



# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

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and said to her,  
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but you shall conceive and bear a son.”  
— Judges 13

**The Lord's Service**  
**July 19, 2015**

## Why Pray?

From start to finish, prayer is a significant part of the Sunday worship service at Redeemer. We have the opening prayer of invocation, a corporate prayer of confession, prayers of intercession, a prayer before and after communion, and a weekly recital of the Lord's Prayer. There are many reasons why we give prayer such a prominent place in the worship service.

*Prayer is commanded by God.* Christians are called to be people of prayer, and we read in the book of Acts that when the early church gathered together, they “devoted themselves to...*the prayers*” (Acts 2:42). As such, it is disappointing to read one contemporary Christian author lament that “One of the most disappointing features of contemporary worship is the absence of prayer.” Prayer is not always easy, but God has called us to this ministry and it must have a place in our worship.

*Prayer is a great privilege.* When we pray, we have access to God's very throne room through our Savior Jesus Christ. Direct access to the God of the universe is not something that we should take for granted. Most of us don't even have direct access to our elected political leaders (try walking into the White House unannounced and see what happens). Through prayer, however, God promises that we have access to him at any time. We can boldly come before the throne of Grace confident that we come to a loving Father who will give us grace and mercy in our time of need. How appropriate then, when gathered together as his body, that we approach his throne of grace to intercede for one another, the church, and the world as God has called us to.

*Prayer accomplishes great things.* There are many motivations to pray, but one of the strongest we have is simply that prayer is powerful. When we pray in the name of Jesus, God hears and acts. James promises us that “The prayer of a righteous man has great power as it is working.” Jesus said: “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.” The apostle John encourages us to have confidence that if we “ask anything according to his will, he hears us.”

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 146:1-2

Pastor Scott Korljan

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

†**Opening Hymn** “Come Praise and Glorify”

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†**Invocation** Psalm 146:5-8

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

who made heaven and earth,

**the sea, and all that is in them,**

who keeps faith forever;

**who executes justice for the oppressed,**

**who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

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** #34 “The God of Abraham Praise” (Verse 6 only)

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;

“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.

Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;

all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

**Confession of Sin** Romans 3:20; James 2:8, 10

The Scriptures teach that “through the law comes the knowledge of sin.” Hear the Law of the Lord: “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.” But “whoever fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.” Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins

**Almighty God, we confess to you that we are, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. We have not followed your commandments nor loved our neighbor as ourselves. 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 of your will and obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Ephesians 2:8-10

Hear the good news!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Brothers and sisters in the name of Christ and by the authority of his Word I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn Of Assurance** #455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

(Vs 1-3, 5)

**Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer**

Elder Bill Morrison

**New Testament Reading** 1 Timothy 1:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks Be to God!**

**Giving God Our Offerings**

*If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the black Fellowship Pad for all visitors to sign.*

†**Doxology**

**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** Judges 13

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**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “The Birth of Samson: More Lessons on Grace” Pastor Scott Korljan

**Prayer of Application**

†**Hymn** #44 “How Great Thou Art” (Vs. 1 & 3 only)

*Please be seated after singing the hymn*

## **Holy Communion**

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized and have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 10. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. Please note that the inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

**Affirmation of Faith** The 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.**

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**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic\* church, (\*universal)  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. 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. Psalm 118:1

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God Lord 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. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. 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**

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

### Communion Hymns

#480 “Come, for the Feast is Spread”

“Holy Spirit”

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#460 “Amazing Grace”

“Behold Our God”

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### Prayer after Communion

**We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†Dismissal #580 “Lead On, O King Eternal” (Verse 3)

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning where e'er thy face appears;  
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

### †Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

### Postlude



## Sermon Text

### Judges 13

<sup>1</sup> And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

<sup>2</sup> There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. <sup>3</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. <sup>4</sup> Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, <sup>5</sup> for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.” <sup>6</sup> Then the woman came and told her husband, “A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, <sup>7</sup> but he said to me, ‘Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’”

<sup>8</sup> Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, “O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.” <sup>9</sup> And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her. <sup>10</sup> So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, “Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me.” <sup>11</sup> And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, “Are you the man who spoke to this woman?” And he said, “I am.” <sup>12</sup> And Manoah said, “Now when your words come true, what is to be the child's manner of life, and what is his mission?” <sup>13</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. <sup>14</sup> She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe.”

