

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”
—John 8:12

The Lord’s Service
February 26, 2012

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. Parents with young children may take them to the nursery which is equipped with a speaker so you may still hear the 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 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.

Greeting and Announcements
Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 145:3,10 Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him” Bulletin p. 8

†**Invocation** Psalm 27:1,4a

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

†**Response** (*in song*) “Thy Strong Word” Tune: Ebenezer

**God the Father, Light-creator,
to Thee laud and honor be.**

**To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.**

Holy Spirit, light revealer, glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever, praise the Holy Trinity!

Confession of Sin 1 John 1:5-10; Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, 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, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words, and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5; Colossians 1:13-14

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, for the forgiveness of sins.”

†**Hymn of Assurance** “My Heart Is Filled with ‘Thankfulness’”

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Children’s Message

Pastor Dan Millward

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Please 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** John 8:12-21

Rev. Ryan McVicar

This is the Gospel of our Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Light of the World”

†**Sermon Hymn** “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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(Please be seated after singing the hymn)

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, are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. (Note about Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner ring contains non-alcoholic wine.)

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give thanks and praise to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As we set apart 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, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

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

“As We Gather at Your Table”

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“Come, Share the Lord”

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“With the Body That Was Broken”

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Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament,
you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven,
and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service,
to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of
the life of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Nunc Dimittis (*Now Dismiss Us*) verse 2 a capella

Luke 2:29-32

1 Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
2 You did for all pre - pare this gift so great, so rare,
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
ful - fill - ing proph-ets' sto - ry— a light to show the way
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.
to Gen - tiles gone a - stray, and un - to Is - rael's glo - ry.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Opening Hymn

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him



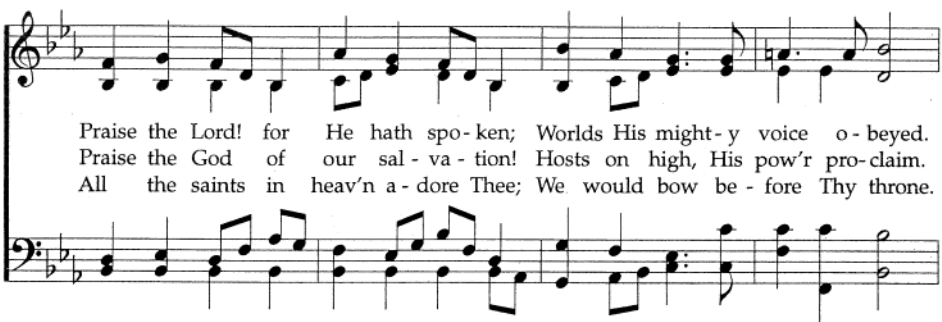
1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dore Him; Praise Him, an - gels, in the height.
2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; Nev - er shall His prom - ise fail.
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to Thee.



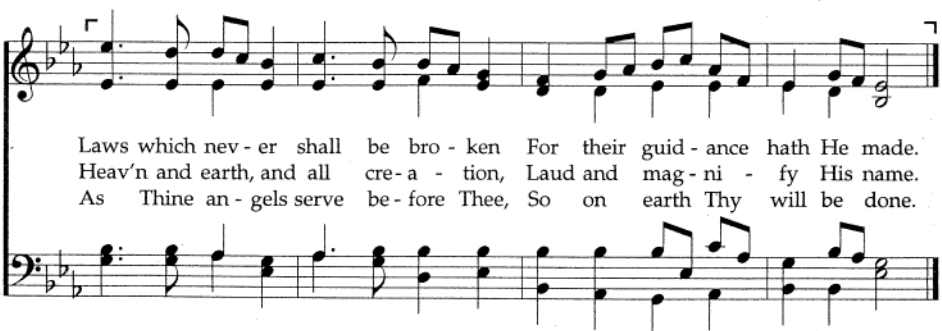
Sun and moon, re - joi - ce be - fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
God hath made His saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.
Young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing, In glad hom - age bend the knee.



Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; Worlds His might - y voice o - beyed.
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, His pow'r pro - claim.
All the saints in heav'n a - dore Thee; We would bow be - fore Thy throne.



Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance hath He made.
Heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy His name.
As Thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee, So on earth Thy will be done.



Hymn of Assurance

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Unison

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; Who
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; Who
floods my weak - ness - es and strengths and caus - es fear to fly; Whose
wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love; For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, And
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take, Sus -
ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low Him.

(segue)

Sermon Notes

Sermon Text : John 8:12-21 (ESV)

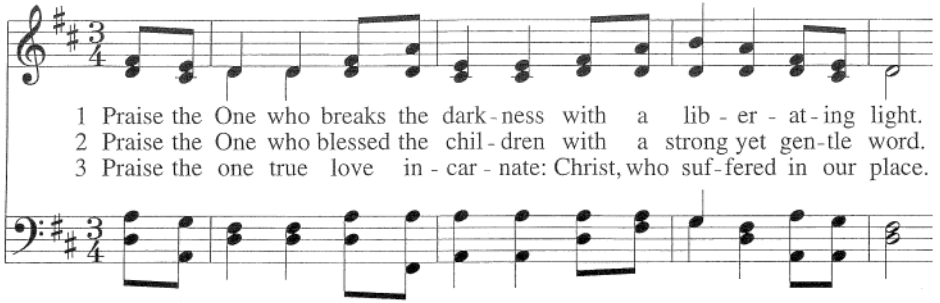
Sermon Title: “The Light of the World”

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.

