



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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who do not belong to the people of Israel,
but we will pass on to Gibeah.”
— Judges 19:12

The Lord's Service
August 16, 2015

Why Does the Minister Wear a Robe?

Depending upon your church background the sight of a minister wearing a robe may be unusual. Why do we do it?

1. Wearing a Robe hides the man

The fact is that we are often distracted by what the pastor is wearing, especially if it is out of accord with the church tradition we grew up in. If the minister wears an expensive suit, people will notice and wonder why the pastor has spent so much money on his clothes. If the pastor wears a cheap suit, people will notice and wonder why the pastor does not take his office seriously. If the pastor wears shorts and a Hawaiian shirt (as many do in Hawaii), people will be appalled at the lack of formality...you get the point. The simple black ministerial gown is designed to remove these barriers and detract attention from the man and his taste in clothing, to whom he represents. Which leads to the second point.

2. Wearing a Robe emphasizes the office

The minister wears a robe for the same reason that a judge wears a robe in court, or a policeman wears a uniform when on duty – not to indicate they are more important than others, but to identify the fact that they are acting in official capacities. Likewise, the minister wears a robe to signify that when he is conducting the worship service, he is acting in his official capacity as a man who has been called by Christ to proclaim his word to his people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts or words of wisdom, but only the Word of God.

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 149:1

Pastor Scott Korljan

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

†**Opening Hymn** #76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Vs. 1-3. 5)

†**Invocation** Psalm 149:2-5

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

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** #38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Verse 1 only)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Confession of Sin Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

The Scriptures teach us that “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” “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.”

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you, and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.” Brothers and sisters, God has provided forgiveness and salvation through the one Man, Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord. Having confessed your sins to Almighty God, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†Hymn Of Assurance #693 “Blessed Assurance”

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Elder Fred Weber

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 4:1-10

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.

Offertory Special Music - Lise & Mark Sentell

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†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 19

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Sermon “Sodom Still Lives”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†Sermon Hymn #674 “I Need Thee Every Hour” (Vs. 1 & 5 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.

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

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	“My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness”	Bulletin Pg. 15
	“O Great God”	Bulletin Pg. 16

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 “Before The Throne of God Above” (Verse 3)

Behold him there!

The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;

the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;

my life is hid with Christ on high,

with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text

Judges 19

¹ In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite was sojourning in the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah. ² And his concubine was unfaithful to him, and she went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there some four months. ³ Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her and bring her back. He had with him his servant and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the girl's father saw him, he came with joy to meet him. ⁴ And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay, and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and spent the night there. ⁵ And on the fourth day they arose early in the morning, and he prepared to go, but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and after that you may go." ⁶ So the two of them sat and ate and drank together. And the girl's father said to the man, "Be pleased to spend the night, and let your heart be merry." ⁷ And when the man rose up to go, his father-in-law pressed him, till he spent the night there again. ⁸ And on the fifth day he arose early in the morning to depart. And the girl's father said, "Strengthen your heart and wait until the day declines." So they ate, both of them. ⁹ And when the man and his concubine and his servant rose up to depart, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold, now the day has waned toward evening. Please, spend the night. Behold, the day draws to its close. Lodge here and let your heart be merry, and tomorrow you shall arise early in the morning for your journey, and go home."

¹⁰ But the man would not spend the night. He rose up and departed and arrived opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). He had with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his concubine was with him. ¹¹ When they were near Jebus, the day was nearly over, and the servant said to his master, "Come now, let us turn aside to this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it." ¹² And his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners, who do not belong to the people of Israel, but we will pass on to Gibeah." ¹³ And he said to his young man, "Come and let us draw near to one of these places and spend the night at Gibeah or at Ramah." ¹⁴ So they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin,¹⁵ and they turned aside there, to go in and spend the night at Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into his house to spend the night.

¹⁶ And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. The man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojourning in Gibeah. The men of the place were Benjaminites. ¹⁷ And he lifted up his eyes and saw the traveler in the open square of the city. And the old man said,

“Where are you going? And where do you come from?” ¹⁸ And he said to him, “We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, from which I come. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to the house of the Lord, but no one has taken me into his house. ¹⁹ We have straw and feed for our donkeys, with bread and wine for me and your female servant and the young man with your servants. There is no lack of anything.” ²⁰ And the old man said, “Peace be to you; I will care for all your wants. Only, do not spend the night in the square.” ²¹ So he brought him into his house and gave the donkeys feed. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

²² As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless fellows, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old man, the master of the house, “Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him.” ²³ And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing. ²⁴ Behold, here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing.” ²⁵ But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go. ²⁶ And as morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, until it was light.

²⁷ And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold. ²⁸ He said to her, “Get up, let us be going.” But there was no answer. Then he put her on the donkey, and the man rose up and went away to his home. ²⁹ And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel. ³⁰ And all who saw it said, “Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak.”

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.

