



REDEEMER
TRAVERSE CITY

July 12, 2026



Your Kingdom Come

Welcome to Redeemer!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, we are glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding location of the nursery or restrooms!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will help you participate and offer some explanations. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered, as each week we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel. We gather weekly not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter with God, and so our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

- Calling – Worship begins with Gods' invitation to worship. He always takes the initiative and moves towards us.
- Cleansing – God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children
- Consecration – God builds us up through his Word
- Communion – God brings us as children to his table to affirm his relationship with us.
- Commission – God sends us out in the power of his Spirit to live as his ambassadors before a watching world.

Whether you are a committed believer, skeptic, or somewhere in the middle, we are glad you are here today. Please feel free to participate actively or just listen and observe. Jesus Christ makes audacious and wonderful claims, and our church is a place where you can process those freely and safely.

We would love to know that you were here this morning. There is a sheet in the pew in front that you can put in the offering basket during service. If there is any way we can pray for you, or you have questions about Christianity or our church, you can indicate that as well. There is more information about our church activities, events, and beliefs in the back pages of this bulletin and on our website.

A Word to Parents with Young Children

We lovingly offer a staffed nursery for children from infant to age 4. You may bring your children down the hallway to the left, and pick them up after the sermon (before communion). For those who have young children remaining in the service, they are welcome. We believe that children in the sanctuary during our worship service are a blessing. Our hope is that as children grow they learn how important worship is and will pick up more and more. Your children are a gift from God to our entire church!

Nursery this Week: Heidi and Berneice

Redeemer at a Glance

We are a church that exists to proclaim Christ and Him crucified, to live as disciples of Christ, and to make disciples of Christ. Please join us for any of our weekly events, more information is in the back of the bulletin.

- Family Nights
- Men's & Women's Ministry
- Service opportunities

The Lord's Service

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

*The Call to
Worship gives
God the first
word in our ser-
vice. God always
comes to us be-
fore we come to
him. God gra-
ciously invites us
to enter His
presence with
Thanksgiving!*

† Stand if able **Bold Words = Congregation**

Opening Hymn: “10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise un-ending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Invocation

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

† Prayer

† The Greeting

1 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

The Call to Confession invites us to honest expression before God that we are not as we were made to be. The church is not a gathering of perfect people, we are all sinners in various stages of recovery.

Confession of Sin

Philippians 2:1-3

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Prayer of Confession

“O Great and Everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, we confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, or with all of our soul, or with all of our mind, or our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with your provisions for us. We have sought security in those things that perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.”

The Declaration of Forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscience, the lies of the evil one, and proclaims the amazing truth of the gospel to our heart!

Declaration of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

† Hymn of Assurance: #500 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages. Cleft Me, Augustus M. Toplady, Thomas Cotterill, James Ward, Public Domain, CCLI #2539700

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: *James 4:11-12*

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Offertory

† 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 : *Luke 9:46-50*

An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

⁴⁹ John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

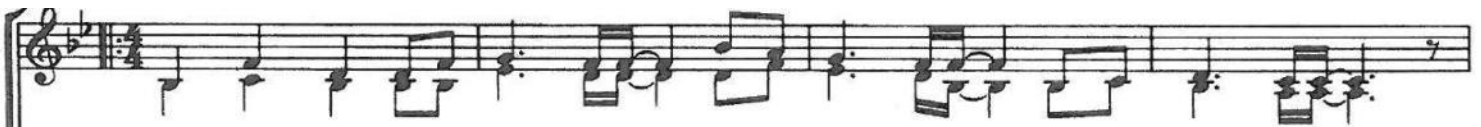
Sermon Title: "Competitive Christianity"

Pastor Reed

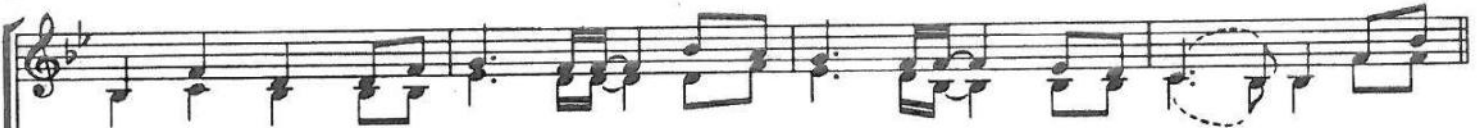
1. Spiritual Competition
2. The Character of Christ

