



Redeemer
Presbyterian Church

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus.
—Philippians 4:21

The Lord's Service
July 31, 2016

Why So Much Prayer in Worship?

From start to finish, prayer is a significant part of the Sunday worship service at Redeemer. We have the opening prayer of invocation, a corporate prayer of confession, prayers of intercession, a prayer before and after communion, and a weekly recital of the Lord's Prayer. There are many reasons why we give prayer such a prominent place in the worship service.

Prayer is commanded by God. Christians are called to be people of prayer, and we read in the book of Acts that when the early church gathered together, they "devoted themselves to...*the prayers*" (Acts 2:42). As such, it is discouraging to read one contemporary Christian author lament that "One of the most disappointing features of contemporary worship is the absence of prayer." Prayer is not always easy, but God has called us to this ministry and it must have a place in our worship.

Prayer is a great privilege. When we pray, we have access to God's very throne room through our Savior Jesus Christ. Direct access to the God of the universe is not something that we should take for granted. Most of us don't even have direct access to our elected political leaders (try walking into the White House unannounced and see what happens). Through prayer, however, God promises that we have access to him at any time. We can boldly come before the throne of Grace confident that we come to a loving Father who will give us grace and mercy in our time of need. How appropriate then, when gathered together as his body, that we approach his throne of grace to intercede for one another, the church, and the world as God has called us to.

Prayer accomplishes great things. There are many motivations to pray, but one of the strongest we have is simply that prayer is powerful. When we pray in the name of Jesus, God hears and acts. James promises us that "The prayer of a righteous man has great power as it is working." Jesus said: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." The apostle John encourages us to have confidence that if we "ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

(Silent Preparation for Worship)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Revelation 5:11-14

Pastor Scott Korljan

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

†**Opening Hymn** #164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Vs 1-3 & 6 only)

†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

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, they great name we praise.

Confession of Sin 1 John 1:5-7; Psalm 130

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Hymn of Confession “Not in Me”

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Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:4-5

Hear the good News!

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by Grace you have been saved.”

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Elder Dennis Conant

Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

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.

Benevolence Offering

†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 4:21-23

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This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Greetings, Grace and Joy to All the Saints”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn #172** “ Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder ”(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 ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups 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 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

#257 "Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

#188 "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

"In Christ Alone"

"10,000 Reasons"

(Vs. 1, 3 & 4 only)

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Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O Lord, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven, and food of eternal life. Grant us the sanctifying grace of your Holy Spirit so that we may glorify you in all we do, both privately and publicly. Help us to be a faithful people, called out of darkness into your wonderful light so that we may declare your praises. For all of this, we rejoice and give you thanks in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

†Dismissal “Holy Spirit” (Verse 2 only)

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Philippians 4:21-23

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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 Confession

“Not in Me”

F/C C Dm/C C F/C C Am G sus4 G G7

1.No list of sins I have not done, no list of vir - tues I pur - sue, no list of
 2.No hum-ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed hands, no tear - ful song, no re - ci -
 3.No se - pa - ra - tion from the world, no work I do, no gift I give, can cleanse my

C F G Am F C/G G C C/E

those I am not like can earn my - self a place with You. O God! be
 ta - tion of the truth can jus - ti - fy a sin - gle wrong. My righ - teous -
 con - science, cleanse my hands; I can - not cause my soul to live. But Je - sus

G F/G C C/E G F/G C C/E

mer - ci - ful to me- I am a sin - ner through and through! My on - ly
 ness is Je - sus' life, my debt was paid by Je - sus' death, my wear - y
 died and rose a - gain- the pow'r of death is o - ver - thrown! My God is

G F/G Am F C/G G C 7

hope of righ - teous - ness is not in me, but on - ly You.
 load was borne by Him and He a - lone can give me rest.
 mer - ci - ful to me and mer - ci - ful in Christ a - lone.

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Communion Hymn

“In Christ Alone”

G D G A Bm

1 In Christ a-lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh— full-ness of
3 There in the ground his bod-y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

G D/F# Em7 A D G D G

light, my strength, my song— this cor-ner-stone, this sol-id
God in help-less babe!— this gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark-ness slain; then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious
power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fin-al

A Bm G D/F# Em A D D/F#

ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on the
day, up from the grave he rose a-gain! And as he
breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny. No power of

G D/F# A D/F# G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no hu - man plan, can ev - er pluck me from his

A G D G A

cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all,
 fied. For ev - ery sin on him was laid;
 me; for I am his and he is mine,
 hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me home,

Bm G D/F# Em7 A D

here in the love of Christ I stand.
 here in the death of Christ I live.
 bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Communion Hymn

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise un-ending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Announcements

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

Next Sunday - Reverend Andrew Vandermaas is preaching

Quarterly Benevolence Offering - Today

Church Picnic Today - At the Harbor Park Pavilion next to the Elmwood Township Marina in Greilickville (maps are located in the Narthex). Bring your own food & drinks along with anything you would take to 'the beach'. There is an area roped off and designated for swimming.

This week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Dave & Eleanor Schafer

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til

Nursery: Katie Gordon

Refreshments: Church Picnic (see above)

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving Next Sunday, August 7, 2016:

Communion Set Up: Les & Mary Leone

Elder: Fred Janke

Greeter: Brett Schut

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til

Nursery: Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments: Carol DeVries

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

Financials Through June 30th, 2016

Budgeted Expenses: \$128,754

Actual Expenses: \$127,031

*Giving & Rentals: \$136,191

(*Includes \$12,900 in Rental Income)

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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