

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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—Psalm 30:1

The Lord's Service
September 20, 2015

Welcome!

If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the Visitor Pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Note: Since many of our families with small children sit near the back of the church, visitors may wish to sit closer to the front to avoid any possible distractions during the worship service. Parents with young children may take them to the nursery which is equipped with a speaker so you may still hear the service. Our facility is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask one of the Deacons for a receiver.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the elders. We would be glad to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. In the Narthex, we have a booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. You may also visit our website for other helpful information: www.redeemertraversecity.org.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the culmination of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward with their parents and will be acknowledged by the pastor. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note: The inner ring of cups in each communion tray contains non alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.**

The Lord's Service

September 30, 2015

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-3

Pastor Scott Korljan

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

†**Opening Hymn** “Creation Sings the Father’s Song” Bulletin Pg. 10

†**Invocation** Psalm 34:4-8

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
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 Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

The Scriptures teach us that “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 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** #94 “How Firm a Foundation” (Vs. 1, 2 & 6)

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

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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 30

Bulletin Pg. 8

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Thankful or Thankless?”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†Sermon Hymn #98 “Now Thank We All Our God” (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 9. 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

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul” Bulletin Pg. 12

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness” Bulletin Pg. 13

#32 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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”

†Benediction



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 Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Psalm 30

- 1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- 3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
- 7 By your favor, O LORD,
you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- 9 “What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
- 12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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

Creation Sings the Father's Song



1. Cre -



a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of
 a - tion gazed up - on His face; the age - less One in time's em - brace un - veiled the Fa - ther's
 a - tion longs for His re - turn, when Christ shall reign up - on the earth; the bit - ter wars that



day till e - v'ning falls in crim - son rays. His
 plan of rec - on - cil - ing God and man. A
 rage are birth pains of a com - ing age. When



fin - get - prints in flakes of snow, His breath up - on this spin - ning globe, He charts the ea - gle's
 sec - ond Ad - am walked the earth, whose blame - less life would break the curse, whose death would set us
 He re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth re - ply with one res - plend - ent

flight; com-mands the new-born ba-by's cry.
 free to live with Him e-ter-nal-ly.
 theme: The glo-ries of our God and King!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Let

all cre-a-tion stand and sing, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"

Fill the earth with songs of

wor-ship; tell the won-ders of cre-a-tion's King.

1.2. 3.

2. Cre -
 3. Cre -

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#

There, 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

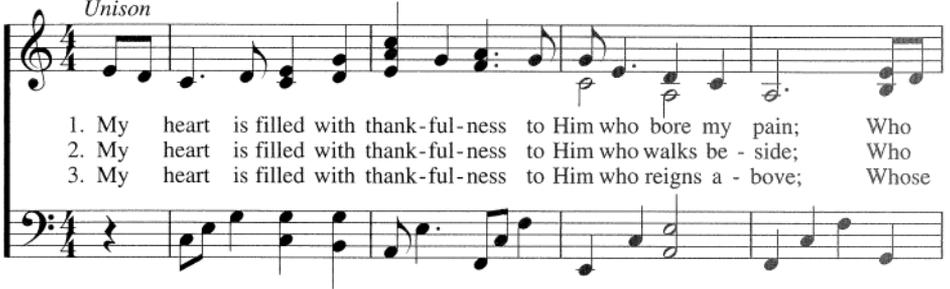
Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - ery pain I feel.
 still my soul would cleave to Thee though pros - trate in the dust.
 may I ev - er find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.
 hum - ble hope at - tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet.

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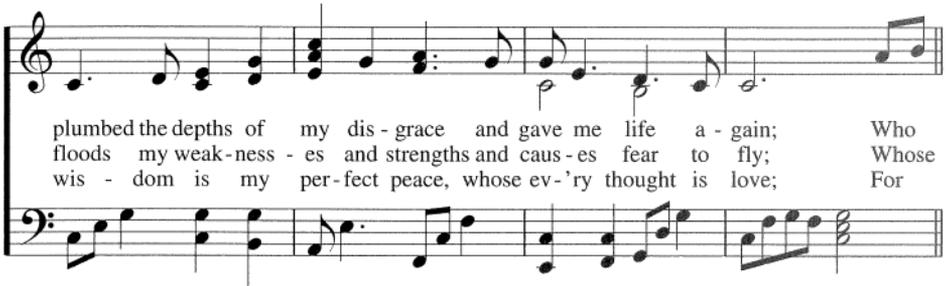
Communion Hymn

“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)

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- 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

- Faith Community, La Porte, Indiana: “Pray for Church growth & wisdom in outreach. Praise for new opportunities to serve God.”
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Township, Michigan: “Pray for the upcoming Centennial Celebration on September 19 & 20.”

Financials Through August 31st, 2015

Budgeted Expenses: \$164,088

Actual Expenses: \$149,233

*Giving & Rentals: \$155,168

(*Includes \$14,200 in Rental Income)

Serving Today:

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

Serving Next Sunday, September 27th:

Elder: Dennis Conant

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeter: Judy Smith

Nursery Volunteer: Alyssa Strong

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Potluck! (Clean Up: Morrison Small Group)

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.

Next Sunday - Pastor Scott will preach from Psalm 62

Foster Care Kits - Will be assembled this Tuesday, September 22nd at 1:30 PM. 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.

The Clothes Closet is open! - Please stop by and see if there is anything you need. Stop in after our Sunday Service or Tuesdays, from 1-2 PM.

This week at Redeemer:

Communicants Class - Sunday morning, 9 AM

Catechism Class - Meets Monday from 10:45 to 11:15 AM; for ages 3 - 5

Ladies Psalm 119 Study - **Cancelled** this week, resumes September 29th

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

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

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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