



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

**But he answered them,
An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign,
but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.**

— Matthew 12:39

**The Lord's Service
September 30, 2018**

Why Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs?

Unless you are one of the gifted few among us, chances are you don't do much out-loud singing during your week (not counting the car and shower). For many of us, the very idea of singing publicly can be intimidating. For others, particularly men, singing in church is something we "tolerate" as a necessary inconvenience in order to get to the sermon. Biblically, however, the singing of God's praise constitutes a vital part of worshipping God, and our service reflects that emphasis by including congregational singing throughout. Why is it important to be a singing congregation?

First, singing helps us to praise God with appropriate intensity. There is something about music and singing which allow us to express emotion in a heightened way that merely speaking does not. This is why we often have music and singing at the significant events in our lives, and particularly times of celebration and joy. This is why we see throughout Scripture that God's people often responded to God's great acts of salvation not just with words, but with song. After God delivered Israel from Pharaoh and the Egyptians, Moses immediately leads them in a song of praise (Exodus 15). After God fought to deliver them from Jabin and the Canaanites in the period of the Judges, Deborah leads them in a song of praise (Judges 5). The book of Psalms is filled with exhortations not just to praise God, but to *sing* praises to God. For those who have seen and experienced the gracious salvation of God, who have "tasted and seen the Lord is good," mere words cannot adequately express our joy and gratitude - we have to sing.

Second, singing is a way that we build each other up in the faith week after week. In Col 3:16 the apostle Paul commands the church to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." According to this passage, singing songs should be understood as part of the ministry of the Word. Singing is an opportunity for the "Word of Christ" to dwell in us, to teach one another truth about God, and encourage one another to walk in obedience. This implies, of course, that the songs we sing actually have biblical content, and not merely reflect our own personal feelings or experiences.

Finally, when we sing God's praises together as his people we experience a foretaste of heaven itself. There is much about life in heaven that we do not know, but one thing is sure: we will be singing God's praise. "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!" (Rev 5:13).

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Pastor Chris Stevens

Psalm 33:18-20

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

† Opening Hymn “May the Peoples Praise You”

V1, V2, Chorus, V3, V4, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, V5 Chorus

F C F C

1. You have called us out of dark - est night, In - to Your glor - ious light, That
 2. May our ev - ery breath re - tell the grace That broke in - to our strife With
 3. All the earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, And
 4. May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for those who have not heard, May
 5. This our ho - ly priv - ilege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your Name to

5 F Am G F [1.3. C]

we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. 2. May our
 bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less
 from Your hand we give to You, To make Christ known. 4. May the
 songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your
 ev - ery na - tion, tribe and tongue Your church pro -

9 [2.4. Refrain] C F Am G F C G

life.
 Word. } May the peop - les praise You, Let the nat - ions be glad! All Your
 claim.

14 F/A G/B C C/E F F C/E G Last time to CODA ☐

bles - ing comes that we may praise, May praise the name of Je -

19

C G/B Am⁷ F C

1. [to verse] 2.

G/B Am⁷ F G/B Am⁷ F

sus. 3. All the

Bridge

F G C/E F

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - migh - ty.

F/A G/B C

1. Dm⁷

Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.
All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous

2. D.S. &

F

Name. Let the

CODA

C G/B Am⁷ F C G/B Am⁷ F C

sus.

† Invocation

Psalm 124:8

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: 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 #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

Isaiah 59:1-3

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but our iniquities have made a separation between us and our God, and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. For our hands are defiled with blood and our fingers with iniquity; our lips have spoken lies; our tongue mutters wickedness.

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

† Hymn of Assurance #498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (Vss. 1, 2, & 5 only)

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Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Scott Korljan

Scripture Reading

Jonah 2:1-4, 10, 3:4-9; John 1:11-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

Special Offertory Music

† 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 12:38-50

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

⁴³ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Signs, Sign, or No Sign?”

Pastor Chris Stevens

Sermon Notes

Questions for Discussion:

- 1) What is the Sign Jesus speaks?
- 2) How will sinners condemn sinners?
- 3) Who is the intimate family of Jesus today?

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn #172** “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder” (Vss. 1 & 4 only)

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame;
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

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 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.**

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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.