<sup>15</sup> Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you.” <sup>16</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD.” (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.) <sup>17</sup> And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?” <sup>18</sup> And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you

ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?”<sup>19</sup> So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching.<sup>20</sup> And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

<sup>21</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD.<sup>22</sup> And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.”<sup>23</sup> But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.”<sup>24</sup> And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him.<sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

## **NOTES**

## Individual Prayers for Communion

### Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

### Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

# Opening Hymn

## “Come Praise and Glorify”

Music and words by  
Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 60$  **VERSE**

1. Come praise and glo - ri - fy our God, the Fa - ther of our  
 praise and glo - ri - fy our God, who gives His grace in  
 praise and glo - ri - fy our God, for we've be - lieved the

4 Lord. In Christ, he has in heav' - ly realms, His bless ings on us  
 Christ. In Him our sins are washed a - way re - deemed through sa - cri -  
 Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spi - rit of the

8 poured. For pure and blame - less in His sight He des - tined us to be,  
 fice. In Him God has made known to us the myst' - ry of His will,  
 Lord. The Spi - rit guar - an - tees our hope un - til re - demp - tion's done,

12 — and now we've been a - dopt - ed through His Son e - ter - nal - ly  
 — that Christ should be the head of all, His pur - pose to ful - fill  
 — un - til we join in end - less praise to God, the Three - in -

16 **CHORUS**  
 One. To the praise of Your glo - ry, to the

20 praise of Your mer - cy and grace To the praise of Your glo - ry,

24 You are the God who saves **D.S.**  
 2. Come  
 3. Come

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# Communion Hymn

## Holy Spirit

Words and Music by  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Thoughtful (♩ = 69)



1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing  
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I  
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has



soul; Bring the pre - sence of the Ri - sen Lord, to re -  
do. Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin in each  
made. Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your



new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come a -  
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est  
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the frag - rance of our



live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pass - ion for Your  
and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to  
prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



pu - ri - ty; Hol - y Spi - rit breathe new life in me.  
works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

last time



# Communion Hymn

## BEHOLD OUR GOD

Words and music by Ryan, Jonathan,  
and Meghan Baird and Stephen Altrogge

$\text{♩} = 73$  **C** **VERSE** **Em** **C** **Em**

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?  
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?  
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

**5** **C** **Em** **C**

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion  
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om  
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave. Je - sus, Sav - ior,

**8** **Em<sup>7</sup>** **G** **CHORUS** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F**

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -  
 all His won - drous deeds?  
 ris - en now to reign!

**13** **C** **G** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F** **C** **G** **C**

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

## *Prayer Requests*

### **Redeemer Family:**

- June Conant-Rusch who is recovering from a fractured hip
- Bob Zimmer as he continues with his treatment for lymphoma
- Homebound: Dale Millward

### **Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches**

- Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (New City church plant), Rowes (Taiwan), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

### **For Churches in our Presbytery**

- Faith Community, La Porte, Indiana : “Pray for Church growth and wisdom in outreach. Praise for new opportunities to serve God and each other, and God’s mercy and continued provision amidst difficult times.”
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp., Michigan: “Pray for Jr. High youth traveling to Brevard, North Carolina, July 19-25 and upcoming Knox Centennial Celebrations.”
- Reverend Daniel Denk: “Praise for a wonderful conference at Inter-Varsity Cedar Campus with a focus on music, theology, and creation. I will be attending the World Assembly of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students July 22-30. Pray for these delegates from 140 countries, for safe travel and a powerful work of God’s Spirit among us.”

### **Serving Today:**

Elder: Bill Morrison

Communion Set Up: Dennis & Joyce Weise

Greeter: Katie Gordon

Nursery Volunteer: Nikki Millward

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Music: Ginger Korljan, Flute

Refreshments: Teresa Kott

Sound Board: David Smith

## Announcements

**Staffed Nursery Available** - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

**Adult & Youth Sunday School on summer break**

**Next Sunday** - Pastor Scott will preach from Judges 14

**Benevolence Offering** - Next Sunday

**Church Picnic** - Next Sunday, after our Worship Service. Please bring your own food, place settings and beverages. Location to be determined.

**Ladies Book Study** - Will meet at Church on Saturday July 25th from 9:30 - 11 AM. We will discuss Chapter 9 of Idols of the Heart.

**Clothing Corner:** Is open for business downstairs! Head down and check out what we have available and bring in any items you want to donate. See Maggie Cairns with any questions.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you have an interest in coordinating a summer BBQ and outreach event to our community this summer (mid/late August), please contact any elder or deacon as soon as possible. If you have interest in coordinating a fall harvest festival (similar to last year) please see Fred Weber. We need a volunteer for both events if we hope to have them.

### ***This week at Redeemer:***

***Ladies Psalm 119 Study*** - Tuesday starting at 9:30 AM

***Prayer Gathering*** - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

***Men's Study*** - Thursday starting at 7:30 AM

***Catechism Class***—Meets Thursday from 11:15 to 11:45 AM; for ages 3 - 5

### **Serving Next Sunday, July 26th:**

Elder: Fred Janke

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeter: Mike Wittig

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Palmer

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Music: Teresa Kott & Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments: Church Picnic

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

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