



**REDEEMER**  
TRAVERSE CITY

**But our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we await a Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**— Philippians 3:20**

**The Lord's Service  
July 29, 2018**

### *Why a Declaration of Forgiveness?*

Every week at Redeemer the minister declares God's forgiveness to the congregation. Formally known as the "absolution," this is a public declaration of God's certain forgiveness and favor toward those who truly repent and admit their need of Christ. The minister himself does not have any inherent power to forgive sins in his person, but he makes this declaration as one who has been authorized by the Church to speak on behalf of God, who most assuredly does.

Hearing an official pronouncement of God's love and forgiveness is something that *we need every week*. How many of us would be satisfied if the only time our spouse ever declared their love for us was on our wedding day? Would we be at all assured if, after asking our spouse to declare their love, the reply came "I told you when we got married that I loved you, why do you keep asking me to repeat myself?" If this is true with our human relationships, how much more do we need constant reassurance from our Heavenly Father? Every week our conscience accuses us (rightly) that we have not obeyed a holy God, every week the evil one is lurking to bring condemnation for our failings. The declaration of God's forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience and the lies of the Devil, and proclaims the amazing truth of the Gospel to our hearts. *God will freely pardon all who truly repent. God's grace is so free, so unmerited, that no matter what we have done, there is complete forgiveness for all who trust in Christ.* This is a message we must hear again and again because the truth that God will freely forgive ungodly people is hard even for Christians to believe.

We need the declaration every week, because we need to have continually impressed upon our hearts the wonderful truth so beautifully expressed in the Heidelberg Catechism: "Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart."

Amen and Amen!

# The Lord's Service

July 29, 2018

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Silent Prayer of Preparation

## Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Stevens

*Isaiah 2:3*

And many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

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# † Opening Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign"

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc cess - ive jour - neys run;  
 2. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains;  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;  
 4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Bless - ing and ho - nor to our King;

His king - dom stretch from shore to shore, Till sun shall rise and  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, And all the sons of  
 And in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the

set no more.  
 want are blessed.  
 on His Name.  
 loud a - men!

**Refrain**

To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.  
 Just and faith - ful - He shall reign: Je - sus shall  
 reign!

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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

*Jude 1b-2*

“To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:  
May Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.”

**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

*Matthew 22:37-40*

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Father in heaven, you are infinite in wisdom. You do great wonders, and by your mere understanding you made the heavens and spread out the earth. Our sins are not hidden from your eyes. We confess we are not pure in loving you or loving neighbor. But O Great Father, we appeal to your steadfast love that endures forever. Look upon us through the lens of the Cross and the merits of the one at your Right Hand. Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

*Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

# † Hymn of Assurance “The Lord is My Salvation”

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
Nathan Nockles and Jonas Myrin

Steadily (♩ = 69)

F#m D E sus E F#m D E sus E

1. The grace of God has reached for\_ me,  
2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,  
3. My hope is hid - den in the\_ Lord,  
4. In times of wait - ing, times of\_ need,

And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.  
When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va -

8 2.4. D/AE/A A Refrain E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the\_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

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# Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Readings

*Romans 13:1-2; John 17:14-17; Philippians 3:18-21*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Giving God Our Offerings

The first offering plate is for the General offering, the second offering plate is for our quarterly 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

*1 Samuel 8*

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup> The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup> and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations."<sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup> Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

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<sup>10</sup> So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. <sup>11</sup> He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup> And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup> He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup> And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup> that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” <sup>21</sup> And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “God Transforms our Understanding of Politics” Pastor Chris Stevens



## Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn #642 “Be Thou My Vision” (Verse 5 only)**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’ns Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## 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.**

**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.**

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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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## Music for Meditation

## “Knees to the Earth”

Lindsay Korljan

Wonderful Savior, my heart belongs to Thee  
I will remember always the blood You shed for me  
Wonderful Savior, my heart will know Your worth  
So I will embrace You always as I walk this earth

Be blessed, be loved, be lifted high  
Be treasured here, be glorified  
I owe my life to You, my Lord  
Here I am

Beautiful Jesus, how may I bless Your heart?  
Knees to the earth, I bow down to everything You are  
Beautiful Jesus, You are my only worth  
So let me embrace You always as I walk this earth

Be blessed, be loved, be lifted high  
Be treasured here, be glorified  
I owe my life to You, my Lord  
Here I am

# Post Communion Hymn "For the Cause"

A/D  $\text{D}$  G/D D D/F# G A Bm D/F#

1. For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an of - fer - ing 'Til all the  
 2. For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow As ma - ny  
 3. For the King once lift - ed high To cries of rage, of 'Cru - ci - fy!' En - dured the  
 4. To the King who con - quered death, To free the poor and the op - pressed, For last - ing  
 5. Let it be my life's re - frain; To live is Christ, to die is gain; De - ny my -

5 A D/F# G G/B <sup>1.3.</sup> D G/D D A/D <sup>2.4.5.</sup> D G/D D

earth re-sounds with cease-less praise To the Son.  
 see and ma - ny put their trust In the Son.  
 cross as eve - ry sin was laid, On the Son.  
 peace, for life and li - ber - ty In the Son.  
 self, Take up my cross and fol - low the Son.

