



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

**“And after a while the brook dried up,  
because there was no rain in the land.”**

**—1 King 17:7**

**The Lord’s Service**

**May 27, 2018**

## *Why go to Church on Sunday?*

From the very beginning of Christianity the disciples of Jesus Christ formed churches that met together regularly and “devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, and to the fellowship, and to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.” Gathering together for worship in this way with fellow believers was considered such an essential part of Christian life, that the author of Hebrews warned the church to “not neglect the meeting together, as is the habit of some.” Why is going to church so important for us?

First, we experience God’s presence in a unique way. Although God is with us individually throughout our week, there is a special sense in which God is present to bless and encourage his people when they gather together for Worship. Even in the Old Testament, God had set apart a special location (the tabernacle/temple) where He was uniquely present for his people. Today, God’s special presence is no longer tied to a physical location, but is found in the corporate gathering of God’s people for worship. As Jesus promised, “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.”

Second, when we are gathered together for worship with others, we *receive* grace from above which strengthens our faith, hope, and love, to a higher degree than is possible by ourselves. As important as individual prayer and Bible reading are, it is only in corporate worship that the word of God is proclaimed to us, only in corporate worship that we can partake of the Lord’s Supper, and only in corporate worship that we enjoy the love, fellowship, and encouragement of other believers. Let’s be honest, saying a prayer by yourself on a Sunday morning *is just not the same experience* as being surrounded by other believers singing God’s praise, hearing the word, and encouraging each other. God has called each Christian to be part of a larger body, the church, and without regularly meeting together for worship we will not enter into the full benefits of our Salvation.

Finally, corporate worship is the closest thing we have to heaven on earth. We don’t know much about what we will do in heaven, but we do know that it will be filled with all of God’ people *together* worshipping our God. “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.” If worshipping God with other Christians is what we will be doing in heaven, it ought to have a priority for us as we live the Christian life in this present age.

# The Lord's Service

May 27, 2018

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Silent Prayer of Preparation

## Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Stevens

*Psalm 18:6-10*

In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

He bowed the heavens and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

He rode on a cherub and flew;  
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

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# † Opening Hymn "Behold Our God"

♩ = 13 C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?  
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?  
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion  
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om  
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave. Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -  
 all His won - drous deeds?  
 ris - en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

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## † Invocation

*Psalm 124:8*

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

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Let us pray.

## † The Greeting

*2 John 3*

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

**Amen**

## † Response

#115 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Verse 5 only)

Let all things their Creator bless,

and worship him in humbleness,

**O praise him, alleluia!**

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

and praise the Spirit, three in one,

**O praise him, O praise him,**

**alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## Confession of Sin

*James 4:1-3*

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

**O maker of Light, Father of King Jesus, we confess before you our sinful ways. We have sought things that are contrary to your glory. We have quarreled and fought our way to sins in thought, word, and deed. Lord, we call upon Jesus who pours out mercy and grace. Reveal to us the beauty of your ways. Restore and foster in us a desire for the treasures of heaven. Purify our wills that we might say and mean, 'Thy will be done.' Lord we pray, "Restore in us the joy of your salvation".**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

*James 4:5-6*

Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the Spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

† **Hymn of Assurance** #253 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"  
(Vss. 1, 2, 3, & 5 only)

## Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Readings

*Psalms 27*

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

## Giving God Our Offerings

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## † 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

*1 Kings 17*

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” <sup>2</sup> And the word of the Lord came to him: <sup>3</sup> “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup> You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” <sup>5</sup> So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. <sup>7</sup> And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him, <sup>9</sup> “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, “The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.”” <sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. *(Continued on next page)*

<sup>17</sup> After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup> And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." <sup>22</sup> And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." <sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**    *"Drought and Death Even When Obedient"*

Pastor Chris Stevens

## "Drought and Death Even When Obedient"

1. Drought

2. Widow

3. Resurrection

## Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn #4** “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (Vss. 1 & 4 only)

**All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of wonders, pow’r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;  
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother’s tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory!**

## 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 Individual Prayers for Communion on Page 15. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church.

### 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.** *(continued on next page)*

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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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

### Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of his glory,

the whole earth is full of his glory,

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Holy is the Lord.

### Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

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# 1st Communion Hymn "Be Unto Your Name"

1. We are a mo - ment, You are for - ev - er, Lord of the a -  
 2. We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je - sus, Re - deem -

- ges, God be - fore time; We are a va - por,  
 - er, might - y to save; You are the love song

You are e - ter - nal, Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high.  
 we'll sing for - ev - er, bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.

**CHORUS**

— Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, wor - thy  
 is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo -  
 - ry be un - to Your name, be un - to Your  
 name.

# 2nd Communion Hymn #481 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (red hymnal)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion Hymn "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"



1. My soul finds rest in God a lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion, a
2. Find rest my soul in God a lone, a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When
3. I'll set my gaze on God a lone, and trust in Him com - plete - ly, with



for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en. Though  
e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion. Though  
ev - ery day pour out my soul; and He will prove His mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me. I'll  
rich - es come and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them. The  
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sight too deep to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right - eous - ness; I'll look to Him who hears me.  
fields of hope in which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.  
King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His for - ev - er.



