

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
—Psalm 51:1

The Lord's Service
October 4, 2015

Why Liturgy?

At Redeemer we have what some would describe as a "liturgical" service. What most people mean by this term is that our service has a very clear order to it, including the use of various printed prayers, confessions, and other congregational recitations that changes little from week to week. Certainly, such a highly structured service could lead to dry, formalistic worship that lacks true heart engagement. Sometimes people are suspicious of liturgical churches such as ours for precisely this reason. And it is true that "going through the motions" is always a danger, and we must always remember not to trust in the forms themselves but rather use them as a vehicle to express authentic worship to God. However, the danger of "going through the motions" is one that every church faces, no matter how structured or unstructured the service is. As one author has noted, "One can sing the same praise songs repetitively and without much thought, just as one can say the Apostles' Creed each week without adequate reflection on what one is professing."

The truth is that every church has a liturgy. The word "liturgy" is based on the Latin word for service, and refers to the order of service that a church follows week to week. Even if it is very simple, every church follows some order of service, and has some rationale on which that order is based. The question is not whether a church has a liturgy, therefore, but whether or not the order of service a church uses best reflects what the Bible teaches about how we should approach and worship God.

A structured liturgy that remains the same each week has many benefits. First, it becomes a tool for teaching the essential truths of the Christian faith. When familiar forms are used again and again, we quickly learn them without realizing that we are doing so. I never tire of hearing some of our children recite the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer, which they have learned simply by being in service weekly.

Second, a fixed order of service each week helps us worship God more authentically. Why is this? Because using the same forms each week enables us to focus more on the content than on form itself. The first time we learn a new song it is almost impossible to worship because we are distracted trying to learn the words and rhythm of the song. But once we have become familiar with it, we can begin to ponder the words and can begin to truly worship. C.S. Lewis once said that he could "make do with almost any kind of service whatever if only it would stay put. But if each form is snatched away just when I am beginning to feel at home in it, then I can never make any progress in the art of worship."

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 32:11

Pastor Scott Korljan

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

†**Invocation** Psalm 103:8-13

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

He will not always chide, 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 remove our transgressions from us.

**As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear 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 1 John 1:8-9

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 humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Peter 2:24

Hear the good news!

Now lift up your heads and hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ Jesus. “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.” In the name of our resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and by the authority of his Word, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn Of Assurance** #307 “Nothing but the Blood” (Vs. 1, 3 & 4 only)

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

Scripture Reading Psalm 32:1-7

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.

Special Offertory Music “O Help My Unbelief” Bulletin Pg. 11

Katie Gordon and Lindsay Korljan

†**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 51

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Sermon “When Was Your Last Confession?”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #254 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” (**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.

Psalms 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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| | “Dear Refuge of my Weary Soul” | Bulletin Pg. 12 |
| #253 | “There is a Fountain Filled With Blood” | |
| | “How Deep the Fathers Love for Us” | Bulletin Pg. 13 |

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 51

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

- ¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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.

Special Offertory Music

“O Help My Unbelief”

Katie Gordon and Lindsay Korljan

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, And runs to this relief
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

Text: Isaac Watts

Music: Justin Smith

Communion Hymn

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Anne Steele (1716-1778)

Matt Merker

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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 moun - er's prayer; oh,
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat; with

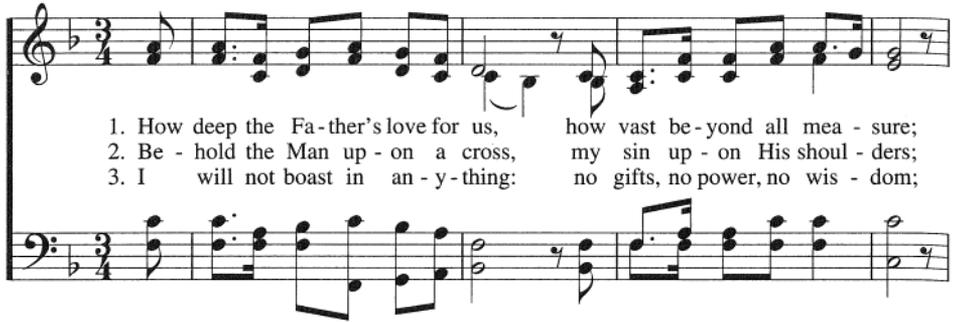
13 D A/C# D G/B D/A D/F# G Asus A D

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.