Sermon Notes:

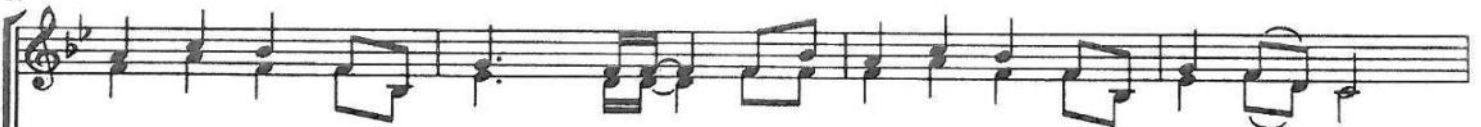
† Sermon Hymn: "Speak, O Lord"



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You_ to re-ceive the food_ of Your Ho - ly Word.
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho - ly rev - er ence, true hu - mil - i - ty._
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us._



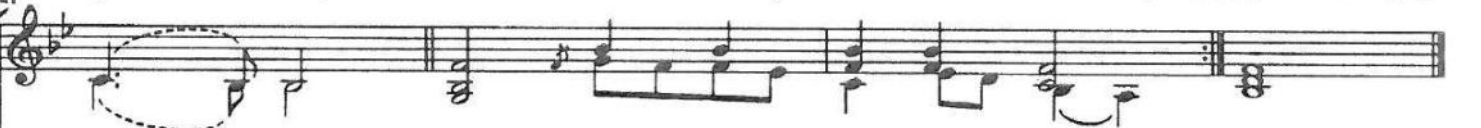
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;_ shape and fash - ion us_ in Your like - ness; That the
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes in the ra - di ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to day_ in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith.
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es;_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with_ us.



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us_ all Your pur - pos - es_ for Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;_ Let their truth pre - vail_ o - ver
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,_ and the earth is filled_ with Your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

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 are in good standing with any church that proclaims the Gospel. Please note that we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings (colored cups) contain non-alcoholic wine if you prefer.

A gluten free wafer is available in place of bread. We come forward as each row is dismissed. We encourage children to come forward, but ask that they not take the elements unless they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. Feel free to stay in your seat or come forward but indicate that you are not partaking.

Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q.&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. 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.

Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Great God of Highest Heaven, who are we that we should be invited to such a feast as this? We are not worthy to come, we have no merit of our own that would make us worthy to receive your body and blood. But thanks be to you O God, that you invite us to this table and promise to refresh us and strengthen us by your grace in Christ. Now we thank you for the gift of this holy supper, and 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

Gracious God, you love us, have chosen us, and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh and dwelt among us, and who gave His life willingly for our salvation. Give us joy in His coming, and greater hope in His coming again. Until that day, help us by your Holy Spirit to go into this world to love and serve you and others in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

† Post Communion Hymn "For the Cause"

1. For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an of - fer - ing 'Til all the
 2. For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow As ma - ny
 3. For the King once lift - ed high To cries of rage, of 'Cru - ci - fy!' En - dured the
 4. To the King who con - quered death, To free the poor and the op - pressed, For last - ing
 5. Let it be my life's re - frain; To live is Christ, to die is gain; De - ny my -

earth re-sounds with cease-less praise To the Son.
 see and ma - ny put their trust In the Son.
 cross as eve - ry sin was laid, On the Son.
 peace, for life and li - ber - ty In the Son.
 self, Take up my cross and fol - low the Son.

Christ we pro - claim, The Name a - bove eve - ry name; For all cre - a - tion, Ev - ery
 na - tion, God's sal - va - tion Through the Son!

