

# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

For this reason  
I bow my knees before the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named,  
that according to the riches of his glory  
he may grant you to be strengthened with power  
through his Spirit in your inner being.  
—Ephesians 3:14-16 (ESV)

**The Lord's Service**

**July 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. 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](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 146:1-2 Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #4 “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” vv. 1-4

†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8 and 51:6

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: You desire truth in the innermost being,

**People: And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The 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** 1 John 1:8-9; Psalm 51:1-4, 9-14

Pastor: If we say that we have no sin we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore with one voice let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**All: Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew**

a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

**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** #523 “My Hope Is in the Lord”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Sean Doran

**First Reading** Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Second Reading** John 6:15-21

Fred Janke

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Ephesians 3:14-21

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “A Time to Pray”

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

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

**Quarterly Benevolence Offering**

**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

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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 also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

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

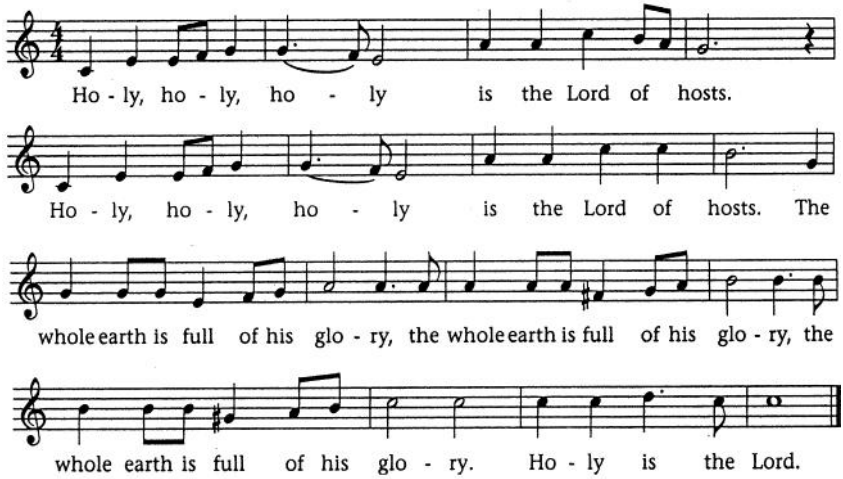
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: 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 Hymn** #146 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”  
#304 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**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** #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

†**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: Sean Doran

Reader: Fred Janke

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Kyle Doran

## **Announcements**

### **After Today's Service...**

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment.

### **Next Sunday, August 2**

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on Ephesians 4:1-16.

Hymns: Insert "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

Insert "Before the Throne of God Above"

#371 "O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely"

#378 "Hear, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

#347 "The Church's One Foundation"

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

**Today** - 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 Dave Schafer or Forbes Husted for details.

**Member Directory** - We are working on a new church directory, which will include photographs. More information will be forthcoming about getting your pictures taken. Please fill out the Directory Update form with any new or updated information and place it in the box in the narthex.

Anyone interested in helping with **cleaning the church**, please see Beverly McSauby.

Any mothers who would like assistance with young children may take them to the nursery room during the hymn of assurance and pick them up during the offertory. Some of our ladies have offered to serve in this capacity as needed.

## Points to Ponder

### The Knowledge of God Comes Through Faith

In 1 Timothy 6:20-21 Paul warns Timothy against “what is falsely called knowledge (Greek *gnosis*), which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.” Paul is attacking theosophical and religious tendencies that developed into Gnosticism in the second century A.D. Teachers of these beliefs and practices told believers to see their Christian commitment as a somewhat confused first step along the road to “knowledge,” and urged them to take more steps along that road. But these teachers viewed the material order as worthless and the body as a prison for the soul, and they treated illumination as the complete answer to human spiritual need. They denied that sin was any part of the problem, and the “knowledge” they offered had to do only with spells, celestial passwords, and disciplines of mysticism and detachment. They reclassified Jesus as a supernatural teacher who had looked human, though he was not; the Incarnation and the Atonement they denied, and replaced Christ’s call to a life of holy love with either prescriptions for asceticism or permission for licentiousness. Paul’s letters to Timothy (1 Tim. 1:3-4; 4:1-7; 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:1-9); Jude 4, 8-19; 2 Peter 2; and John’s first two letters (1 John 1:5-10; 2:9-11, 18-29; 3:7-10; 4:1-6, 5:1-12; 2 John 7-11) are explicitly opposing beliefs and practices that would later emerge as Gnosticism.

By contrast, Scripture speaks of “knowing” God as the spiritual person’s ideal: namely, the fullness of a faith-relationship that brings salvation and eternal life and generates love, hope, obedience, and joy. (See, for example, Exod. 33:13; Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:8-12; Dan. 11:32; John 17:3; Gal. 4:8-9; Eph. 1:17-19; 3:19; Phil. 3:8-11; 2 Tim. 1:12.) The dimensions of this knowledge are intellectual (knowing the truth about God: Deut. 7:9; Ps. 100:3); volitional (trusting, obeying, and worshiping God in terms of that truth); and moral (practicing justice and love: Jer. 22:16; 1 John 4:7-8). Faith-knowledge focuses on God incarnate, the man Christ Jesus, the mediator between God and us sinners, through whom we come to know his Father as our Father (John 14:6). Faith seeks to know Christ and his power specifically (Phil. 3:8-14). Faith’s knowledge is the fruit of regeneration, the bestowal of a new heart (Jer. 24:7; 1 John 5:20), and of illumination by the Spirit (2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 1:17). The knowledge-relationship is reciprocal, implying covenantal affection on both sides: we know God as ours because he knows us as his (John 10:14; Gal. 4:9; 2 Tim. 2:19).

All Scripture has been given to help us know God in this way. Let us labor to use it for its proper purpose.

—J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

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## **Sermon Notes**

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## Prayer Requests

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

#### **Health / Healing**

- Katina Gibson - pray for a safe, healthy pregnancy.

#### **Other Concerns**

- Ryan and Christine Kron and family will be heading back to Traverse City to live. Please pray for safe travel, continued health in Christine's pregnancy (8 mo.), and for employment for Ryan.
- 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...*

- Christ Covenant, Midland MI - Pray For: the process of setting up a new office, and for administrative assistance. Praise for steady attendance and solid financial giving.
- Christ Covenant Reformed, Reynoldsburg, OH - Pray for: a counseling situation, wisdom and direction about how to proceed with a Christian school, and our summer family nights. Praise for: recent visitors.
- Teaching Elder James Von Drehle - Pray For: wisdom and energy to deal with the multitude of problems as hospitals change to meet the increasingly desperate economic circumstances in Michigan. This is the fifth month I have been manager over pastoral care depts of two hospitals & "interim" manager over an additional large hospital complex.
- 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
Dirk Van Til.....	223-8962
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 67:1-7	2 Samuel 1:17-27	Romans 12:9-21	Matt. 25:31-46
Mon.	Psalm 57:1-11	2 Samuel 2:1-11	Acts 15:36-16:5	Mark 6:14-29
Tue.	Psalm 54:1-7	2 Samuel 3:6-21	Acts 16:6-15	Mark 6:30-46
Wed.	Psalm 65:1-13	2 Samuel 3:22-39	Acts 16:16-24	Mark 6:47-56
Thu.	Psalm 143:1-12	2 Samuel 4:1-12	Acts 16:25-40	Mark 7:1-23
Fri.	Psalm 88:1-18	2 Samuel 5:1-12	Acts 17:1-15	Mark 7:24-37
Sat.	Psalm 122:1-9	2 Samuel 5:22-6:11	Acts 17:16-34	Mark 8:1-10

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