

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

For what does the Scripture say?
“Abraham believed God,
and it was counted to him as righteousness.”
—Romans 4:3

The Lord's Service
August 1, 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 7:17 Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** #34 “The God of Abraham Praise” vv. 1-3, 5

†**Invocation** Psalm 9:7-9

Pastor: The LORD sits enthroned forever;

People: he has established his throne for justice,

Pastor: and he judges the world with righteousness;

**All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you,
O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

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*) #34 “The God of Abraham Praise” v. 6

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;

“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.

Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays;

all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Call to Confession of Sin Psalm 32:1-6a

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

**People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

Confession of Sin

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8-11

Pastor: Hear now the comforting exchange between David and God in the balance of Psalm 32, knowing the same applies to all who have trusted in Jesus Christ: “You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.” Selah “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!” In Christ, your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** #181 “We Come, O Christ, to You”

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Elder Sean Doran

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 9:4-5

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 2:13-17

Dennis Conant

Reader: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Dan Millward

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 heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Romans 4:1-12

Pastor Dan Millward

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Abraham Justified by Faith”

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** “By Faith”

Insert

(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.

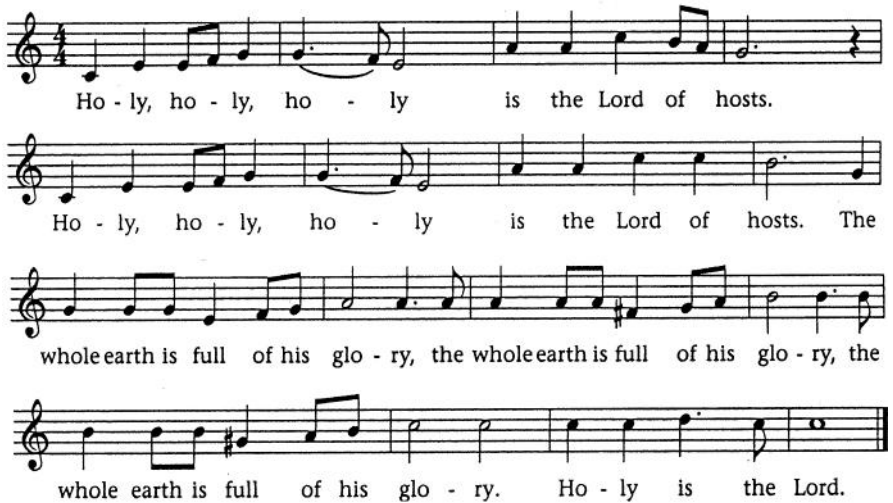
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Psalm 118:1

Pastor: It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God, Lord 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. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. 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 #157 "None Other Lamb, None Other Name"

#378 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Prayer after Communion (*in unison*)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have redeemed us in power through your Son who is the true bread from heaven, and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may reflect the light and life of your kingdom, 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the third and fourth lines. The third system covers the fifth and sixth lines. There are fermatas over the final notes of the first and second systems. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand.

†**Benediction**

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



Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 4:1-12 (ESV)

[4:1] What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? [2] For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. [3] For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” [4] Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. [5] And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, [6] just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

[7] “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

[8] blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

[9] Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. [10] How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. [11] He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, [12] and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Sermon Notes (cont.)

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...

Health / Healing

- Gayle Peterson - hospitalized at Munson.
- Judy Smith - broken hip and will have knee replacement surgery soon.
- Julie Gregory - safe and healthy pregnancy.

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 (home for 7 month furlough); Thorntons (home until October); Cummings (Guadalajara); Nellie Vos (France); Newsomes (RUF at MSU); and the mission work in Burma.

Other Concerns

- Gerry Forrester (Gayle's mother) - cancer.
- Eleanor Kaarre (Mary Doran's mother) - cancer.

FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...

- Christ Church - Grand Rapids, MI - Pray for: God's help evaluating "vision" for foreign mission involvement, good biblical thinking and stewardship of resources for sending full time missionaries as well as money and short term mission teams, and help planning and expediting a 3 year curriculum to carry out our philosophy of ministry for our Adult Institute ministries.
- Christ Covenant, Midland MI - Pray for: continued growth, outreach to community, and administrative help for Pastor Sarafolean. Praise for: steady attendance, and the way our people care for one another.
- Teaching Elder Tom Vanden Heuvel - Pray for: my continued service to Walker United Reformed Church in Walker, MI. until the Lord sends them a full-time pastor. Praise that: Laurie and I are doing well.

Serving Today:

- Elder: Sean Doran
- Reader: Dennis Conant
- Piano: Joellyn Rabias
- Sound Board: Kyle Peterson

Announcements

After Today’s Service...

- Please join us outside for light refreshments and fellowship.
- 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).

Next Sunday, August 8

Pastor Millward will continue preaching through the book of Romans. The text will be Romans 4:13-25

- Hymns: #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
- #463 “A Debtor to Mercy Alone”
- #62 “Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise” vv 1, 2, 4 & 6
- Insert “As We Gather at Your Table”
- Insert “Beneath the Cross”

Sunday, August 8, 5:00pm - Congregation Cookout followed by

Congregational Meeting. The cookout will begin at 5:00pm in the parking lot. Everything will be provided (hotdogs, chips, and beverages), but please bring your own lawn chairs. After dinner we will move into the sanctuary for a Congregational Meeting to begin at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend.

Sunday, September 19 - Sunday School classes will resume. Nursery workers, Sunday School teachers and substitutes are all needed. If you are interested, please contact Bill Morrison.

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

Resources for your spiritual growth - the Daily Lectionary Readings, Calendars, and Table Talk magazine for the month of August are available in the narthex.

Church Financial Update

YTD through June 30, 2010

Budget	\$69,600
Actual Expenses	\$73,449
Actual Income.....	\$83,198
Last Week’s General Fund Giving.....	\$2,619
Last Week’s Benevolence Fund Giving.....	\$437

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

Rev. Daniel Millward, Pastor	922-7270
Sean Doran	267-5632
David Schafer	946-5501
Dirk Van Til.....	223-8962
Fred Weber (on sabbatical until November)	947-0426

The Deacons

Jerry DeVries	938-2317
Forbes Husted.....	929-7291
C. J. Weber.....	357-9553

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Sunday School is not held during the summer but will resume in the fall.

Worship: Sundays 10:15 a.m.