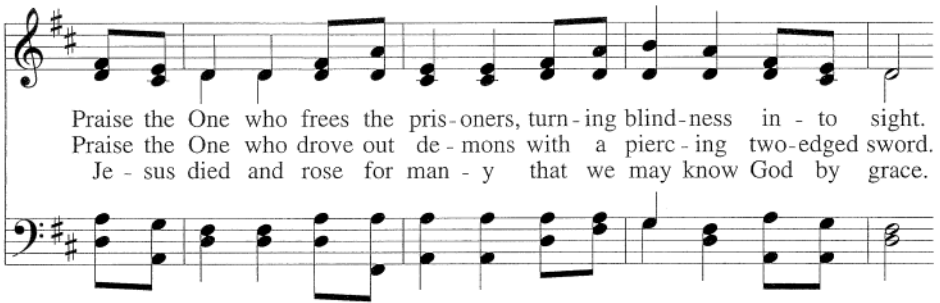
¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. ²¹ So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.”

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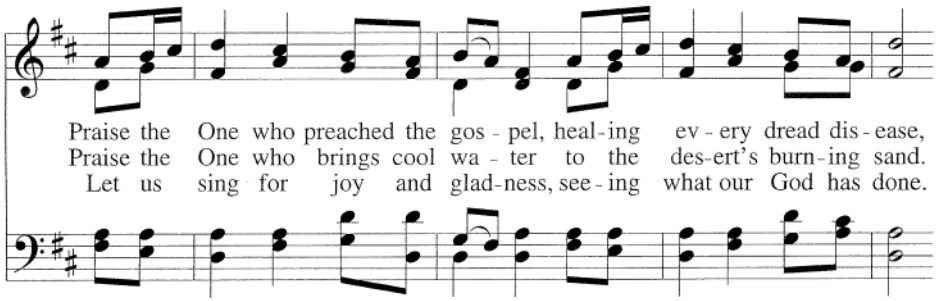
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



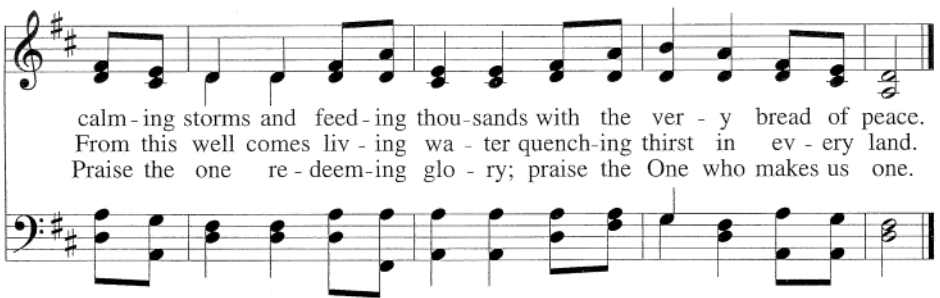
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.



Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - ery dread dis-ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand.
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - ery land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Communion Hymn
As We Gather at Your Table

Capo 3 (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (D/A) (A) (D)
 F B \flat F B \flat C F B \flat F/C C F

1 As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

(D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (D/A) (A) (D)
 F B \flat F B \flat C F B \flat F/C C F

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

(D) (G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 F B \flat F C F B \flat F C

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

(D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (D/A) (A) (D)
 F B \flat F B \flat C F B \flat F/C C F

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

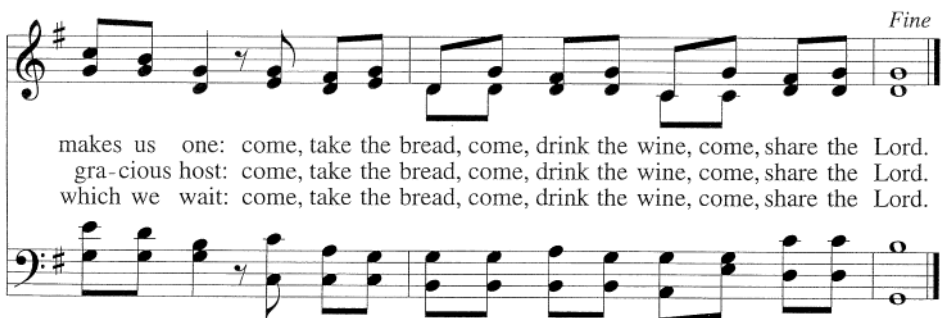
Communion Hymn
Come, Share the Lord



1 We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is burn-ing in our
2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is
3 We'll gath-er soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the glo - ry of our



hearts like liv - ing flame; for through his lov - ing Son the Fa - ther
ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our
Lord and com-ing King; now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for



Fine
makes us one: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
gra - cious host: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Communion Hymn
With the Body That Was Broken

Unison

1 With the bod - y that was bro - ken, to the bod - y
 2 In the cross of Christ con - fid - ing, by the cross we
 3 Fed by break - ing and out - pour - ing, joined in break - ing -

who pro - claim, by the blood that is life's to - ken,
 bear as sign, through the Spir - it's gifts and guid - ing,
 forth of praise, given the peace of God's re - stor - ing,

for the life found in his name: so the Word-made-flesh has
 with these gifts of bread and wine: so the church in faith - a -
 sent in peace to live al - ways: so we show forth our a -

spo - ken, and his pres - ence here we claim.
 bid - ing keeps the feast Christ made di - vine.
 dor - ing as God's ser - vants all our days.

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³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

—Psalm 145:3,10

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Worship Service: 10:15am.