



Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
—Philippians 4:19

The Lord's Service
July 24, 2016

Why a Declaration of Forgiveness?

Every week at Redeemer the minister declares God's forgiveness to the congregation. Formally known as the "absolution," this is a public declaration of God's certain forgiveness and favor toward those who truly repent and admit their need of Christ. The minister himself does not have any inherent power to forgive sins, but he makes this declaration as one who has been authorized by the Church to speak on behalf of God, who most assuredly does.

Hearing an official pronouncement of God's love and forgiveness is something that *we need every week*. How many of us would be satisfied if the only time our spouse ever declared their love for us was on our wedding day? Would we be at all assured if, after asking our spouse to declare their love, the reply came "I told you when we got married that I loved you, why do you keep asking me to repeat myself?" If this is true with our human relationships, how much more do we need constant reassurance from our Heavenly Father? Every week our conscious accuses us (rightly) that we have not obeyed a holy God, every week the evil one is lurking to bring condemnation for our failings. The declaration of God's forgiveness breaks through the accusations of our conscious and the lies of the devil, and proclaims the amazing truth of the Gospel to our hearts. *God will freely pardon all who truly repent. God's grace is so free, so unmerited, that no matter what we have done, there is complete forgiveness for all who trust in Christ.* This is a message we must hear again and again because the truth that God will freely forgive ungodly people is hard even for Christians to believe.

We need the declaration every week, because we need to have continually impressed upon our hearts the wonderful truth so beautifully expressed in the Heidelberg Catechism: "Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart."

Amen and Amen!

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

(*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1

Pastor Scott Korljan

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

†Opening Hymn #4 “All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

(Vs 1-3 & 6 only)

†Invocation Psalm 96:2-4

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Pastor: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.

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 #53 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Verse 5 only)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

**Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.**

Confession of Sin 1 John 1:8-9; Hebrews 4:16

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in
time of need.

† =Stand, if able

Bold Words=Congregation

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are, by ourselves, apart from your grace, sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. We have not followed your commandments nor loved our neighbor as ourselves. 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 of your will and obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good News!

“Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed in his Promise now fully realized in his Son, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†Hymn of Assurance “Before the Throne of God Above” Bulletin Pg. 12

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Elder Fred Weber

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6

New Testament Reading Hebrews 13:13-16

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the red Visitor Pad for all visitors to sign.

†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 Philippians 4:14-20

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Sermon “The Blessing of Giving for the Spread of the Gospel”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

Sermon Hymn #585 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Vs. 1 & 4 only)

Please be seated after singing the hymn

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. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 10. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. *Please note that the ‘purple’ cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the ‘clear’ cups contain wine.*

Affirmation of Faith The 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, (*universal)
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. 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 all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus

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

#95 "Though Troubles Assail Us"

#679 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

"Every Promise of Your Word"

"All I Have is Christ"

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Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O Lord, that through Word and Sacrament,
you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven,
and food of eternal life. Grant us the sanctifying grace of your
Holy Spirit so that we may glorify you in all we do, both privately
and publicly. Help us to be a faithful people, called out of darkness
into your wonderful light so that we may declare your praises.
For all of this, we rejoice and give you thanks in the name of
Christ our Savior. Amen.

†Dismissal “Holy Spirit” (Verse 2 only)

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Philippians 4:14-20

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

NOTES

Individual Prayers for Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

“Before the Throne of God Above”

G D/F# D A D/F# F#m7 G D/F# G A

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count-ed
 self I can-not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

Bm Bm/A G D/F# A Bm2 Bm Bm/A

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

G6 Em7 G/A Bm Bm/A G6 Em7 G/A D

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Communion Hymn

“Every Promise of Your Word”

1. From the break - ing of the dawn sun,
stum - ble and I con-dem - na-tion press -
faced with an-guished choice, I will lis-ten for Your.
lifts me from de - spair, love that casts out ev - 'ry -

to the set-ting of the sun, I will
con-dem - na-tion press - ing in, I will
I will lis-ten for Your. voice
love that casts out ev - 'ry - fear, as I

Words of pow - er, strong to
You are faith - ful to for
Through this dark - and trou-bled
Not for - sak - en, not a -

stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your Word.
stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your Word.
stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your Word.
stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your Word.

that will nev - er pass a - way;
that in free - dom I might live,
You will guide me with Your - hand
for the Com - for - ter has -

I will stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your
so I stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your
as I stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your
and I stand on ev - 'ry prom-ise of Your

Word.
Word.
Word.
Word.