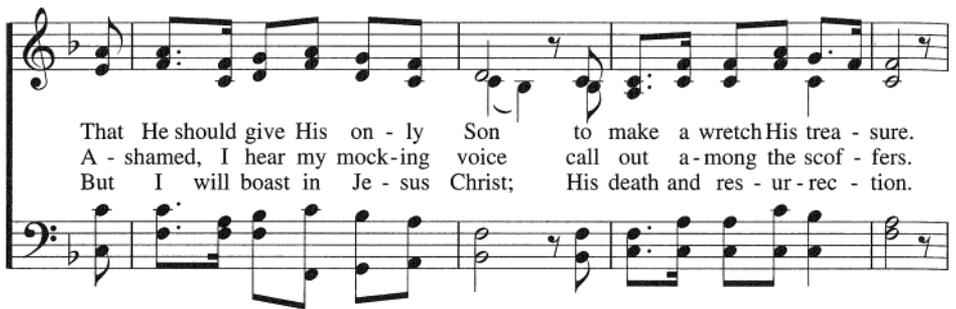
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Communion Hymn

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”



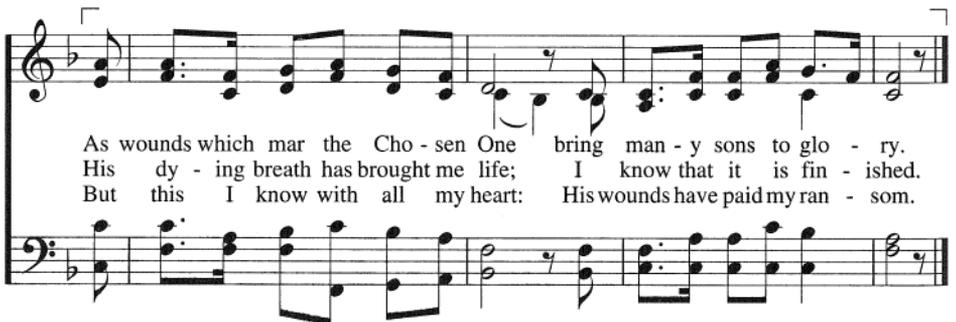
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure;
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no power, no wis - dom;



That He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure.
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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

- Good Shepherd, Valparaiso, Indiana: “Pray for the next phase of the building expansion program, for several members as they deal with cancer, for Chris Martel who has been suffering from undiagnosed pain that affects her life, for Duane Stocker as he adjusts to life without legs, for George & Joan Veenstra dealing with George’s Parkinson’s disease and for Brett Kern in rehab after a hip replacement. Praise for a good start to our new Sunday School year, several interested visitors and the good work of the Building Expansion Committee.”
- Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Traverse City, Michigan: “Pray that activities involved with our Missions Weekend are informative and uplifting to our congregation, safe travel for our guest speaker Reverend Esaie Etienne and outreach to our homebound members. Praise for a member’s cancer in remission.”

Serving Today:

Elder: Bill Morrison

Communion Set Up: Dennis & Joyce Weise

Greeter: Eric & Alison Breithaupt

Nursery Volunteer: Heidi Van Til

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Offertory Music: Katie Gordon and Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments: Jenny Morrison

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving Next Sunday, October 11th:

Elder: Dennis Conant

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Greeter: Glenn Donohoe

Nursery Volunteer: Kimberly Whims

Pianist: Connie Van Til,

Refreshments: Berneice Gonder

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 - Reverend Esaie Etienne will be preaching our Missions Sunday Sermon

Detroit Project Offering - Next Sunday

October is Missions Month! There will be a reception for Missionary Esaie Etienne this Saturday at 7 PM where he will share about his church & school in Haiti.

Next Sunday local “mission” projects will be featured during the Sunday School hour.

Harvest Festival & Barn Dance - This Friday evening from 6 to 9 PM. We will have a three piece country band & caller who will lead us in ‘old fashioned country dancing’. 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 this Saturday, 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.

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.

Studies in Theology - Resumes on Monday, October 19th from 5:30 to 6:30 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 - 6

Ladies Psalm 119 Study - Meets Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

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

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