



REDEEMER
TR A V E R S E C I T Y

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in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”
— Matthew 13:23**

**The Lord's Service
October 7, 2018**

Why Have a Benediction?

Every week at Redeemer we end the service with what is called the *benediction*. The word benediction literally means ‘good speaking,’ and refers to God’s pronouncement of blessing upon his people. The minister, acting as God’s representative, lifts his hands and announces the Lord’s final blessing on His people as they depart. The wording for the benediction is normally taken directly from Numbers 6:24-26, where the Lord commands Aaron the high priest and his sons to bless the people saying “The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Both the Old and New Testaments contain examples of other benedictions that God inspired to be “placed upon” his people. The author of Hebrews, for example, finishes his letter with this benediction: “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (see also 2 Cor 13:14, Eph 6:23-24, 2 Thess 3:16, 18). Why is it appropriate to end a worship service with a benediction?

First, a benediction gives God the last word in the service. From start to finish, our worship service has been an ongoing “dialogue” between God and his people, where God has spoken, and we have responded. We have offered up to God our worship, and we have been recipients of his grace which flows down to us. The benediction serves as God’s parting blessing, his last word for us. As one theologian states, “But here, one last time, God addresses his people. Grace has the last word, as the people receive God’s blessings through the minister with raised hands.”

Second, the benediction bestows God’s blessing upon us. The benediction actually *does* something. After instructing Aaron and his sons to give this blessing to the people, God tells them that when they pronounce this blessing, they are in fact “...putting my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.” In other words, the benediction is not a pious wish, sentiment, or even a prayer. It is a promise of blessing that God will carry out. God’s name is actually placed upon his people, and we are assured “...of His peace, promises, and His gracious presence as we leave His special presence to return to the world.” We leave worship confident that God is our God, we are his people, his face is shining upon us, and in all things he will be gracious to us. To that, we can only say “Amen! Amen! Amen!”

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Isaiah 55:10-11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

† **Opening Hymn** #38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

† 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 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 #100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!” (Vs. 4 only)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Confession of Sin

Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

The Scriptures teach us that “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you, and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

† Hymn of Assurance “I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

Steve and Vikki Cook

♩ = 63

I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, whose price-less blood has ran-somed
 I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, my life He bought, my love He
 I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who car-ries me on ea-gle's

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails and hung Him on that judg-ment
 owns. I have no long-ings for an-oth-er, I'm sat-is-fied in Him a-
 wings. He crowns my life with lov-ing-kind-ness. His tri-umph song I'll ev-er

tree. I lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and
 lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, His faith-ful-ness, my stand-ing
 sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er, who waits for me at gates of

death, my on-ly Sav-ior be-fore the ho-ly Judge, the
 place. Though foes are might-y and rush up-on me, my
 gold. And when He calls me it will be par-a-dise, His

Lamb who is my right-eous-ness, the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness.
 feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.
 face for-ev-er to be-hold, His face fo-ev-er to be-hold.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6; Malachi 4

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

Special Offertory Music Joowan Ann, Gabby Hildebrand

† 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 13:1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

¹¹ And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon Notes

Questions for Discussion

1. What is so unexpected about the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. How does this parable give us confidence to keep proclaiming the Word of the Kingdom?
3. What is keeping me from bearing the fruit of the Word?

Prayer of Application

† **Sermon Hymn #295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Vss. 1 & 4 only)**

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

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)
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.

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

† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

Post Communion Hymn "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"



1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; Who
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; Who
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain; Who
floods my weak - ness - es and strengths and caus - es fear to fly; Whose
wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love; For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, And
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take, Sus -
ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King. So

wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low Him.

† 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), who will have surgery on October 12th.
- 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 for wisdom from doctors and sincere joy as God heals her body.
- Brett Schut as he heals from a broken foot.
- Tony Pintcke, for physical strength and recovery.

Churches in our Presbytery:

Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Praise to God for an energetic start to the fall season, the return of many college students and for a sweet send off for Steve (Kris) Holladay as they head into semi-retirement.

Good Shepherd, Kalamazoo, Michigan: Praise for the more than 100 people at our public launch service. Pray for a new location for us to meet and for continued growth.

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		

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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 - 33) What is justification?

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 -Continues Mondays (7-8:30pm) or Thursdays (9:30-11am) at the church. We're studying Scripture using Nancy Guthrie's Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. 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.

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.

Save the Date! - Saturday, November 10th all ladies are invited to carpool to a Presbytery luncheon at Christ Church in Grand Rapids. Guest speaker Karen Hodge, PCA Coordinator of Women's Discipleship, will speak on Gospel Friendships. More details soon.

This week at Redeemer:

vonDrehle Small Group - Today

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7pm

Prayer Quilt Ministry - Tuesday, 1:30pm

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

Husted Small Group - Thursday, 6:30pm

Fall Clean Up - Saturday, 9am

Single MOMM - Saturday, 4:30pm

October 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am vonDreble 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 Husted Small Group, 6:30 pm	12	13 Fall Clean Up, 9 am until Noon Single MOMM Event 4:30 to 7 pm
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 will be provided. VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm	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
21	Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am vonDreble Small Group	22 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	23	24 Leadership Meeting	25 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	26 Fall Barn Dance, 6 pm	27
28	Benevolence Offering Sunday School 9 am Worship Service 10:15 am Potluck Stevens Small Group	29 Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	30	31 VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm			



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Serving Today:

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

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 14:

Communion Set Up:

Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Greeting:

Todd & Katina Gibson, Vern & McKinzie Robinson

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil

Nursery:

Ashby Mizell

Refreshments:

Carol DeVries

Sound Board:

Austin Birdsey

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

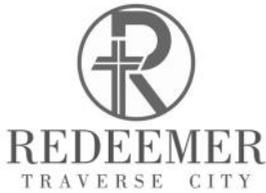
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1st Time Guest: ____

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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