

Redeemer
Presbyterian Church

Come to Me,
all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.
—Matthew 11:28

The Lord's Service
August 9, 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. Any mothers who would like assistance with young children may take them to the nursery during the Hymn of Assurance and pick them up during the Offertory.

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 booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. You may also visit our website for other helpful information: www.redeemertravercity.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: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" — The Redeemer Choir

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-3

Rev. Walter Lorenz

†**Opening Hymn** #119 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

†**Invocation**

Psalm 124:8

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

People: Who made heaven and earth.

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*) "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

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** #55 “To God Be the Glory”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Fred Weber

First Reading Psalm 34:4-8; 18-22

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading Romans 15;1-6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Bill Morrison

†**Sermon Text Reading** Matthew 11:25-30

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Rev. Walter Lorenz

Sermon “The Great Invitation”

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

Prayers of Intercession

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 also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

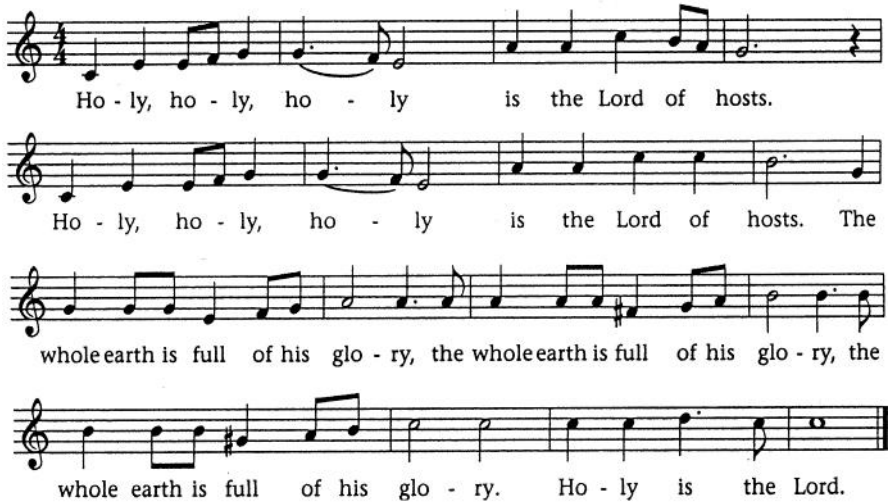
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: 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 #472 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”
#482 “Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

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 #457 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Serving Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Walter Lorenz

Elder: Fred Weber

Reader: Bill Morrison

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

Today Rev. Lorenz 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, August 16

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 6:51-58.

Hymns: #100 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Insert "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

#429 "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

#425 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

#263 "Lift High the Cross"

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 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.

Wednesday, August 12 and 26, 6:30pm to 7:30pm - Prayer Group meets at the church.

Wednesday, August 19, 7:00pm - Ladies' Study meets at the Millward's beach.

Saturday, August 29, 11:00am - Baby Shower for Katina Gibson and Christine Kron.

Member Directory - Starting next week, August 16, we will begin taking **member photographs** immediately after the worship service. It will likely take several weeks to get everyone's picture taken. Your patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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

Points to Ponder

The Yoke of Christ

Many persons, we perceive, abuse the grace of Christ by turning it into an indulgence of the flesh; and therefore Christ, after promising joyful rest to wretchedly distressed consciences, reminds them, at the same time, that he is their Deliverer on condition of their submitting to his yoke. He does not, he tells us, absolve men from their sins in such a manner, that, restored to the favor of God, they may sin with greater freedom, but that, raised up by his grace, they may also take his yoke upon them, and that, being free in spirit, they may restrain the licentiousness of their flesh. And hence we obtain a definition of that rest of which he had spoken. It is not at all intended to exempt the disciples of Christ from the warfare of the flesh, that they may enjoy themselves at their ease, but to train them under the burden of discipline, and keep them under the yoke.

It is a mistake, I think, to suppose that Christ here assures us of his meekness, lest his disciples, under the influence of that fear which is usually experienced in approaching persons of distinction, should remain at a distance from him on account of his Divine glory. It is rather his design to form us to the imitation of himself, because the obstinacy of the flesh leads us to shrink from his yoke as harsh and uneasy. Shortly afterwards, he adds, (verse 30,) my yoke is easy. But how shall any man be brought willingly and gently to bend his neck, unless, by putting on meekness, he be conformed to Christ? That this is the meaning of the words is plain; for Christ, after exhorting his disciples to bear his yoke, and desirous to prevent them from being deterred by its difficulty, immediately adds, Learn of me; thus declaring that, when his example shall have accustomed us to meekness and humility, we shall no longer feel his yoke to be troublesome. To the same purpose he adds, I will relieve you. So long as the flesh kicks, we rebel; and those who refuse the yoke of Christ, and endeavor to appease God in any other manner, distress and waste themselves in vain.

—John Calvin, *The Harmony of the Gospels*

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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.

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

- Steve and Bonnie Opper are both suffering from cancer.

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); Nellie Vos (France); and the mission work in Burma.
- Thorntons (Ukraine) Praise! Julia recently gave birth to a little girl, Agatha Madeline. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19.7 inches long. Everyone is doing well and Julia and Agatha are home. Please pray for Julia as she recovers while caring for four other children at home.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fenton, MI - Praise for: the Symanzik family - now back in the Philippines after their summer furlough. The Symanziks were a key part of our VBS week in June.
- Christ The Word, Toledo, OH - Pray For: wisdom and sacrificial giving for the work ahead as we approach the heart of our capital campaign and the onset of our building program, repentance in the life of a young man, who has rebelled against his parents, moving from their home to be with his girlfriend, and thus coming under church discipline.
- 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

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	2 Samuel 13:1-22	Romans 15:1-13	John 3:22-36
Mon.	Psalm 5:1-12	2 Samuel 13:23-39	Acts 20:17-38	Mark 9:42-50
Tue.	Psalm 42:1-11	2 Samuel 14:1-20	Acts 21:1-14	Mark 10:1-16
Wed.	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Samuel 14:21-33	Acts 21:15-26	Mark 10:17-31
Thu.	Psalm 97:1-12	2 Samuel 15:1-18	Acts 21:27-36	Mark 10:32-45
Fri.	Psalm 51:1-19	2 Samuel 15:19-37	Acts 21:37-22:16	Mark 10:46-52
Sat.	Psalm 104:1-35	2 Samuel 16:1-23	Acts 22:17-29	Mark 11:1-11

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