



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**

— Matthew 11:28

**The Lord's Service
September 9, 2018**

Why Preaching?

There is more time devoted in our worship service to *preaching* than to any other single element. This is intentional, and reflects our understanding of just how important preaching is for establishing and strengthening our life of faith. Preaching was central in the ministry of Jesus, the ministry of his Apostles, and is to have a central place in the church. As Paul solemnly charged young Timothy, a primary responsibility of ministers in the church of Jesus Christ is to “*Preach the Word*: be ready in season and out of season.” (2 Tim 4:2). But what is good preaching? What are the marks of a preaching ministry that God will use to build up my faith?

First, good preaching will *explain* God’s word. True preaching is always Biblical - it can never be divorced from the Scripture. Preaching as God intends it is not an opportunity for a pastor to offer his own reflections or personal opinions on a topic of his choosing, but rather to declare God’s revealed will through his Word. Thus, good preaching will either explain a specific text of Scripture, or will bring to bear what Scripture has to say about a certain topic. Generally speaking, the main point of a sermon should be clearly discernible from the Biblical passage that is being preached. This is how you know that what you are hearing is God’s word, and not the opinions of man.

Second, good preaching will *apply* God’s word. We are called to be “doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves.” Every part of God’s revealed word is ultimately practical in nature, calling us to change or grow in some way - whether that be in our attitudes, beliefs, or actions. Good preaching will help us make connections between the meaning of a Biblical passage and the impact that it should have on our lives.

Finally, good preaching will *proclaim* the apex of God’s word: The person and work of His Son Jesus Christ. Preaching Christ *every sermon* is vitally important for two reasons. First, Jesus himself taught us that all of the Bible is ultimately about him (Luke 24:44). Therefore, we will not fully understand any passage of Scripture until we see how that passage relates to God’s saving purposes in Christ. Second, failing to proclaim God’s saving work in Christ distorts the overall message of Christianity. The Gospel is that God forgives and accepts us, even though we are sinners, because of the work of Christ for us. If we only call people to “be better” and “try harder” without reminding them of this gospel, we veer into legalism and give the impression that we can make ourselves acceptable to God by our obedience if we just try hard enough.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

† **Opening Hymn** #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

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

Pastor: Let us pray.

† =Stand, if able

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† 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 #342 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (Vs. 5 only)

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

Confession of Sin

Zechariah 1:3-4

Therefore say to them, Thus declares the Lord of hosts: Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.’ But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares the Lord.

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8-9

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

† Hymn of Assurance #308 “Jesus Paid It All”

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Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Chris Stevens

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:4-11, John 6:36-44

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

Special Offertory Music "Nearer My God to Thee" Joowon An

† 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

Matthew 11:16-30

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

²⁰ Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, *(Continued on next page)*

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will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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Sermon “How Jesus Responds to Unbelief” Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon Notes

Questions for discussion:

1. In what ways am I tempted to reduce and simplify Jesus?
2. Have I received the rest that Jesus offers? How do I know?

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn** “O Church Arise” (Vs. 3 only)

**Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

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.

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)**

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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

Music for Meditation

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.

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Post Communion Hymn "Behold the Lamb"

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re-mem - ber
 2. The bo - dy of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re-mem - ber;
 3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re-mem - ber
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond - and to re-mem - ber

5 Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 G7susG7 C C/E

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
 He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
 our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we

9 Fadd9 C/E Fma7 Gadd9 C/E Fadd9 C/E Fadd9 G C/E Fadd9

share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
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 share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll ioin in the

14 C/E Fma7 G7sus G7 Fadd9/A Fma7 G7 Cadd9

bonds of peace a - round the tab - le of the King.
 bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.
 bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.
 feast of heaven a - round the tab - le of the King.

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† **Benediction**

† **Benediction Response**

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

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Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Maggie Carins as she recovers from a stroke.
- Howard Long for strength and recovery.
- Jean VanDyk (mother of Dave), doctors continue to work with her determining some of the root health 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 at home recovering from back surgery. Pray for healing & rest.
- Beth Nussdorfer as her father died and healing for health challenges.
- For guidance and leadership during the Great Lakes Presbytery meeting and safe travel for all who attend on Friday & Saturday.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Holland, Michigan: Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on the church, numerical growth, and an increased joy in knowing our Lord.

Covenant Presbyterian, Holland, Michigan: Pray for the transition of our new Associate Pastor, Ted Sutton and his family.

Reverend Don Remillard: Pray for the people I visit who are elderly, weak, and shut-in.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>July 31, 2017</u>	<u>July 31, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$167,648	\$177,180	\$181,562	(\$4,382)
Total Expenses:	\$165,278	\$170,083		

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Contact the Church office at:

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Website: www.redeemertraversecity.org

Redeemer Facebook (Redeemer PCATC)

Announcements

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

Detroit Project Offering - Today

Candy Catechism - Catechism question of the month, 86) What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Ladies Fall Bible Study - Begins Monday 9/17 (7 pm) and Thursday 9/20 (9:30 am, childcare provided)! All ladies are invited to join in a 10 week study using the guide *The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*, by Nancy Guthrie. Read Week One before our first meeting. You may order your own book online; if you'd like help with that, desire a book scholarship, or have other questions see Heidi VanTil.

Wednesday Night Studies - "Fragments of Truth" will meet on September 19th, 6 pm. Food and childcare will be provided. Group will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Save the Date! - All ladies are invited to share dinner and listen to a guest speaker on **strengthening our marriages** Friday night October 5 in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Group Fall Kick Off: Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex.

Congregational Meeting: Today after our service!

This week at Redeemer:

Prayer Quilt Ministry - Tuesday, 1:30 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 am

(Sacred Bond, Covenant Theology Explored led by Pastor Chris)

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

Husted Community Group - Thursday, 6:30 pm

Presbytery Meeting - Friday & Saturday

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Sunday School, 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am Congregational Meeting	10	11 Prayer Quilt Ministry 1:30 pm	12 Session	13 Men's Study 7:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	14 Presbytery Meeting	15 Presbytery Meeting
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Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Les & Mary Leone

Greeting:

Les & Mary Leone, Carol DeVries

Music Ministry:

Rick Harkert, Joowon An

Nursery:

Megan Stevens

Refreshments:

Sarah Racine

Sound Board:

Gavin Weber

Serving on Sunday, September 16:

Communion Set Up:

Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeting:

Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Tom & Beth Nussdorfer

Music Ministry:

Connie Van Til

Nursery:

Berneice Gonder

Refreshments:

Les & Mary Leone

Sound Board:

David Smith



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1st or 2nd 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: _____

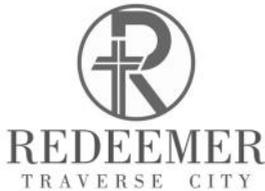
How did you hear about us:

1st Time Guest: ____

2nd 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: ____

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

Redeemer Staff

Scott Korljan, Pastor
Chris Stevens, Associate Pastor
Connie Van Til, Music Ministry
Deb Long, Office Administrator/
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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

A Congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America