

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

I know how to be brought low,
and I know how to abound.
In any and every circumstance,
I have learned the secret of facing
plenty and hunger, abundance and need.
—Philippians 4:12

The Lord's Service
July 17, 2016

Why a Confession of Sin?

Every week the congregation of Redeemer church corporately confesses our sin before God and seeks his mercy and forgiveness. Having a corporate confession of sin as part of the worship service has a long history in the Christian church, formally instituted in the 7th century, and renewed during the protestant reformation. Why do we do this?

First, the Bible is filled with confession of sin. There are many psalms that contain elements of confession, and certain psalms that are devoted entirely to confession (Psalm 51). In fact, Psalm 32 specifically addresses the danger of unconfessed sin: “When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning.” In Nehemiah 9, after a lengthy recounting of Israel’s unfaithfulness to God, Nehemiah finishes his prayer corporately confessing the nations sin: “...We have acted wickedly. Our kings, our princes...have not kept your law or paid attention to your commandments and your warnings which you gave them.” The New Testament is filled with similar examples and commands to confess sin, not the least of which is Jesus himself who instructed us that we are to daily ask that God would “forgive our debts.” The Apostle John reminds us that “if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Second, a confession of sin is particularly appropriate when we enter God’s presence for worship. The example of the prophet Isaiah is instructive. Isaiah 6 records Isaiah having a vision of God seated on his glorious throne, and surrounded by his heavenly hosts. What is Isaiah’s immediate response? He falls on his face and confesses his sin: “Woe is me, I am undone...for I am a man of unclean lips.” When men, even righteous men, are confronted with the glory and holiness of God, they immediately become aware of their own sinfulness. As one pastor has written, we don’t see “...anyone in the Bible stroll into God’s presence singing ‘I’ve got joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart.’”

Finally, confession of sin gives our worship authenticity. Psalm 66:18 says that “If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Not only does failing to confess sins depart from the biblical model of approaching God, it also smacks of dishonesty. After all, *we are sinners* and God is holy. The church is not a haven of the spiritually strong who have it all figured out, we are broken sinners in various stages of recovery, completely dependent on the mercy and forgiveness of God for our salvation. We don’t just need a little help from God, we need to be saved from the wrath and curse of God. Praise God, we have such a Savior!

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

(Silent Preparation for Worship)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 95:1

Pastor Scott Korljan

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

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

†**Invocation** Psalm 95:3-6

Pastor: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**People: In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People: Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

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** #53 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (**Verse 5 only**)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly fore'er we adore him.

Confession of Sin Romans 3:20; James 2:8, 10

The Scriptures teach that “through the law comes the knowledge of sin.”

Hear the Law of the Lord: “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.”

But “whoever fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.” Let us humbly bow our heads before the Lord and confess our sins.

† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

Almighty God, we confess to you that we are, 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 Ephesians 2:8-10

Hear the good News!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Brothers and sisters in the name of Christ and by the authority of his Word I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** “See the Destined Day Arise” Bulletin Pg. 11

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

Scripture Reading Numbers 11:1-6, Romans 8:28-32

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 red Visitor 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** Philippians 4:10-13 Bulletin Pg. 8

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Sermon “Learning Contentment in a Discontented World”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn #605** “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” **(Verse 1 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 ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups 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 glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. 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 & Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns

#689 "Be Still, My Soul"

#87 "The Lord's My Shepherd (**Psalm 23**) (Vs 1-3, & 5 only)

#92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

"My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"

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Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to serve you and others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal #32 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Verse 3 only)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens 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.

Hymn of Assurance

“See The Destined Day Arise”



1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a wil - ling sac - ri - fice!
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross;
And with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pierc - ing spear?
All our trust for life re - newed, Par - doned sin, and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and just - ice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing your praise, 'round your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ery pang and bit - ter throe, fin - ish - ing your life of woe?
Sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
Ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!

