

Redeemer
Presbyterian Church

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—Matthew 6:1

The Lord's Service
July 2, 2017

Why Scripture Reading?

The reading of Scripture is prominent in our worship service from beginning to end. Passages of Scripture are read for the Call to Worship, the Confession of Sin, the Declaration of God's Forgiveness, as well as the Sermon Text Reading and an additional Scripture reading every week. Why give so much prominence to the reading of a book, most of which was written over two thousand years ago?

First, we read the Word because it is absolutely central to our lives as Christians. We simply cannot be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be without continually growing in the knowledge and understanding of the Word. If we want to know the God we worship, and if we want to know how to live a life that is pleasing to him, we must know the Word. As Jesus said "man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from my heavenly Father." As Paul wrote to Timothy "All Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness." The Word, Peter reminds us, is the "pure spiritual milk" that we need to "grow up into salvation" (1 Pet 2:2). Without knowledge of the Word, we will be spiritually impoverished and stunted in our Christian growth.

Second, we read the Word because the Word is powerful. God says incredible things about the sheer power of his Word. He declares through the prophet Isaiah: "...So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, *but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it*" (Isa 55:11). In like manner, God speaks through Jeremiah "Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jer 23:29). The author of the book of Hebrews reminds us that "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb 4:12). The Bible is not a dead written Word, relevant only thousands of years ago, it is very much alive and powerful today. God sends out his Spirit with his Word, and it becomes the primary means by which God builds us up and strengthens us in our faith. May He be pleased to do so again today!

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Order of Worship

Call to Worship John 4:23-24

Pastor Scott Korljan

But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.
God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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

(Vs. 1, 3 & 6 only)

†**Invocation** Psalm 124:8

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

People: Who made heaven and earth.

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 #2** “O Worship the King” (Verse 1 only)

**O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

Confession of Sin Isaiah 1:11-12

“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. “When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts?”

O Great God,

Forgive us for serving and worshipping you in sinful ways.

**Forgive us for doing your work without your power,
trusting in our own strength.**

Forgive us for our dead, heartless, blind service.

Forgive us for our lack of inward light, love, and delight in you.

**Forgive us when our minds, hearts,
and tongues move without your help.**

**Forgive us for how often we make men’s opinion our rule,
and seek the praise that comes from other people and not from you.**

**Have mercy upon us for Christ’s sake, and help us to change. Deepen
within us a sorrow for our sin, make us people who worship you in
Spirit and in Truth. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness Isaiah 1:18

Hear the good news!

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

†**Hymn of Assurance** “He Will Hold Me Fast”

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Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Elder Bill Morrison

Scripture Reading Matthew 23:5-12; Psalm 73:23-28

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 Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

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Sermon

“The Problem of Religious Hypocrisy”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†Sermon Hymn #642 “Be Thou My Vision” (Verse 1 only)

Please be seated after singing the hymn

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

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 9. 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 contain 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 and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. As we come now to the supper which he gave to us, we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that the bread that we break and the cup that we bless would be a participation in the body and blood of our Lord. And now, with the angels, and all the company of heaven, 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 and Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns

#457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#55 “To God Be the Glory”

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

O Great God

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Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal “My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness” (Verse 3 only)

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev’ry thought is love;
For ev’ry day I have on earth is given by the King,
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text
Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His
sat-is-sified; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
fast.
last!

For my Sa-voir loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Communion Hymn

"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

Steve and Vikki Cook

$\text{♩} = 63$

F/A G/B C G G/A Am C C/E F C/E

I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, whose price - less blood has ran - somed
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, my life He bought, my love He
 I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who car - ries me on ea - gle's

G C F G Am G F C F/C C G^{sus} G⁷

me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit - ter nails and hung Him on that judg - ment
 owns. I have no long - ings for an - oth - er, I'm sat - is - fied in Him a -
 wings. He crowns my life with lov - ing - kind - ness. His tri - umph song I'll ev - er

