



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

And he said, “Abba, Father,
all things are possible for you.
Remove this cup from me.
Yet not what I will, but what you will.”
—Mark 14:36

The Lord’s Service
November 22, 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 fellowship hall in the lower level 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 84:1-2

Rev. Walter Lorenz

†**Opening Hymn** #76 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 34:15, 18-19

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous

People: And His ears are open to their cry.

Pastor: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

People: And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The Greeting**

2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

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 Peter 1:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Pastor: As the children of God, we are called to perfect obedience and conformity to Christ. 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** “Before the Throne of God Above”

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†**Prayer for Illumination**

Sean Doran

Old Testament Reading Psalm 84:1-4

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading Romans 11:33-36

Bill Morrison

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Walter Lorenz

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.

†**Sermon Text Reading** Mark 14:32-36

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Dear Father Almighty”

Prayer of Application

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.

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

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.

Psalm 118:1

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As we consecrate these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask

You to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify Your people. For by water and the Holy Spirit You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth Your glory in all the world. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Sanctus (*in song*)

Isaiah 6:3

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 #423 “According to Thy Gracious Word”
 #371 “O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely”

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 #305 “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Points to Ponder

Jesus Christ is Fully Human

The Gospels show Jesus experiencing human limitations (hunger, Matt. 4:2; weariness, John 4:6; ignorance of fact, Luke 8:45-47) and human pain (weeping at Lazarus' grave, John 11:35, 38; agonizing in Gethsemane, Mark 14:32-42; cf. Luke 12:50; Hebrews 5:7-10; and suffering on the cross). Hebrews stresses that had he not thus experienced human pressures—weakness, temptation, pain—he would not be qualified to help us as we go through these things (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15-16; 5:2, 7-9). As it is, his human experience is such as to guarantee that in every moment of demand and pressure in our relationship and walk with God we may go to him, confident that in some sense he has been there before us and so is the helper we need.

Christians, focusing on Jesus' deity, have sometimes thought that it honors Jesus to minimize his humanness. The early heresy of Monophysitism (the idea that Jesus had only one nature) expressed this supposition, as do modern suggestions that he only pretended to be ignorant of facts (on the supposition that he always actualized his omniscience and therefore was aware of everything) and to be hungry and weary (on the supposition that his divinity supernaturally energized his humanity all the time, raising it above the demands of ordinary existence). But Incarnation means, rather, that the Son of God lived his divine-human life in and through his human mind and body at every point, maximizing his identification and empathy with those he had come to save, and drawing on divine resources to transcend human limits of knowledge and energy only when particular requirements of the Father's will so dictated.

The idea that Jesus' two natures were like alternating electrical circuits, so that sometimes he acted in his humanity and sometimes in his divinity, is also mistaken. He did and endured everything, including his sufferings on the cross, in the unity of his divine-human person (i.e., as the Son of God who had taken to himself all human powers of acting, reacting, and experiencing, in their unfallen form). Saying this does not contradict divine impassibility, for impassibility means not that God never experiences distress but that what he experiences, distress included, is experienced at his own will and by his own foreordaining decision.

Jesus, being divine, was impeccable (could not sin), but this does not mean he could not be tempted. Satan tempted him to disobey the Father by self-gratification, self-display, and self-aggrandizement (Matt. 4:1-11), and the temptation to retreat from the cross was constant (Luke 22:28, where the Greek for "trials" can be translated "temptations"; Matt. 16:23; and Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane). Being human, Jesus could not conquer temptation without a struggle, but being divine it was his nature to do his Father's will (John 5:19, 30), and therefore to resist and fight temptation until he had overcome it. From Gethsemane we may infer that his struggles were sometimes more acute and agonizing than any we ever know. The happy end-result is that "because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted" (Heb. 2:18).

