



# *Redeemer*

Presbyterian Church

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
—Psalm 13:1

**The Lord's Service**  
**September 13, 2015**

## Why Have a Benediction?

Every week at Redeemer we end the service with what is called the *benediction*. The word benediction literally means ‘good speaking,’ and refers to God’s pronouncement of blessing upon his people. The minister, acting as God’s representative, lifts his hands and announces the Lord’s final blessing on His people as they depart. The wording for the benediction is normally taken directly from Numbers 6:24-26, where the Lord commands Aaron the high priest and his sons to bless the people saying “The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Both the Old and New Testaments contain examples of other benedictions that God inspired to be “placed upon” his people. The author of Hebrews, for example, finishes his letter with this benediction: “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (see also 2 Cor 13:14, Eph 6:23-24, 2 Thess 3:16, 18). Why is it appropriate to end a worship service with a benediction?

First, a benediction gives God the last word in the service. From start to finish, our worship service has been an ongoing “dialogue” between God and his people, where God has spoken, and we have responded. We have offered up to God our worship, and we have been recipients of his grace which flows down to us. The benediction serves as God’s parting blessing, his last word for us. As one theologian states, “But here, one last time, God addresses his people. Grace has the last word, as the people receive God’s blessings through the minister with raised hands.”

Second, the benediction bestows God’s blessing upon us. The benediction actually *does* something. After instructing Aaron and his sons to give this blessing to the people, God tells them that when they pronounce this blessing, they are in fact “...putting my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.” In other words, the benediction is not a pious wish, sentiment, or even a prayer. It is a promise of blessing that God will carry out. God’s name is actually placed upon his people, and we are assured “...of His peace, promises, and His gracious presence as we leave His special presence to return to the world.” We leave worship confident that God is our God, we are his people, his face is shining upon us, and in all things he will be gracious to us. To that, we can only say “Amen! Amen! Amen!”

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

## Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1-3

Pastor Scott Korljan

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

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

†**Opening Hymn** #172 “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” Bulletin Pg. 11  
Verses 1-3 & 5

†**Invocation** Psalm 145:4-9

One generation shall commend your works to another,  
**and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
**and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
**and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
**and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Lord is good to all,  
**and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

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** #101 “Come, Thou almighty King” (Verse 4 only)

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

**Confession of Sin** Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 25:4-7, 11

“God shows his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” “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.”

**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Psalm 103:8-12

Hear the good news!

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always strive with us, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he removed our transgressions from us.” Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed his promise of salvation through Christ alone, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn Of Assurance** “All I Have is Christ” Bulletin Pg. 12

**Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer** Elder Bill Morrison

**New Testament Reading** 1 Timothy 6:3-10

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.*

## †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 Psalm 13

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This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** “Finding Hope When Our Worst Fears Come True?”

Pastor Scott Korljan

## Prayer of Application

## †Sermon Hymn #689 “Be Still, My Soul” (Vs. 1 & 4 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 Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul,  
both in life and death, am not my own,  
but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,  
who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins,  
and delivered me from all the power of the devil,  
and so preserves me  
that without the will of my heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation,  
therefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life  
and makes me heartily willing and ready,  
always, to live for him.**

## 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

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

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#95 “Though Troubles Assail Us”

#691 “It Is Well with My Soul”

## 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 “Nunc Dimittis”

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,  
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,  
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

### †Benediction

### †Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

### Postlude



**Sermon Text**  
**Psalm 13**

- <sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- <sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- <sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- <sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"  
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- <sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## 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

HIS PRAISE

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ... to him be glory  
and power for ever and ever! Rev. 1:5, 6*

1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!  
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,  
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!  
4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;  
5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:  
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
• For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:  
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:  
here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:

he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.  
he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.  
• he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.  
he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.  
"You have washed us with your blood; you are wor-thy, Lamb of God!"

John Newton, 1774  
Mod.

ALL SAINTS OLD 8.7.8.7.7.  
Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698

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# Hymn of Assurance

## “All I Have is Christ”

Words and Music by Jordan Kauffman

$\text{♩} = 76$

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble and bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 76. The score includes three verses of lyrics, with the first verse starting at the top and the second and third verses continuing down the page. The lyrics are: Verse 1: 'I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that'; Verse 2: 'But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked up -'; Verse 3: 'Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see the strength to'. The score includes guitar chords (D, A, D, G, A, D, Em, G, A, D, A, Bm, G, D, Em7, Bm, G, A, Bm, G, Bm, A) and a repeat sign with first and second endings. The first ending leads to the final line of the chorus, and the second ending leads to the final line of the chorus. The final line of the chorus is: 'have is Christ. Hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus is my life.' The instruction '(Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)' is written above the final line of the chorus.

