

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

But Samson said to his father,
“Get her for me,
for she is right in my eyes.”
— Judges 14:3b

The Lord's Service
July 26, 2015

Why so much Bible in the Worship Service?

The reading of Scripture is prominent in our worship service from beginning to end. Passages of Scripture are read for the Call to Worship, the Confession of Sin, the Declaration of God's Forgiveness, as well as the Sermon Text Reading and an additional Scripture reading every week (currently we are reading through 1 Timothy). Why give so much prominence to the reading of a book, most of which was written over two thousand years ago?

First, we read the Word because it is absolutely central to our lives as Christians. We simply cannot be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be without continually growing in the knowledge and understanding of the Word. If we want to know the God we worship, and if we want to know how to live a life that is pleasing to him, we must know the Word. As Jesus said "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from my heavenly Father." As Paul wrote to Timothy "All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness." The Word, Peter reminds us, is the "pure spiritual milk" that we need to "grow up into salvation" (1 Pet 2:2). Without knowledge of the Word, we will be spiritually impoverished and stunted in our Christian growth.

Second, we read the Word because the Word is powerful. God says incredible things about the sheer power of his Word. He declares through the prophet Isaiah: "...So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, *but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it*" (Isa 55:11). In like manner, God speaks through Jeremiah "Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jer 23:29). The author of the book of Hebrews reminds us that "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12). The Bible is not a dead written Word, relevant only thousands of years ago, it is very much alive and powerful today. God sends out his Spirit with his Word, and it becomes the primary means by which God builds us up and strengthens us in our faith. May He be pleased to do so again today!

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 9:1-2

Pastor Scott Korljan

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

†**Opening Hymn** #55 “To God Be the Glory”

†**Invocation** Psalm 9:7-11

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;

he has established his throne for justice,

and he judges the world with righteousness;

he judges the peoples with uprightness.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples his deeds!

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 Hebrews 4:14-16; Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need.”

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. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness Titus 3:4-7

Hear the good news!

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” As a result, those of you who have trusted in the perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, and believe he has atoned for your sins and fully satisfied the wrath of God against all unrighteousness: in accordance with the immutability of God’s own word, I declare to you the forgiveness of sins and the free gift of eternal life.

†**Hymn Of Assurance** “Out of the Depths”

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Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Elder Fred Janke

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-20

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.

Quarterly Benevolence Offering

†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 14-15

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The Man Who Did What Was Right In His Own Eyes”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†Sermon Hymn #585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Vs. 1 & 6 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.**

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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, (*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

#642 “Be Thou My Vision”
“Behold The Lamb”

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#599 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
“All I Have is Christ”

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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 14

¹ Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines. ² Then he came up and told his father and mother, “I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.” ³ But his father and mother said to him, “Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.”

⁴ His father and mother did not know that it was from the Lord, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. At that time the Philistines ruled over Israel.

⁵ Then Samson went down with his father and mother to Timnah, and they came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold, a young lion came toward him roaring. ⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. ⁷ Then he went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes.

⁸ After some days he returned to take her. And he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. ⁹ He scraped it out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother and gave some to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey from the carcass of the lion.

¹⁰ His father went down to the woman, and Samson prepared a feast there, for so the young men used to do. ¹¹ As soon as the people saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him. ¹² And Samson said to them, “Let me now put a riddle to you. If you can tell me what it is, within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes, ¹³ but if you cannot tell me what it is, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothes.” And they said to him, “Put your riddle, that we may hear it.” ¹⁴ And he said to them, “Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet.” And in three days they could not solve the riddle.

¹⁵ On the fourth day they said to Samson's wife, “Entice your husband to tell us what the riddle is, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you invited us here to impoverish us?” ¹⁶ And Samson's wife wept over him and said, “You only hate me; you do not love me. You have put

a riddle to my people, and you have not told me what it is.” And he said to her, “Behold, I have not told my father nor my mother, and shall I tell you?”¹⁷ She wept before him the seven days that their feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her, because she pressed him hard. Then she told the riddle to her people.¹⁸ And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, “What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?”

And he said to them, “If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle.”

¹⁹ And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father's house. ²⁰ And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

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.

Hymn of Assurance

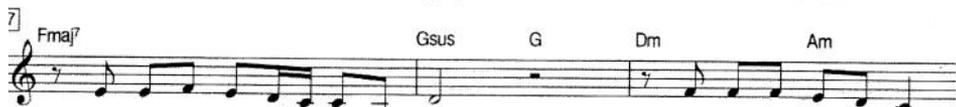
“Out of the Depths”



1. Out of the depths, O Lord, I cry to You, when I am tempt-ed to de-
2. The se-cret mys-ter-ies be-long to You. We on-ly know what You re-



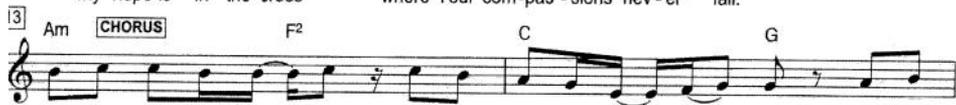
spair. Though I might fail to trust Your pro-mi-ses,
veal. And all my ques-tions that are un-re-solved



You nev-er fail to hear my prayer. And if You judged my sin
don't change the wis-dom of Your will. In ev-ery trial and loss



I'd nev-er stand a-gain, but I see mer-cy in Your hands. So more than
my hope is in the cross where Your com-pas-sions nev-er fail.



watch-men for the morn-ing, I will wait for You, my God. When my



fears come with no warn-ing, in Your Word I'll put my trust. When the



har-vest time is o-ver and I still see no fruit, I will



wait, I will wait for You

Communion Hymn

“Behold The Lamb”

Thoughtful (♩ = 72)

Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 C/G G7sus G7

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re - mem - ber
 2. The bo - dy of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re - mem - ber;
 3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re - mem - ber
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond - and to re - mem - ber

5 Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 G7sus G7 C C/E

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
 He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
 our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we

9 Fadd9 C/E Fma7 Gadd9 C/E Fadd9 C/E Fadd9 G C/E Fadd9

share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the

14 C/E Fma⁷ G⁷sus G⁷ Fadd⁹/A Fma⁷ G⁷ Cadd⁹

bonds of peace a - round the tab - le of the King.
 bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.
 bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.
 feast of heaven a - round the tab - le of the King.

17 F^{6/9} Cadd⁹ F^{6/9} last time Cadd⁹

Communion Hymn

“All I Have is Christ”

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 76$

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The guitar part includes chords such as D, A, D, G, A, D, Em, G, A, D, A, Bm, G, D, Em7, Bm, G, A, Bm, G, Bm, A, and D. The lyrics are arranged in three verses, with a chorus that repeats after the third verse. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76.

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way, The sin that
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -
3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis-
fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fath - er, use my ran - somed

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re-
played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I
life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

fuse You still. grace. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I
know is You. You.

have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

(Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

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 16

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

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

Financials Through June 30th, 2015

Budgeted Expenses: \$123,066

Actual Expenses: \$112,078

*Giving & Rentals: \$110,464

(*Includes \$10,500 in Rental Income)

Serving Today:

Elder: Fred Janke

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeter: Mike Wittig

Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Palmer

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Music: Katie Gordon & Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments: Church Picnic

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

Serving Next Sunday, August 2nd:

Elder: Dennis Conant

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Greeter: Les & Mary Leone

Nursery Volunteer: Alyssa Strong

Pianist: Rick Harkert

Refreshments: Monica Scott

Sound Board: David Smith

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