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† Benediction

† Benediction Response Hymn #735 "Gloria Patri"

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Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Growth of the Kingdom:

- **Unity in the Church**— “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph 4:1-3).
- **Pray that the fruit of the Spirit would be exhibited in the lives of the members of Redeemer (Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:5).**
- **Pray for the tearing down of idols and strongholds in the lives of God’s people (2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Ezekiel 36:25-27).**
- **Pray for the spread of the Gospel** locally, nationally, and internationally (Matthew 28:19-20).
- **Pray for the persecuted Church** throughout the world (Ephesians 6:19-20).
- **Pray for local, state, national, and world leaders** that they may lead with wisdom and righteousness (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- **Pray for the return of Jesus** (Revelation 22:6-21)

Prayers for Redeemer Family:

- **Susan Johnson and family** –Please pray for Susan and her family for comfort after the passing of Pansy.
- **Dave Schafer**—recovering at home after suffering from a stroke.
- **Tony Pintcke**— Please pray for comfort and strength for Tony after the passing of Kathy.
- **Eloise Lyon**—moving to Ann Arbor to work for Protect Life Michigan doing pro-life outreach, exposing the injustice of abortion and helping women in need.
- **Fred Janke**—please pray for healing and strength for Fred as he faces health challenges.
- **Joann Bissell**—please pray for peace and comfort as she is living in a long-term care memory unit.
- **Brett Schut**—please pray for Brett as he receives tests and treatment for acute memory loss, and healing from a broken foot.
- **Kate Empie**—please continue to pray for Kate. She is now home continuing her recovery.
- **Fred Weber**—Praise that Fred has completed his Chemo Therapy. Please pray that his PET Scan, scheduled for the end of July, will show no cancer and the hernia surgery scheduled for July 29th goes well.
- **Joyce Weise**—Please pray for healing after shoulder replacement surgery.
- **McKinzie Robinson**— Please pray she finds relief from a recent flare of ulcerative colitis and asthma.
- **Kit Simmons**— Thank you for continued prayer as Kit approaches the 3-year anniversary of his diagnosis of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Prayer for Extended Family and Friends:

- **Kendry Scott (daughter of Rick and Jody Harkert)** -Kendry has begun chemo treatments for breast cancer. Please pray for Kendry and her family that the Lord will keep her physically and emotionally strong through the treatments.
- **Keith Heaney (Cousin of Beth Nussdorfer)** - being treated for metastatic lung cancer.

- **Sean Doran (Former member and elder at Redeemer)** - is being treated for prostate and bone cancer.
- **Tony Paladino (Tony's father)**— Please pray for strength for Tony's father as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
- **Ben and Will Jachalke (adult children of Michelle)** - Pray for their salvation and protection from the world.
- **Dick DeLater and family (relative of Barb Husted)** He has been battling a progressive/debilitating neurological disease and is now in a wheel chair. His wife Jessie has also been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Kathy Schut** (age related struggles)
- **Rick Reed (Austin's father)** —Please pray for Rick as he battles prostate cancer and mourns the passing of his wife Julie.
- **Active Duty Military**—Josiah Washburne, Nick Nussdorfer, Leo Macha, Jonathan Whims, and Michael Caughran.

Prayer for the World:

- Pray Jesus would be proclaimed to all the nations and that He would be glorified.
- **Missionaries Redeemer Support**— **Robert Knuth, Dan Millward, Micah Jelinek, Steve van Noort, Carly Boerema, Raimo Servo, Daniel Equiluz**

Churches in the Presbytery:

Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Twp MI—**Pastor Douglas (Lesley) Graham; Associate Pastor Paul (Cecily) Davis; Asst. Pastor Jim (Sandy) Mascow** Please pray that God will be glorified and His Word heard.

University Reformed Church, East Lansing MI –**Sr. Pastor Jason (Leah) Helopoulos, Assistant Pastor Nate (Sarah) Groelsema, Assistant Pastor Nick (Emma) Setterington, Assistant Pastor Kevin (Rachel) McAlvey, Assistant Pastor Dave (Amity) Hinkley, Assistant Pastor of Church Planting Ben (Alyssa) Preiser** - Pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing on the upcoming Petoskey church plant, and for the Preisers as they prepare and plan to lead that work. Praise for an encouraging rollout to our 60th anniversary campaign. Pray for a refreshing and restful sabbatical for Pastor Jason this summer.

