



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

He said to them,
“It is not for you to know times or seasons
that the Father has fixed by his own authority.
But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem
and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth.”
—Acts 1:7-8

The Lord's Service
May 16, 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 Psalm 84:1-2

Rev. Walter Lorenz

†**Opening Hymn** #289 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

†**Invocation**

Psalm 111:2-4

Pastor: Great are the works of the Lord;

People: They are studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Splendid and majestic is his work,

People: And his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has made his wonders to be remembered;

People: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

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*) #342 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

v. 5

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

Hebrews 4:12-13, 16

Pastor: For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from his sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Since we cannot hide our sins, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace to confess our sins so that we may receive mercy.

All: Almighty God, we open our hearts to you in sorrow for our sins. We have not always loved you as we should. We have not always treated others in a kind and loving way. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. For the sake of Jesus, your Son, forgive our sins. Grant us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to live a life that is more pleasing to you. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hebrews 4:14-15; 7:25

Pastor: “We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. . . . [He] has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. . . . Therefore he is able to save forever those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by his perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, has atoned for your sins and satisfied the wrath of God toward you?

People: We do.

Pastor: In the name of Christ and by the authority of his Word, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #197 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dirk Van Til

Gospel Reading Mark 9:1-11

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

Bill Morrison

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. Also, complete the RSVP form for the Wednesday Family Night Meal and place it in the offering plate.

†**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** Acts 1:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “By What Authority...”

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #453 “All Power and Authority”

(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

**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,
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.

Psalms 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 #301 “Join All the Glorious Names”
#306 “Jesus, My Great High Priest”

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We ask that the gifts of your grace would strengthen and preserve us steadfast in the true faith now and forever. By your Holy Spirit enable us to serve our neighbors so that you may be glorified, through Jesus 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

The Great Commission

Luke tells us that the two people with whom Jesus spoke on the road to Emmaus rushed back to Jerusalem and found the rest of the disciples assembled together. As they were telling them about their experience, suddenly Jesus was standing in the midst of them all.

The disciples thought he was a ghost. They had not yet absorbed the implication of the empty tomb, the fact of physical resurrection. So Jesus gave them proofs. First, he told them to touch him. Second, he ate the fish they gave him, again showing that his resurrection body was indeed a physical body.

Jesus' resurrection body was a glorified body, unlike that of Lazarus, who was only resuscitated from the grave and later died again. Changes that take place at the resurrection transform the physical body into a deathless and glorified condition, with new abilities that we can not yet comprehend. But the resurrection body is still a physical body. Unlike the counterfeit religions of this world, Christianity affirms the goodness of the physical world and teaches that a new physical cosmos (a new heaven and earth) will be ushered in.

The resurrection body affirms that God's plan of salvation extends to the physical world. The good news of the gospel is not merely the salvation of our souls. It also includes the redemption and renewing for this world.

Thus, the resurrected Jesus did not tell his disciples to live a hidden life, waiting for heaven. He commissioned them to be his witnesses throughout the world. He told them to proclaim repentance and forgiveness unto all nations and peoples. He told them that the Holy Spirit would empower them to make disciples of every nation under heaven.

That would be their task, and its responsibility has passed down through generations of believers to us. It will be ours until he returns.

—R.C. Sproul, *Before the Face of God*, Book 1.

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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

- 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...

- Michiana Covenant, South Bend, IN - Pray for: Nate and Marcie Kloosterman as Marcie's water broke and their unborn girl may die (she is just 27 weeks and is too small to survive outside the womb), and travel safety for the Wallaces who are on their way to Scotland.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, DeMotte, IN - Pray for: Pray for Elder Training participants and TE Steve Van Eck as we move forward toward electing Elders. Praise for: 5 participants in Elder Training and for two new families attending.
- TE Paul Engle - Pray for: safety in upcoming international travel, and progress in updating seminary lecture sessions.

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 23

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on Acts 2:1-21.

Hymns: #101 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
#334 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
Insert "O, Church Arise"
#146 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
#480 "Come, for the Feast Is Spread"

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

Wednesday, May 19, 5:30pm – Family Night Meal and Study. Please RSVP on the blue slip or call the church office by Tuesday morning. This will be the last Family Night Meal & Study until fall.

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

Sunday, May 30 - Our monthly **covered-dish luncheon.**

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.....	\$?????

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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Sunday School: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Worship: Sundays 10:15 a.m.