For Your cov - e - nant is sure
Guilt to in - no - cence re - stored,
And You've prom - ised to com - plete
Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for me,

I can stand
So I'll stand
So we will stand

1.-3.

this I am se - cure more -
mem - ber sins no me -
work be - gun in be - lieve -

on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your
on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your

2. When I
3. When I'm
4. Hope that
Word.
Word.
Word.
Word.

Communion Hymn

“All I Have is Christ”

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

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D A D G A D

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - ferent to the cost, You looked up -
3. Now Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might see the strength to

A Em G A D A

prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would
on my help - less state and led me to the cross. And I be-held God's love dis -
fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Father, use my ran-somed

Bm G D Em7 Bm

own a reb - el to Your will. And if You had not loved me first, I would re -
played, You suf - fered in my place. You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I
life in an - y way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be my on - ly

G 1. A 2.3. A D G D

fuse You still. know is grace. Hal-le - lu - jah! All I
boast is You.

A Bm G Bm A (Repeat chorus after 3rd verse)

have is Christ. Hal-le - lu - jah! Je-sus is my life.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- Homebound: Dale Millward, June Rusch & Reva Sharp
- Bobbie Van Til (sister-in-law to Ethan & Dirk) who was diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Bobbie, Seth & their three daughters in your prayers.
- Kimberly Close, sister of Katina Gibson, who is struggling with physical, emotional and spiritual difficulties. Pray that God's love and comfort would meet her in this season of need.
- Jo Wolfe, pray for healing.
- Jean Bilthouse (Connie Van Til's mother) who is receiving hospice care.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (Redeemer Detroit church plant), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain), Alyssa Strong in Bulgaria and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery:

Redeemer Presbyterian, Detroit, Michigan: We are asking the Lord for numeric growth, as well as increased zeal and commitment of our current congregation to love, serve and grow. Praise for the group of 13 people who came from Traverse City to engage in our mission in the city. The outcome was great as they touched a lot of hurting people in a short amount of time and they were themselves deeply touched by the people of Detroit. Pray that God would bless our ministry to WSU students both undergrad as well as graduate and medical students. As we begin to explore moving toward particularization, pray for wisdom for us on every front.

Want to receive Redeemer email notifications & reminders?

Then contact the Church office at:

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Financials Through June 30th, 2016

Budgeted Expenses:	\$128,754
Actual Expenses:	\$127,031
*Giving & Rentals:	\$136,191
(*Includes \$12,900 in Rental Income)	

Announcements

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

Next Sunday - Pastor Scott will preach from Philippians 4:21-23

Youth/Family Group Outing - Friday, July 29th at Michigan Adventure! Contact Eric Breithaupt for more information.

Visitor 'Meet & Greet' - If you have been attending Redeemer and would like to meet with our Leadership, please attend the 'Meet & Greet' next Sunday at 9 AM in our Fellowship Hall. Please call the Church Office (231-946-1700) and RSVP to Deb by July 25th.

Benevolence Offering - Our quarterly Benevolence Offering is next Sunday.

Church Picnic - Next Sunday at the Greilickville Harbor Park next to the Elmwood Township Marina. Bring your own food, refreshments and anything you would take to the beach!

This week at Redeemer:

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM

Prayer Gathering - Thursday, 10 AM

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Ralph & Teresa Kott

Elder: Fred Weber

Greeter: Vern & McKinzie Robinson

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Maggie Cairns

Sound Board: David Smith

Serving Next Sunday, July 31, 2016:

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie

Elder: Dennis Conant

Greeter: Dave & Eleanor Schafer

Music Ministry: Connie Van Til

Nursery: Katie Gordon

Refreshments: Church Picnic (see above)

Sound Board: Max Wolfe

The Session (Pastor and Elders)

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Fred Weber	631-1986
David Schafer (Emeritus)	

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Sunday School: 9 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 AM

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