Psalms 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 "The Power of the Cross"

1.O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the road to Cal - va -
 2.O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some weight of
 3.Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its Ma - ker bows His
 4.O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - fring I am

ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of
 sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained
 head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life - "Fin - ished!" the vic - tory
 free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your self - less

wood. _____ } This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____ Christ be - came _____ sin for
 brow. _____ }
 cry. _____ }
 love! _____ } This the pow'r _____ of the cross: _____ Son of God _____ slain for

us. _____ Took the blame, _____ bore the wrath; We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 us. _____ What a love, _____ what a cost! We stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Maggie Carins she is making progress, but continues to recover.
- Judy (CJ's mother) for strength and peace as she has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 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.
- Joyce Weise at home recovering from back surgery. Pray for healing & rest.
- Brett Schut as he heals from a broken foot.
- Tony Pintcke, for physical strength and recovery.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, & phone calls during Howard's recover. We have been so blessed by our church family and praise God for the healing He has done. Deb & Howard

Churches in our Presbytery:

First Presbyterian, Bad Axe, Michigan: Praise to God that we are going through the final stages of calling a minister who can be moved and in place in November.

Pathway Community, Brighton, Michigan: Pray for several families who have loved ones with significant health issues.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>Aug. 31, 2017</u>	<u>Aug. 31, 2018</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving + Rentals:	\$189,291	\$200,430	\$207,496	(\$7,066)
Total Expenses:	\$184,394	\$192,194		

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

Contact the Church office at:

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Phone: 231-946-1700

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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.

Sunday School - Has resumed for all ages! Please join us Sunday mornings at 9am.

Candy Catechism - 86) What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Potluck! - Today after our worship service

Men's Study - The letter with an unknown author is jammed packed with the riches of covenant theology. Studying Hebrews will help us see and worship Christ as our high priest rescuing us from misery.

Ladies Fall Bible Study - Mondays (7-8:30pm) and Thursdays (9:30-11am) through November. Any questions see Heidi VanTil

Wednesday Night Studies - Group will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6pm. Food and childcare will be provided.

Ladies Event - 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.

Fall Clean-Up - Will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 9am until noon.

Barn Dance!- Friday, October 26 at Jacob's Farm (7100 M-72 West), Traverse City. Prizes for best costume as Reformation figure. Games & prizes, live music & dancing. Dinner starts at 6pm and we party until 9:30pm. Also, discounts for corn maze: \$6/person, \$10/family doing mini-maze, open from 10am-9pm.

This week at Redeemer:

Potluck - Today

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7pm

Wednesday Night Study - Wednesday, 6 pm

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30am

(*Letter to the Hebrews* led by Pastor Chris)

Ladies Bible Study - Thursday, 9:30am

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 12 noon

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am Potluck!						

October 2018

1	Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	2	3 Wednesday night studies, 6 pm Food & childcare provided	4 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	5 Women's Dinner and guest speaker, 6:30 pm	6
7 Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am vonDrehle Small Group	8 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	9 Prayer Quilt Ministry 1:30 pm	10 Session Meeting	11 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering, 12 noon Missions Meeting, 4 pm Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	12	13 Fall Clean Up, 9 am until Noon Single MOMM Event
14 Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am Stevens Small Group	15 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	16	17 Wednesday night studies, 6 pm Food & childcare provided	18 Men's Study, 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon Bauer's Small Group 6:30 pm	19	20



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Serving Today:

Communion Set Up:

Kit Hinz

Greeting:

Buzz & Cathy Bauers, Tom & Beth Nussdorfer

Music Ministry:

Connie Van Til

Nursery:

Lindsay Korljan

Refreshments:

Potluck!

Sound Board:

Ralph Kott

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!

Serving on Sunday, October 7:

Communion Set Up:

Les & Mary Leone

Greeting:

Todd & Katina Gibson, Vern & McKinzie Robinson

Music Ministry:

Ashby Mizell

Nursery:

Chris Schultz

Refreshments:

Beth Nussdorfer

Sound Board:

Dan Mizell

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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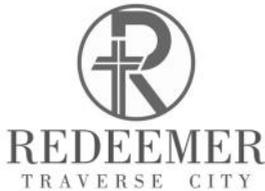
How did you hear about us:

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

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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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