O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my re - ward; ev - er -



last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re - deem - er, my God.

## Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## † Dismissal “May The Peace” (Verse 1 only)

May the peace of God our Heav’nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.  
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,  
from the depths of earth to the heights of Heav’n;  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal the King of Kings.

## † Benediction

## † Benediction Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

## Postlude

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## 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 a 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.

## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Kathy Van Til and her family. Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual strength as she continues to recover from surgery.
- Joyce Weise, praise for a successful surgery. Pray for continued healing and progress as she prepares for her next surgery.
- Kimberly Close (sister of Katina Gibson) continue to make progress and recovery.
- Paul Mann (Maggie's son-in-law) encouraged by doctors report, pray for physical strength, recovery and for God to reveal Himself to him.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Great Lakes Presbytery:** Give thanks to the Lord for men who have been approved for ordination and installation in their positions:

Rev. Jason Helopoulos, Sr. Pastor, University Reformed Church

Rev. Lawrence Bowlin, Pastor, Tyrone Covenant

Daniel Eguilez, Assistant Pastor, Christ Church

Joel Irvin, Associate Pastor, Michiana Covenant Church

Jonathan Herr, Assistant Pastor, Knox Presbyterian

Jeremy Byrd, Assistant Pastor, Redeemer (Detroit)

Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor, Redeemer (Traverse City)

Confex Makhalira, Evangelistic Missionary, Missions to the World

## Financials

	<u>Apr. 30, 2017</u>	<u>Apr. 30, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$ 89,587	\$ 94,963	\$103,748	(\$ 8,785)
Total Expenses:	\$ 95,016	\$ 87,671		

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## Announcements

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

**Next Sunday** - Pastor Scott will preach for ordination of Elders and Deacons.

**Candy Catechism** - Catechism question of the month, WSC #17 Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

**Thank You!** - To all who came, giving of their time and effort, to help prepare the church building for warmer weather!

**Missions Committee** - Will meet on Thursday at 4 pm

**Love INC** - Collecting for the Hygiene Panty; continues through June 10th. Please leave your donation in the box located by the bulletin board.

**Ordination Service Date** - Next Sunday for Elders and Deacons.

**Annual Summer Block Party for Central Neighborhood** - Next Sunday from 1 to 4:30 pm. Invitations need to be passed out in the neighborhood on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> & June 2<sup>nd</sup>, see Chris Stevens if you can help. If you can help set up, clean up or bring in food, sign up on the sheets in the back of the church. For questions regarding food, please see Barb Weber.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang!** - Annual fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center. Please take home a baby bottle (located in the Narthex), fill it with coins, cash or a check (**made out to the Pregnancy Care Center**) and return back to church by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Men's Study** - Thursday, 7:30 am  
(Truth for All Time by John Calvin)

**Prayer Gathering** - Thursday, 12 noon

**Missions Meeting** - Thursday, 4 pm

**Pass out neighborhood invites for Block Party**- Saturday, 10 am

# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Worship Service 10:15 am	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Missions Meeting 4 to 5 pm		

# June 2018

3 Worship Service 10:15 am Ordination Block Party	4	5	6 VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm  Session	7 Men Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	8	9  Neighborhood Invites 10 am to Noon
10 Detroit Project Offering Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehle Small Group	11	12 Prayer Quilt Ministry 1:30 pm	13	14 Men Study, 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	15	16
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**Serving Today:**

**Communion Set Up:**

Kit Hinz

**Greeting:**

Chris & Nikki Millward, Deb Long

**Music Ministry:**

Connie Van Til

**Nursery:**

Chris Schultz

**Refreshments:**

Monica Scott

**Sound Board:**

Ralph Kott

**Serving on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Communion Set Up:**

Chris & Nikki Millward

**Elder:**

Bill Morrison

**Greeting:**

Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Tom & Beth Nussdorfer

**Music Ministry:**

Connie Van Til

**Nursery:**

Heidi Van Til

**Refreshments:**

Barb Weber

**Sound Board:**

David Smith



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*1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> time visitor?*

*Have a Prayer need?*

*Want to be on our weekly newsletter?*

*Want more info about ministry or service at Redeemer?*

*Please fill out and place in the Offering plate.*

*Thank You!*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact  
(Call/Text): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

Regular Attender: \_\_\_\_

Member: \_\_\_\_



*If you would like to be prayed for  
please fill out and place in the  
Offering Plate*

**Prayer Requests:**

Share with Prayer Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Private: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send me information about :**

- Becoming a Christian
- Baptism
- Membership
- Serving on a Team
- Small Groups
- Other

**The Session (Pastor and Elders)**  
 Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor  
 Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor  
 Fred Janke  
 Bill Morrison  
 Fred Weber  
 David Schafer (Emeritus)

**The Deacons**  
 Jerry DeVries  
 Bob Israel  
 Dennis Weise

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 Scott Korljan, Pastor  
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