Communion Hymn

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Communion Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the Cross

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Gentle and Thoughtful (♩ = 69)

G/A D Em⁷ D/F# G⁶ Em⁷ D/A Bm⁷ Em⁷ Em⁷/A Dadd⁹ Em⁷ D/F#



I. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to stand, and won - der at such
neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my own. Once strang - ers chas - ing
neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the crown, We - fol - low in His



G⁶ G² D/A A⁷sus A⁷ Dadd⁹ D/F# G A⁹/G



mer - cy that calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -
self - ish dreams; Now, one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
foot - steps where prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



F#m⁷ Bm⁷ G Em⁷ Asus A⁷ D Em⁷ D/F#



card me hold wounds which tell me come. Be - neath the cross of
ho - nour the ones that You have loved? Be - neath the cross of
fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of



14 G⁶ Em⁷ D/A A⁷sus A⁷ D D/F[#] A/G G/A G/A

Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our 2.Be - 3.Be - lives.

**Offertory Special Music- El Shaddai
Lise & Mark Sentell**

Chorus

El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyona Adonai,
Age to age You're still the same
By the power of the name
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, erkamkana Adonai
We will praise and lift You high, El Shaddai

Through the blood and through the ram, You saved the son of Abraham
Through the power of Your hand, You turned the sea into dry land
To the outcast on her knees, You were the God who really sees,
And by your might, You set the captives free

Through the years You made it clear that the time of Christ was near
Though the people couldn't see what Messiah ought to be
Though Your Word contained the plan, they just could not understand
Your most awesome work was done in the frailty of Your Son

Chorus

Communion Hymn

“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)

Communion Hymn

“O Great God”

$\text{♩} = 72$

O great God of high-est heav'n, oc-cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it
(2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not

Chords: C, F/G, C, Dm, C/E, F

6

all and reign su - preme. Con-quer ev - ery reb - el pow'r. Let no
know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your

Chords: C, F/G, C, Dm, Gsus, G, C, G

10

vice or sin re-main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have
Spir - it gave me life, o-pened up Your Word to me, through the

Chords: Am, G/F, C, G, Am⁷, F, Gsus, G

14

loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - - er -
gos - pel of Your Son gave me end - less hope and

Chords: F²/A, G/B, C, C/E, F, Gsus, G

17

more. 2. I was peace.

Chords: C, G, Am⁷, Dm, Gsus, G, F/G, C, G

21 Asus A Asus D G⁶ D Em D/F[#]

3. Help me now to live a life that's de-pen-dent on Your

25 G D/A G⁶ D/F[#]

grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the

28 Em Asus A D A Bm A/G D A

e-vils that I face. You are wor - thy to be praised with my

32 Bm⁷ G Asus A G²/B A/C[#] D D/F[#]

ev-ery thought and deed. O great God of high-est heav'n, glo-ri-

36 G Asus A D A D

fy Your Name through me. You are me.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- For the McSauby family as they mourn the loss of John's brother-in-law
- For June Rusch as she 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

- First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, Michigan : "Pray for wisdom for our Pastoral Search Committee as they begin searching for our next senior pastor and that the next four weeks of hosting the International Bible Translators in partnership with Wycliffe Associates in our church, are as successful as the first two weeks."
- Pathway Community Church, Brighton, Michigan: "Pray for our community outreach ministries and for the youth of the church."
- Mr. Joel Irvin: "Pray that Jamie and I would always turn to God as our refuge and that our hearts would be enlarged as acclimating foster parents, for the children to be given eyes to see Jesus and come to trust solely in Him, for Jamie's mother whose kidneys are failing, for Jamie who will likely be the donor, for me to be a wise steward of my gifts & time, to come to understand how God is relevant in every situation and that my speech would be seasoned with grace."

Serving Today:

Elder: Fred Weber

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Greeter: Dave & Angie VanDyk

Nursery Volunteer: Lindsay Korljan

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Offertory Music: Lise & Mark Sentell

Refreshments: Alison Breithaupt

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 20-21

Hymn Sing - Please plan to stay for a Hymn Sing immediately following our service today.

Sunday School - Resumes on September 13th! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for names of youth who will be attending.

Communicants Class - Pastor Scott will lead a communicants class next month to help prepare church youth to make a public profession of faith. The class will meet for four consecutive Sunday's beginning September 13th. Please contact the Church Office to sign up.

Giving Envelopes - Are in the Narthex, please pick up your box.

Ladies Book Study - will meet at the Church on Saturday, August 29th from 9:30 to 11 AM. Chapter 10 of Idols of the Heart will be discussed.

Save the Date! - For our annual "Reformation Celebration Barn Dance" to be held on Friday, October 9th

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, August 23rd:

Elder: Bill Morrison

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeter: Vern & McKinzie Robinson

Nursery Volunteer: Mary Caroline Whims

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Kimberly, Mary Caroline & Christiann Whims

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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