Trinity, Hudsonville MI – Pastor Jeremy (Marie) Visser

Dan Millward (Laura) and the Detroit Project - Praise God as He continues to build His Church in the greater Detroit area. Please pray for Cord and Katie Carlin and their family as they begin work in Northville/Novi. Additionally, please pray for Kingsley and Hannah and family as they move from Toronto to Windsor Ontario to begin the work of planting a Church in Windsor.

Del Belcher, Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano, Medellin, Colombia/Orlando, FL

This coming July 12-17, Dr Noe Acosta (SRL Founder and Chancellor) and I, representing SRL Seminary, have been invited to offer lectures and sermons for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Mexico that will convene this year in Baja California, Mexico. It has been a great blessing and honor to serve with SRL as Faculty and Staff since January 2020. Please pray for us and for the Presbyterian Church of Mexico, for the continued advancement of the Reformed Presbyterian churches in Mexico...and for the advancement of the Reformation throughout Mexico and Latin America.

September, I was invited to teach for SRL in San Salvador, El Salvador. (Elements of a Christian Worldview)

November, invited...

1. To offer lectures and preaching for the General Assembly of the IBR Presbyterian Church in Colombia.
2. Teach the course "Pastoral Theology" for SRL in Quito, Ecuador (a new SRL site)
3. Teach the course "Pastoral Theology" for SRL in Santiago de Chile (back to back round trip)

Announcements

Closers Needed—We are in need of men who would be willing to join the closer team. The commitment is minimal, and on a rotation list, you'll only be responsible to close the building after Sunday service once or twice a quarter. Please prayerfully consider joining the team!! See Rick Harkert or email him at rikhar@gmail.com. Thank you!

Young Ladies: We are putting together a team of young ladies to serve our Redeemer family by putting the sanctuary back in order following the morning service. Picking up communion cups, bulletins left in pews and putting hymnals back in their holders would be the task, and would only take a few moments. Please consider this ministry! See or contact Barb Weber to join this ministry team!!

Quarterly Benevolence Offering—Our next quarterly benevolence offering will be on Sunday, July 26th.

Ladies Summer Book Club- please join us for casual discussion and fellowship outside at the church! We'll do Pilgrim's Progress Tuesday July 21 6:30-8pm and Theo of Golden Tuesday August 18 6:30-8pm. We hope to see you there!

Ladies Summer Sermon Series- starts up June 18th and meets weekly **every Thursday from 10:30-12:00 through August** at the church! We know vacations, entertaining company, etc. make attendance variable, so come when you can. Children are welcome and will play with 1 or 2 older kids next door in the nursery. Please come to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon text and sermon. We hope to encourage each other in our faith and get the Word more deeply into our hearts! If you have any questions, see Lynne Washburne or Angie VanDyk.

Financials

Year to Date	<u>May 31, 2025</u>	<u>May 31, 2026</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Total Giving	\$173,234	\$196,894	\$200,310	(\$3,416)
Total Expenses	\$159,710	\$186,822		

Happening the Week of 7/12—7/18 at Redeemer:

Deacon's Meeting—Wednesday, 5:30 pm
Men's Study—Thursday, 7:30 am
Ladies Summer Sermon Series—Thursday, 10:30 am—12 pm
Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 12 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

Fred Weber, Rob and Kimberly Whims—Monday
Les Leone, Kimberly Whims—Wednesday
Tom Nussdorfer, Heidi VanTil—Friday

Serving this Sunday

Elder- Tony Paladino
Nursery— Heidi VanTil and Berneice Gonder
Communion Set-up— Aubrey Smith
Communion Clean-up— Bill and Jenny Morrison
Closer— Jeff Kozisek
Pianist— Rick Harkert

Serving next Sunday

Elder- Bill Morrison
Nursery— Katina and Elsie Gibson
Communion Set-up— Johanna Lashbrook
Communion Clean-up— Beverly McSauby
Closer— Dave Van Dyk
Pianist— Verity Buchanan

Reminder:

**There is an Elder at the front after
the service if you need prayer .**

Mission Statement—”And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Vision Statement—Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to proclaim Christ and Him crucified, to live as disciples of Christ, and to make disciples of Christ.

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David Schafer (Emeritus)

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