



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

“He who eats My flesh
and drinks My blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.
—John 6:54

The Lord's Service
August 16, 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.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 111:1

Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #100 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

vv. 1-3

†**Invocation**

Psalm 111:2-4, 7-9

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord; They are studied by all who delight in them.

People: Splendid and majestic is His work, And His righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has made His wonders to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

People: The works of His hands are truth and justice; All His precepts are sure.

Pastor: They are upheld forever and ever; They are performed in truth and uprightness.

All: He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name.

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*) “Holy, Holy, Holy”

v. 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!

God in three Persons blessed 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** “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Bulletin p. 9

†**Prayer for Illumination** Dave Schafer

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

Pastor Dan Millward

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

†**Doxology** (*in song*)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†**Gospel Reading** John 6:51-58

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “How Can This Man Give Us His Flesh To Eat?”

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.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus in 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns #429 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”
#425 “Bread of the Word in Mercy Broken”

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 #263 “Lift High the Cross”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”



Serving Today

Elder: Dave Schafer
Reader: David Peterson
Piano: Connie Van Til
Sound Board: Kyle Doran

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.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment. We will also be taking photographs for the Membership Directory.

Next Sunday, August 23

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on John 6:56-69.

Hymns: #303 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Insert "Speak, O Lord"

Insert "Lamb of God"

Insert "Come Share the Lord"

#345 "Glorious Things of These Are Spoken"

Insert "Behold the Lamb"

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

Friday, August 21, 7:00pm – Bonfire at the Millward's beach. Please bring your own chairs, beverages and snacks.

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

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

Member Directory - Starting today, 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

Eating the Flesh of Christ

The just resentment which Christ felt, when he saw his grace rejected with such haughty disdain, constrained him to employ this oath. For he does not now make use of simple doctrine, but likewise mingles threatenings for the purpose of striking terror. He denounces eternal perdition against all who refuse to seek life from his flesh; as if he had said, “If you hold my flesh in contempt, rest assured that there remains for you no other hope of life.” The vengeance that awaits all despisers of the grace of Christ is, that with their pride they miserably perish; and the reason why they must be urged with plainness and severity is, that they may not continue to flatter themselves. For if we threaten with death those diseased persons who refuse to take medicines, what must we do with wicked men, when they strive, as far as lies in their power, to destroy life itself?

When he says, *the flesh of the Son of man*, the expression is emphatic; for he reproves them for their contempt, which arose from perceiving that he resembled other men. The meaning therefore is: “Despise me as much as you please, on account of the mean and despicable appearance of my flesh, still that despicable flesh contains life; and if you are destitute of it, you will nowhere else find any thing else to quicken you.”

The ancients fell into a gross error by supposing that little children were deprived of eternal life, if they did not dispense to them the eucharist, that is, the Lord’s Supper; for this discourse does not relate to the Lord’s Supper, but to the uninterrupted communication of the flesh of Christ, which we obtain apart from the use of the Lord’s Supper. Nor were the Bohemians in the right, when they adduced this passage to prove that all without exception ought to be admitted to the use of the cup. With respect to young children, the ordinance of Christ forbids them to partake of the Lord’s Supper; because they are not yet able to know or to celebrate the remembrance of the death of Christ. The same ordinance makes the cup common to all, for it commands us all to drink of it (Matthew 26:27).

—John Calvin, *Commentary on John 6:53*

Hymn of Assurance
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great. the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -



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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.
- Nikki's Aunt Sandy is recovering from cancer surgery.

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...

- Pathway Community Church, Brighton, MI - Pray for: continued growth, and for the Pathway community as we begin in earnest to find a more permanent church home for the ministry here.
- Grace Presbyterian Church, Hudson, OH - Pray for: grace for the church and for Pastor Bryan as he prepares to move to another work, growth in knowledge, understanding, & unity in the future, and that our officers would be given strength and wisdom as they lead the flock.
- Teaching Elder Terry Lodico - Pray For: Wife Sandy and daughter Natalie fighting bronchitis, wisdom and emotional energy to be an effective therapist, refreshing and blessing at a Christian Counseling conference, and opportunities to share the gospel.
- 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)

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Sean Doran	267-5632
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Dirk Van Til.....	223-8962
Fred Weber	947-0426

The Deacons

Jerry DeVries	938-2317
Forbes Husted.....	929-7291
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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 19:1-14	2 Samuel 17:1-23	Galatians 3:6-14	John 5:30-47
Mon.	Psalm 135:1-21	2 Samuel 17:24-18:8	Acts 22:30-23:11	Mark 11:12-26
Tue.	Psalm 123:1-4	2 Samuel 18:9-18	Acts 23:12-24	Mark 11:27-12:12
Wed.	Psalm 15:1-5	2 Samuel 18:19-33	Acts 23:23-35	Mark 12:13-27
Thu.	Psalm 36:1-12	2 Samuel 19:1-23	Acts 24:1-23	Mark 12:28-34
Fri.	Psalm 130:1-8	2 Samuel 19:24-43	Acts 24:24-25:12	Mark 12:35-44
Sat.	Psalm 56:1-13	2 Samuel 23:1-17	Acts 25:13-27	Mark 13:1-13

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