



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

“Then he bowed with all his strength,
and the house fell upon the lords
and upon all the people who were in it.”
— Judges 16:30

The Lord's Service
August 2, 2015

Why have an offering in the Worship Service?

It is no longer a given in evangelical churches that an offering will be taken during a worship service. As an alternative, many churches now set up permanent “drop -boxes” in the back of the church which allow for donations to be made at any time. Others, aided by advances in technology, have moved to online giving through sites like Paypal or by setting up automatic bank drafts. Given the proliferation of these alternative ways to give, not to mention the ever present cultural cynicism that “churches are always talking about money,” is there any reason to keep a weekly offering as part of a worship service?

Our answer is “yes,” because we believe that the giving of our resources to the kingdom of God is itself an act of worship. The apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9 that God loves a “cheerful” giver, and that we should not give “reluctantly or under compulsion.” How is such joyful giving possible? Only when it is done as the outflow of what God has given us in Christ. We can give “cheerfully” when our giving is in response to the amazing grace that has come to us in the Gospel. As Paul put it, we will give cheerfully to the extent that we “...know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

When the grace of the Gospel has touched our hearts in this way, our motive for giving completely changes. Sadly, many people today lack this gospel motivation - they have been ordered to give, manipulated to give, threatened to give, pressured to give, guilted to give, or give because they believe that giving will guarantee God’s blessing in their lives. None of these motivations will produce a “cheerful” giver. Only the Gospel will allow us to give because we want to give, as an expression of heartfelt thanks and praise to Him “who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” When we give with this attitude, our giving is an act of worship to God, and what we offer becomes “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God” (Phil 4:18).

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 100:1-2

Pastor Scott Korljan

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

†**Opening Hymn** #1 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

†**Invocation** Psalm 100:3-5

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 1 John 1:8-9; Hebrews 4:16

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. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are, by ourselves, 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 Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news!

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed in his Promise now fully realized in his Son, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn Of Assurance** #253 “There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”
(Vs. 1, 3 & 5 only)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Elder Dennis Conant

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-15

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 16

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Sermon “The Downfall and Death of Samson”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #501 “Just As I Am, without One Plea” **(Vs. 1 & 6 only)**

Please be seated after singing the hymn

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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.

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

#425 "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"

#254 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

"In Christ Alone"

"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 16

¹ Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. ² The Gazites were told, “Samson has come here.” And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, “Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him.” ³ But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron.

⁴ After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

⁵ And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, “Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver.” ⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you.”

⁷ Samson said to her, “If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ⁸ Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she bound him with them. ⁹ Now she had men lying in ambush in an inner chamber. And she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he snapped the bowstrings, as a thread of flax snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

¹⁰ Then Delilah said to Samson, “Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you might be bound.” ¹¹ And he said to her, “If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ¹² So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And the men lying in ambush were in an inner chamber. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread.

¹³ Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me how you might be bound.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and fasten it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ¹⁴ So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web. And she made them tight with the pin and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.

¹⁵ And she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies.”

¹⁶ And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death. ¹⁷ And he told her all his heart, and said to her, “A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man.”

¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up again, for he has told me all his heart.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. ¹⁹ She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. ²⁰ And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And he awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him. ²¹ And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison. ²² But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

²³ Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, “Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.” ²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, “Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.” ²⁵ And when their hearts were merry, they said, “Call Samson, that he may entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶ And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, “Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them.” ²⁷ Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

²⁸ Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.” ²⁹ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. ³⁰ And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. ³¹ Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Esh-taol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

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.

Sermon Hymn (Vs 1 & 6 Only)

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Just As I Am, without One Plea

Whoever comes to me I will never drive away. John 6:37

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Communion Hymn

“In Christ Alone”



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain: then burst - ing forth in glor - ious
power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'til on that
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -
stands in vic - tor - y sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er take me from His



cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in All, here in the
fied, for ev - ery sin on Him was laid; here in the
me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
prec - ious blood of Christ.
power of Christ I'll stand!

Communion Hymn

“All I Have Is Christ”

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The guitar part includes chord diagrams and chord names (D, A, D, G, A, D, Em, G, A, D, A, Bm, G, D, Em7, Bm, G, A, Bm, G, Bm, A) placed above or below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in three verses, with the first two lines of each verse on a single line and the third line on a separate line. The score includes first and second endings for the chorus, with repeat signs and first/second endings markings. A note at the end of the final line says "(Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)".

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

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

(Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

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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), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery

- Good Shepherd, Valparaiso, Indiana : “We thank God for His mercy and grace. We are thankful for His protection as folks have traveled quite a bit this summer and ask for His continued protection. Please continue to pray for Katherine Rehbein as she grieves the loss of her husband, Duane Stocker as he grieves the loss of his second leg to diabetes, Luke & Amanda McAuley as they complete their orientation with SIM in preparation for serving Christ in Kenya and Liz Metcalfe & Sandy Severson as they deal with the devastation of cancer.”
- Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Traverse City, Michigan: “Pray for our Missions outreach especially those in the ‘One Child’ program sponsored by Mission to the World and for our Deacons that they might be refreshed and renewed through the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father. Praise for new members that have joined Redeemer over the past year and for all our summer visitors.”
- Reverend Satoshi Kawachi: “Pray for our visit to supporting churches in Japan this summer and in the U.S. this fall, as well as, the housing and schooling needs as we begin HMA. Praise for our move and safe travel from Quebec to the U.S. and an encouraging church visit to one of our supporting churches in Ontario, Canada.”

Financials Through June 30th, 2015

Budgeted Expenses: \$123,066

Actual Expenses: \$112,078

*Giving & Rentals: \$110,464

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

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 17-18

Detroit Project Offering - Next Sunday

Stay connected to Redeemer - If you are not receiving Redeemer emails or our Newsletter, please contact Deb (at the Church Office) via email (redeemertc@gmail.com) or telephone (231-946-1700) with your email address. Thank You!

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 Today:

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

Serving Next Sunday, August 9th:

Elder: Fred Janke

Communion Set Up: Les & Mary Leone

Greeter: Brian & Michonne Palmer

Nursery Volunteer: Heidi Van Til

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Music: John Dalley and Gloria Janke

Refreshments: Barb Weber

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

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