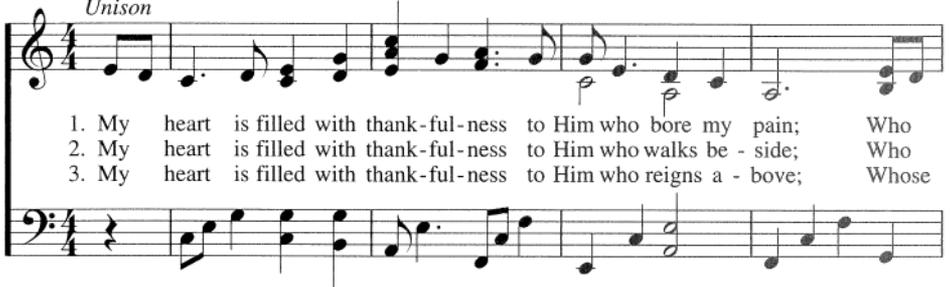


Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise your name!

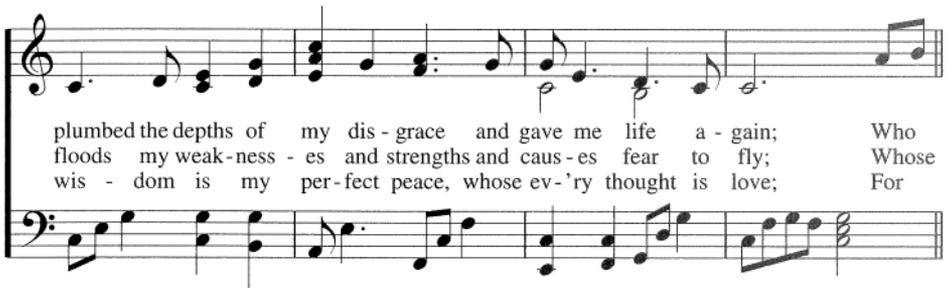
Communion Hymn

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

Unison



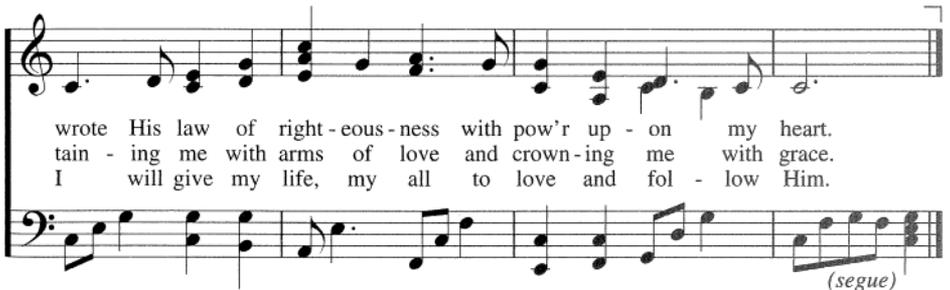
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; Who
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose



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:

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch & Reva Sharp
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk) who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bobbie, Seth & their three daughters in your prayers.
- Kimberly Close, sister of Katina Gibson, who is struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual difficulties. Pray that God's love and comfort would meet her in this season of need.
- Jo Wolfe, pray for healing.
- Jean Bilthouse (Connie Van Til's mother) who is receiving hospice care.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (Redeemer Detroit church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain), Alyssa Strong in Bulgaria and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery:

Tyrone Covenant, Fenton, Michigan: Pray for Kurt & Beth Symanzik, Missionaries in the Philippines who are several years in the adoption process for their son James. They hope to return to the States once the adoption is finalized. Praise for the ministry of the Body of Christ following the recent death of two members.

Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, Michigan: Pray for God to lead and encourage us; to bless our outreach to the lost; to bring to us those who can work with us to build His church and to keep us faithful in humbly following and depending on Him.

Reverend Peter Adams: We hope to have our elder exams and other matters finished before the September Presbytery so than we can finish the process of joining the PCA.

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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 Philippians 4:10-19

Youth/Family Group Outing - Friday, July 30th at Michigan Adventure! Contact Eric Breithaupt for more information.

Church Picnic - Sunday, July 31st at the Greilickville Harbor Park next to the Elmwood Township Marina.

This week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM
Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 10 AM
Catechism - Thursday, 11 AM

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Dennis & Joyce Weise
Elder: Bill Morrison
Greeter: Roger & Sarah Racine
Music Ministry: Rick Harkert
Nursery Volunteer: Heidi Van Til
Refreshments: Maggie Carins
Sound Board: Ralph Kott

Serving Next Sunday, July 24, 2016:

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott
Elder: Fred Weber
Greeter: Vern & McKinzie Robinson
Music Ministry: Connie Van Til
Refreshments: Cheryl Dorvinen
Sound Board: David Smith

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Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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