## Refrain

11 G D/F# G D D/F# G D/F# G A D/F# G A

Christ we pro - claim, The Name a - bove eve - ry name; For all cre - a - tion, Ev - ery

16 Bm<sup>7</sup> D/F# G G/B <sup>1.2.</sup> D D C/D D D A/D <sup>D.S.  $\text{D}$</sup>  <sup>last time</sup> D

na - tion, God's sal - va - tion Through the Son!

## 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 #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!  
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

Amen, Amen, Amen

## Postlude

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## Prayer Requests

### Redeemer Family:

- Gean VanDyk (mother of Dave), doctors continue to work with her on back pain and determine some of the root problems.
- David Delgado, for healing as he continues through the trials of chemotherapy.
- Kathy Van Til as she continues to recover.
- Kimberly Close (sister of Katina Gibson) for God's mercy in her struggles.
- Paul Mann (Maggie's son-in-law) for God to reveal Himself to him.
- Ann Nelson (Christi Throop's daughter-in-law) for healing and strength as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Joyce Weise recovering from back surgery. Pray for healing & strength.

### Churches in our Presbytery:

**Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan-** Pray that through Gracehill (church plant) as well as through our church, the Gospel would continue to spread through Grand Rapids.

**Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo, Michigan -** Pray for the Lord to provide a new location for us to meet and for our public launch on September 16.

### Financials

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Year to Date				
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$133,278	\$141,664	\$155,622	(\$13,958)
Total Expenses:	\$139,095	\$141,601		

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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.

**Sermon Series** - We continue with our sermon series called "Transformed Living" which will take us through the end of summer. In Romans 12:1-2 the Apostle Paul commands Christians to "not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewal of our minds, that we might discern what is the will of God." Because of what God has done for us in Christ, our thoughts, attitudes, and actions are to be transformed. The Gospel changes us. We think differently now, we live differently now. In each week of this series, we will look at a specific area in our lives or an issue in our culture and see how our faith in Christ transforms the way we are to think and live.

**Candy Catechism** - Catechism question of the month, WSC 42) What is the sum of the ten commandments?

**Benevolence Offering** - Today

**Ladies Summer Book Club** - The Wonder Years edited by Leslie Leyland Fields (August 21 at 7 pm or August 23 at 10 am). Evening session at the home of Cherie vonDrehle's, morning session at Silver Lake Park. Questions? See Heidi VanTil

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

**Men's Study** - Thursday, 7:30 am  
(Sacred Bond, Covenant Theology Explored  
by Brown and Keele, led by Pastor Chris Stevens)  
**Prayer Gathering** - Thursday, 12 noon

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Benevolence Offering <b>Worship Service</b> 10:15 am	30	31				

# August 2018

			1	2 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	3	4
5 <b>Worship Service</b> 10:15 am	6	7	8 VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm Session	9 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Detroit Project Offering <b>Worship Service</b> 10:15 am vonDrehle Small Group	13	14 Prayer Quilt Ministry 1:30 pm	15	16 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	17	18

**Serving Today:**

**Communion Set Up:**

Ron & Cindy Sabotka

**Greeting:**

Kit Hinz, Brett Schut, Barb Weber

**Music Ministry:**

Connie Van Til, Lindsay Korljan

**Nursery:**

Ashby Mizell

**Refreshments:**

Ashby Mizell

**Sound Board:**

Ralph Kott

**Serving on Sunday, August 5th:**

**Communion Set Up:**

Barb Weber / Kate Empie

**Greeting:**

Forbes & Barb Husted, Ralph & Teresa Kott

**Music Ministry:**

Connie Van Til, Rick Phelps

**Nursery:**

Megan Stevens

**Refreshments:**

Nick & Sarah Cobb

**Sound Board:**

Gavin Weber



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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:

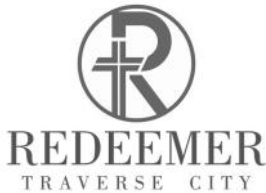
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1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest: \_\_\_\_

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

Regular Attendee: \_\_\_\_

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 (Pastors and Elders)**

Rev. Scott Korljan, Pastor

Rev. Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor

Buzz Bauers

Fred Janke

Chris Millward

Bill Morrison

Fred Weber

David Schafer (Emeritus)

**The Deacons**

Jerry DeVries

Bob Israel

Tim Schramm II

Dave VanDyk

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**Sunday School: 9 AM**

**Worship Service: 10:15 AM**

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