robson's fruitful mission trip to African Bible College in Malawi.
- Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, MI - Pray for: growth through new families, outreach efforts with international students, establishment of a RUF ministry at MSU, and a continued sense of unity and peace among the members. Praise for: faithfulness of the congregation, our covenant children, and the support of the Great Lakes Presbytery.
- Teaching Elder Tom Vanden Heuval - Pray for: preaching at the Walker, MI United Reformed Church through August 30. Praise for: those who went to Traverse City last week to help Redeemer PCA get their new facility ready for their first Sunday of Worship, the progress in Traverse City, and that Laurie and I are doing very well.
- 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
Sean Doran	267-5632
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 19:1-14	1 Samuel 23:7-18	Romans 11:33-12:2	Matt. 25:14-30
Mon.	Psalm 135:1-21	1 Samuel 24:1-22	Acts 13:44-52	Mark 4:1-20
Tue.	Psalm 123:1-4	1 Samuel 25:1-22	Acts 14:1-18	Mark 4:21-34
Wed.	Psalm 15:1-5	1 Samuel 25:23-44	Acts 14:19-28	Mark 4:35-41
Thu.	Psalm 36:1-12	1 Samuel 28:3-20	Acts 15:1-11	Mark 5:1-20
Fri.	Psalm 130:1-8	1 Samuel 31:1-13	Acts 15:12-21	Mark 5:21-43
Sat.	Psalm 56:1-13	2 Samuel 1:1-16	Acts 15:22-35	Mark 6:1-13

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