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

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

2, 3. (Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

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

# Communion Hymn

## “Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Anne Steele (1716-1778)

Matt Merker

♩ = 100

D A/C# D G/B D/A G D/F# Asus A

1. Dear ref - uge of my wea - ry soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise, on  
 2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Theemine; the  
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain? And  
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat; with

5 D A/C# D G/B D/A D/F# G Asus A D D/C#

Thee, when waves of trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies. To  
 springs of com - fort seem to fail and all my hopes de - cline. Yet,  
 can the ear of sov - 'reign grace be deaf when I com - plain? No,  
 hum - ble hope at - tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet. Thy

9 Bm A/B D/A A G D/F# G Bm7 Asus A D

Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal; Thy  
 gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust; and  
 still the ear of sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer; oh,  
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat; with

13 D A/C# D G/B D/A D/F# G Asus A D

Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - ery pain I feel.  
 still my soul would cleave to Thee though pros - trate in the dust.  
 may I ev - er find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.  
 hum - ble hope at - tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet.

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## *Prayer Requests*

### **Redeemer Family:**

- For the McSauby family as they mourn the loss of John's brother-in-law
- Bob Zimmer as he regains strength after his treatment for lymphoma
- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch

### **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**

- New City Presbyterian, Royal Oak, Michigan : "Pray for our New City groups (in home small group Bible studies) starting mid-September, our members and visitors' walks with Christ and each other to deepen through participating in these groups."
- Christ Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan: "Pray for God's continual blessing of our efforts to reach the city, His blessing on our ministry to members and visitors, wisdom on our worship space and God's help developing leaders among the congregation. Praise for new families and members."
- Reverend Jan Dykshoorn: "Pray that my transition into the Presbytery here continues to be smooth. Prayers for our 90 year old fathers; my father is now living with my brother and has had surgery to correct some dangerous issues. Praise for the ministry here."

### **Serving Today:**

Elder: Bill Morrison  
Communion Set Up: Les & Mary Leone  
Greeter: Claire Satchwell / Joyce Weise  
Nursery Volunteer: Nikki Millward  
Pianist: Connie Van Til  
Refreshments: Melissa Weber  
Sound Board: David Smith

### **Serving Next Sunday, September 20th:**

Elder: Fred Janke  
Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward  
Greeter: Alyssa Strong  
Nursery Volunteer: Sarah Palmer  
Pianist: Connie Van Til  
Refreshments: Mary Leone  
Sound Board: Ralph Kott

## Announcements

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

**Next Sunday** - Pastor Scott will preach from Psalm 30

**Detroit Project Offering** - Today

**Foster Care Kits** - On Tuesday, September 22nd at 1:30 PM, we will be assembling the Foster Care Bags. With enough volunteers, this task can be completed quickly. If you have an hour to spare, please come and help!

**Harvest Festival & Barn Dance** - If you would like to have some good, old fashioned fun, then come join us on Friday evening, October 9th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Dress as 'Country' as you can and bring family & friends. We will have a three piece country band & caller who will lead us in 'old fashioned country dancing'. For those of you who are interested, you may bring homegrown/homemade products to trade, barter or sell during our Festival. Popcorn & apple cider will be provided; you may bring snacks to share. Please join us at the Witkop Family Farm (M72 West, 1 mile west of Gray/Bugai Road) located across the road from Gallagher's Farm Market. For more information please see Fred or Barb Weber.

**Membership Class** - Pastor Scott will teach a membership class Saturday, October 10th from 9 AM - 1:30 PM. The class is designed for anyone who is interested in learning more about our Church, our beliefs, or our practices. Lunch is provided and childcare is available upon request. Please RSVP with the Church Office by Friday, October 2nd.

**Fall Clean Up** - It is that time again when we need to prepare the Church building & grounds for the colder weather. Please come and lend a hand on Saturday, October 17 from 9 AM until Noon. Many hands make light work!

**Congregational Meeting** - October 18th after our service for the purpose of voting on Bob Israel for the Office of Deacon.

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

***Communicants Class*** - Sunday morning, 9 AM

***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

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Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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