

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

And he said to them,
“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe
all that the prophets have spoken!
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?”
And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures
the things concerning himself.
—Luke 24:25-27

The Lord's Service
May 9, 2010

Welcome!

If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the fellowship pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us in the fellowship hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Note: Since many of our families with small children sit near the back of the church, visitors may wish to sit closer to the front to avoid any possible distractions during the worship service. Any mothers who would like assistance with young children may take them to the nursery during the Hymn of Assurance and pick them up during the sermon hymn.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the elders. We would be glad to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. In the narthex, we have a booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. You may also visit our website for other helpful information: www.redeemertraversecity.org.

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the culmination of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward with their parents and will be acknowledged by the pastor. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. Note: The inner ring of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

Silent Preparation for Worship
Prelude

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Nehemiah 9:5b

Rev. Walter Lorenz

†**Opening Hymn** #54 “Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 62:5-8

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

People : for my hope is from him.

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation,

People: my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

People: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Pastor: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

People: God is a refuge for us.

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The Greeting**

2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

†**Response** (*in song*) “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5-10

Pastor: God is light and in him is no darkness. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to 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 unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins before almighty God.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace. Father, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for his sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins. And by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Pastor: The Scriptures declare that “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his lovingkindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed his promise of salvation through Christ alone, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #354 “Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Sean Doran

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:15; 12:3; 22:18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading Galatians 3:16, 24-29

Fred Janke

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Walter Lorenz

Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offering

Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time.

†**Doxology** (*in song*)

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** Luke 24:13-35

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Resurrection Himself Walking with Despair”

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #275 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

(Please be seated after singing the hymn.)

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

All who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical Christian church, or those who have been approved by the Session, may participate in the Lord’s Supper. (Note about

Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner rings contain non-alcoholic wine.)

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

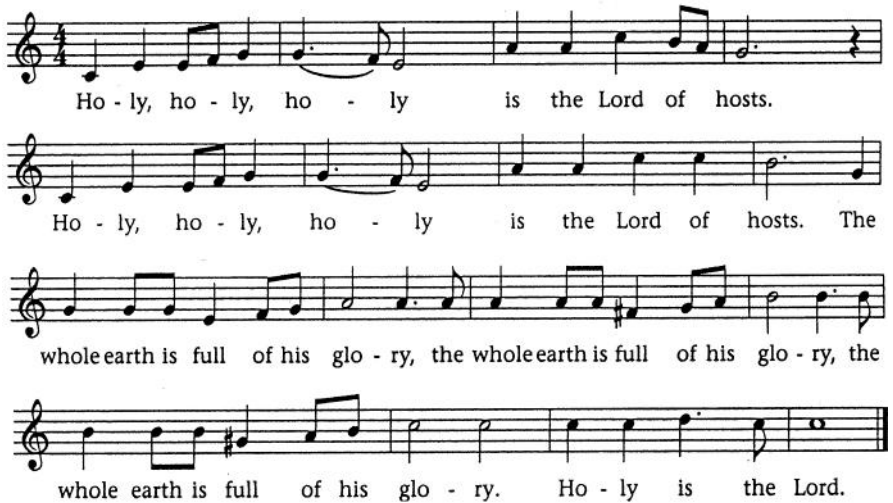
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Psalm 118:1

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask you to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify your people. For through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have made us a new people in him, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus (*in song*)

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns #424 “Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

#482 “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage, to love and serve you, with gladness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

†**Nunc Dimittis** “Song of Simeon”

Luke 2:29-30

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

†**Benediction**

†**Benediction Response** “Three-fold Amen”



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Sermon Notes

Points to Ponder

Resurrection

Jesus' resurrection, which was a divine act involving all three Persons of the Godhead (John 10:17-18; Acts 13:30-35; Rom. 1:4), was not just a resuscitation of the ruined physical frame that was taken down from the cross for burial. It was, rather, a transformation of Jesus' humanity that enabled him to appear, vanish, and move unseen from one location to another (Luke 24:31, 36). It was the creative renewing of his original body, the body that is now fully glorified and deathless (Phil. 3:21; Heb. 7:16, 24). The Son of God in heaven still lives in and through that body, and will do so forever. In 1 Corinthians 15:50-54, Paul envisages that Christians who are alive on earth at the moment of Christ's return will undergo a similar transformation, though in 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 he shows himself aware that Christians who die before the Second Coming will be "clothed" with their new body (the "eternal house in heaven") as a distinct event, at or after the time of the old body's return to dust (Gen. 3:19).