—J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

Hymn of Assurance
Before the Throne of God Above

D G/D D

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
 3 Be - hold him there! The ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect,

F#m D/F# G D/F# A

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less righ-teous-ness; the great un - chang - e - able I

Bm G6 Em7 G/A D F#m7

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

G D/F# D A D/F# F#m7 G D/F# G A

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

Bm Bm/A G D/F# A Bm2 Bm Bm/A

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

G6 Em7 G/A Bm Bm/A G6 Em7 G/A D

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

November 22, 2009

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Kyle Doran - for a speedy healing of his broken leg.
- Monica Scott - for a safe, healthy pregnancy.

Other Concerns

- Ron Chalfant.

FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...

Health / Healing

- Cynthia Hansen (Joeann Bissel's niece) - will be undergoing brain aneurism surgery on Nov. 19.
- Steve and Bonnie Opper have been battling cancer. Steve is recovering after a successful bone marrow transplant, and Bonnie has been treated and heading toward recovery.
- Noah Biorkman – 5 years old, has serious cancer.

Our Country and Armed Forces

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- President Obama, his advisors, and other national, state, and local leaders.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Hershbergers (Bulgaria); Thorntons (Ukraine); Nellie Vos (France); and the mission work in Burma.
- Shawn Newsome, Rev. Jason Helopoulos and Potential RUF work in Lansing.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Zion Church, Winesburg, OH - Pray for: health of Winesburg area residents hit by the H1N1 flu, wisdom for men going through officer training, and wisdom for ministry decisions in the face of economic trials. Praise for: the joy of a great season of peace and purpose, His mercies shown to the people facing personal testing, and for 75 women who came to a tea and heard the gospel.
- Granville Chapel - Granville, OH - Pray for: God to reveal where and how we may be his ambassadors through mercy ministry, and forgiveness and healing with extended family for the Hallaway family—mother in her final days of struggle with Pancreatic Cancer, Praise for: God's faithfulness and the continued work of the Holy Spirit of growing the church!
- Special Needs: Pastor Greg Blosser and Charity Blosser's 5 year old son Sam with Juvenile dermatomyositis.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

Please join us for some fellowship and light refreshment in the fellowship hall.

If you would like the elders to pray for you, they are available after the service in the Library (the small room next to the chancel).

Children's Christmas Program rehearsal immediately following the service.

Next Sunday, November 29

Next week marks the beginning of the Advent Season.

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

Next Sunday we will also be receiving our quarterly **benevolence offering** during the worship service. Please prayerful consider your gift.

Tonight, 6:00-8:00pm - Next Generation meets at the church and will be led by Ethan Van Til. Please bring your Bibles and 5.00 for Pizza.

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30pm - Children's Christmas Program with a Fellowship Dessert (no meal) immediately following.

Thursday Mornings, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study.

We are still looking for a couple more volunteers to help **clean the church**.

Please see Beverly McSauby.

Reaching Out - Anyone interested in helping distribute Redeemer door-hangers around the neighborhood, please see Pastor Millward. We would like to distribute one thousand over the course of the next 5 weeks.

Church Financial Update (YTD through October 31, 2009):

Budget	\$109,583
Actual Expenses	\$111,528
Actual Income.....	\$97,107

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 (on sabbatical until May).....	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 108:1-13	Isaiah 19:19-25	Romans 15:5-13	Luke 19:11-27
Mon.	Psalm 62:1-12	Joel 3:1-2, 9-17	1 Peter 1:1-12	Matt. 19:1-12
Tue.	Psalm 12:1-8	Nahum 1:1-13	1 Peter 1:13-25	Matt. 19:13-22
Wed.	Psalm 96:1-13	Obadiah 15-21	1 Peter 2:1-10	Matt. 19:23-30
Thu.	Psalm 116:1-19	Zephaniah 3:1-13	1 Peter 2:11-25	Matt. 20:1-16
Fri.	Psalm 84:1-12	Isaiah 24:14-23	1 Peter 3:13-4:6	Matt. 20:17-28
Sat.	Psalm 63:1-11	Micah 7:11-20	1 Peter 4:7-19	Matt. 20:29-34

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Worship: Sundays 10:00 a.m.