



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

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Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has
and buys that field.
— Matthew 13:44**

**The Lord's Service
October 14, 2018**

Why Does the Minister Wear a Robe?

Depending upon your church background the sight of a minister wearing a robe may be unusual. Why do we do it?

1. Wearing a Robe hides the man

The fact is that we are often distracted by what the pastor is wearing, especially if it is out of accord with the church tradition we grew up in. If the minister wears an expensive suit, people will notice and wonder why the pastor has spent so much money on his clothes. If the pastor wears a cheap suit, people will notice and wonder why the pastor does not take his office seriously. If the pastor wears shorts and a Hawaiian shirt (as many do in Hawaii), people will be appalled at the lack of formality...you get the point. The simple black ministerial gown is designed to remove these barriers and detract attention from the man and his taste in clothing, to whom he represents. Which leads to the second point.

2. Wearing a Robe emphasizes the office

The minister wears a robe for the same reason that a judge wears a robe in court, or a policeman wears a uniform when on duty – not to indicate they are more important than others, but to identify the fact that they are acting in official capacities. Likewise, the minister wears a robe to signify that when he is conducting the worship service, he is acting in his official capacity as a man who has been called by Christ to proclaim his word to his people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts or words of wisdom, but only the Word of God.

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott Korljan

Psalm 73:25-28

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

† Opening Hymn “May the Peoples Praise You”

V1, V2, Refrain, V3, V4, Refrain, Bridge, Refrain, V5, Refrain

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 - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your Name to

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 -

2.4. Refrain

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** ☐

bless - 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. 8

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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 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

1 John 1:5-7; Psalm 130

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief, and our many sins. Pour out your love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, that we might live as your sons and daughters before a watching world. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved.”

† **Hymn of Assurance** #455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” (Vss. 1, 3, & 5 only)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Chris Stevens

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

† **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 13:24 - 14:12

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’

²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

⁴⁴ The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, ² and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."³ For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

⁵ And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, ⁷ so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." ⁹ And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. ¹⁰ He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, ¹¹ and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. ¹² And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Patiently Waiting for the Kingdom of Heaven" Pastor Scott Korljan

Sermon Notes

Questions for Discussion

1. How does the delay in God's Kingdom impact our faith?
2. How can we cultivate patience and endurance in our lives?
3. Am I willing to "sell all I have" to find the Kingdom? If not, what stands in the way?

Prayer of Application

† Sermon Hymn “O Great God” (Verse 3 only)

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.

O great God of highest heav’n, glorify Your Name through me.

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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.

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

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

Post Communion Hymn “May the Peace” (Vss. 1 & 2 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

*(Refrain) 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.*

**May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion, make us one in spirit and in heart.**

(Refrain)

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Amen, Amen, Amen

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Dale Millward, homebound.
- Maggie Carins she is making progress, but continues to recover.
- Judy (CJ's mother) for strength and peace.
- Jean VanDyk (mother of Dave), pray for healing & strength after surgery.
- David Delgado, for healing as he continues through the trials of chemotherapy.
- Kathy Van Til as she continues to recover.
- John VanTil, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- 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:

Great Lakes Presbytery: Pray for men recently approved at the September meeting: Nathan Moretto Assoc. Pastor at New City, Jeremy Byrd Sr. Pastor at Christ Church, Kevin Phipps Asst. Pastor at University Reformed and Addison Hawkins Asst. Pastor at Christ Church. Without calls: Kevin Chen, Will Shirliff & Steve Holladay. Taken under care: Stephen Long. Ordained: Tim Wilson Evangelist, MTW. Licensed: Dan Naulty. Honorable Retired: Hans Deutschmann.

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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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.

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.

Young Adult Dinner - 6 pm Monday, October 29th at Boerema home.

Neighborhood Outreach - Wednesday, October 31st, 5 pm

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.

This week at Redeemer:

Stevens Small Group - Today

Ladies Bible Study - Monday, 7pm

Wednesday Night Study - 6 pm

VanDyk Small Group - 7 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

Bauers Small Group - Thursday, 6:30pm

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 vonDrehle 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 Young Adult Dinner, 6 pm Ladies Bible Study, 7 pm	30	31 Neighborhood Outreach, 5 pm VanDyk Small Group, 7 pm			

November 2018

				1 Men's Study 7:30 am Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am Prayer Gathering 12 Noon	2	3 Daylight Savings Time Ends, move clocks back 1 hour
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Serving Today:

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

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 21:

Communion Set Up:

Nikki Millward

Greeting:

Todd & Katina Gibson, Vern & McKinzie Robinson

Music Ministry:

Connie VanTil

Nursery:

Megan Stevens

Refreshments:

Bev McSauby

Sound Board:

Ralph Kott

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Contact
(Call/Text): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

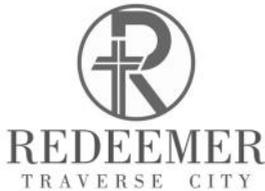
How did you hear about us:

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
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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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