Christianity rests on the certainty of Jesus' resurrection as a space-time occurrence in history. All four Gospels highlight it, focusing on the empty tomb and resurrection appearances, and Acts insists on it (Acts 1:3; 2:24-35; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30-32; 13:33-37). Paul regarded the Resurrection as indisputable proof that the message about Jesus as Judge and Savior is true (Acts 17:31; 1 Cor. 15:1-11, 20).

Jesus' resurrection demonstrated his victory over death (Acts 2:24; 1 Cor. 15:54-57), vindicated him as righteous (John 16:10), and indicated his divine identity (Rom. 1:4). It led on to his ascension and enthronement (Acts 1:9-11; 2:34; Phil. 2:9-11; cf. Isa. 53:10-12) and his present heavenly reign. It guarantees the believer's present forgiveness and justification (Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:17) and is the basis of resurrection life in Christ for the believer here and now (John 11:25-26; Rom. 6; Eph. 1:18-2:10; Col. 2:9-15; 3:1-4).

—J.I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

May 9, 2010

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Julie Gregory - safe and healthy pregnancy.
- Gayle Peterson - remains in ICU at Munson.

Other Concerns

- Dan and Kathy - mourning the loss of a dear friend.
- Ron Chalfant, Jr. and Lynn Ealy

FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...

Our Country and Armed Forces

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- President Obama, his advisors, and other national, state, and local leaders.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Hershbergers (Bulgaria); Thorntons (Ukraine); Cummings (Guadalajara); Nellie Vos (France); and the mission work in Burma.
- Shawn Newsome and the potential RUF work at MSU.

Other Concerns

- Eleanor Kaarre (Mary Doran's mother) - cancer.
- Relief, comfort, and strength for the hundreds of thousands of earthquake victims in Haiti.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Good Shepherd, Valparaiso, IN - Pray for: progress in elder training, grace and wisdom for Session decision making, Martha Coppage who has leukemia, the Marshall family with health needs and financial struggles, a greater vision for evangelism, and success in outreach planned this year.
- Redeemer Presbyterian, Traverse City, MI - Pray for: Gayle Peterson's full recovery (4 months in ICU with Pancreatitis), hearts for service and outreach, fruitful opportunities to love and serve the hurting and needy in tangible ways, and visits to all our members in 2010 by our elders and deacons. Praise for: Charles Francis Scott's baptism, the Whims' return from Ethiopia with their adopted twin sons, and new members.
- TE Satoshi Kawachi - Pray for: God to allow us to raise all monthly pledges to 100% by the end of this year in order to move and start our ministry in Quebec and for Cally's mother's salvation.

Today Rev. Lorenz is wearing a white stole. White represents purity and reminds us of the sinless righteousness of Christ in which all believers are robed. This color is typically worn for Christmas Eve/Day, Easter Sunday, Easter season (i.e., six Sundays after Easter), weddings, and funerals.

Announcements

After Today's Service...

- Please join us in the fellowship hall for some light refreshments.
- If you would like the elders to pray for you, they are available after the service in the Library (the small room next to the chancel).
- It's not too late to join the Choir. There will be a rehearsal immediately following today's service.

Next Sunday, May 16

Rev. Walter Lorenz will be preaching on Acts 1:1-11, "By What Authority..."

- Hymns: #289 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"
#197 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"
#453 "All Power and Authority"
#301 "Join All the Glorious Names"
#306 "Jesus, My Great High Priest"

Saturday, May 15, 9:00am to 12:00pm – Spring clean-up at the church.

Tuesday, May 18, 7:00pm – Ladies Study at Espresso Bay.

Wednesday, May 19, 5:30pm – Family Night Meal and Study.

Saturday, May 22, 9:00am – Ladies Breakfast. Please RSVP on the sheet in the narthex.

Thursday Mornings, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study.

The last **Sunday School class** of the season will be Sunday, May 23. Classes will resume in the fall.

Resources for your spiritual growth - You will find in the narthex, for the month of May, the Daily Lectionary Readings, Calendars, and Table Talk magazine.

There is a box in the narthex for any notes or cards you would like sent to Ron Chalfant. We will be sending them along with our bulletins once a month to him.

Church Financial Update

YTD through April 30, 2010

Budget.....	\$46,400
Actual Expenses	\$45,563
Actual Income.....	\$48,288
Last Week's General Fund Giving	\$3178

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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Sunday School: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Worship: Sundays 10:15 a.m.