C F G^{sus} C G/B Am

tree. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who crushed the pow'r of sin and
 lone. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, His faith - ful - ness, of my stand - ing
 sing. I will glo - ry in my Re - deem - er, who waits for me at gates of

G C F G C D

death, my on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the ho - ly Judge, the
 place. Though foes are might - y and rush up - on me, my
 gold. And when He calls me it will be par - a - dise, His

Am G^{sus} G Fmaj7 Am G^{sus} G C

Lamb who is my right - eous - ness, the Lamb who is my right - eous - ness.
 feet are firm, held by His grace, my feet are firm, held by His grace.
 face for - ev - er to be - hold, His face fo - ev - er to be - hold.

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Communion Hymn

“O Great God”

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C F/G C Dm C/E F

O great God of high-est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it
 (2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not

6 C F/G C Dm Gsus G C G

all and reign su - preme. Con - quer ev - ery reb - el pow'r. Let no
 know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your

10 Am G/F C G Am7 F Gsus G

vice or sin re-main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have
 Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me, through the

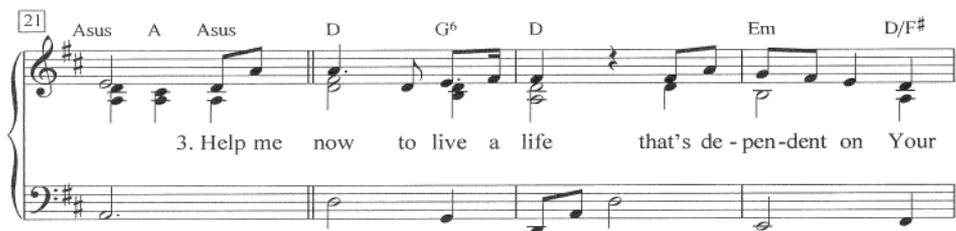
14 F2/A G/B C C/E F Gsus G

loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - - er -
 gos - pel of Your Son gave me end - less hope and

17 1. C G Am7 Dm Gsus G F/G 2. C G

more. 2. I was peace.

21 Asus A Asus D G⁶ D Em D/F#



3. Help me now to live a life that's de-pen-dent on Your

25 G D/A G⁶ D/F#



grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the

28 Em Asus A D A Bm A/G D A



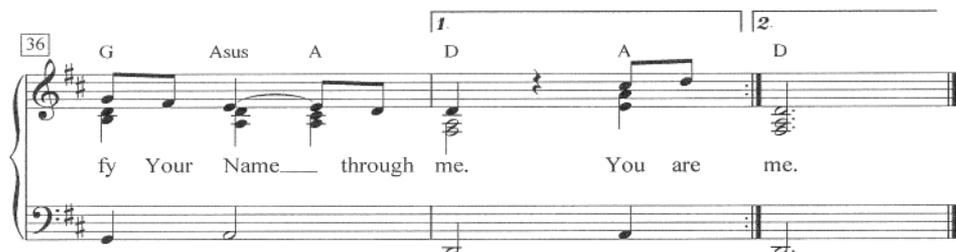
e-vils that I face. You are wor - thy to be praised with my

32 Bm⁷ G Asus A G²/B A/C# D D/F#



ev - ery thought and deed. O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri -

36 G Asus A D A D



fy Your Name through me. You are me.

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 Matthew 6:7-15.

Nursery Need - We need a few more ladies to volunteer in our Nursery on Sunday. Please contact the Church office (946-1700; redemerc@gmail.com) if you are able to serve the church in this area.

Redeemer Facebook page - Check out our new Facebook page!
Redeemer PCATC

Candy Catechism - Starting July 1st, catechism question of the month; Shorter Catechism Question #42.

Bible & Beer - Wednesday, July 5th (7:15 to 9 pm) at Chris Stevens' house; bring your bible, mug, and a chair, to enjoy the outside night.

Youth Building Project - One day youth building project for 'Little Library'; see Chris Stevens to volunteer and for questions.

Church Survey - Watch your email for a link to an online survey; details to follow.

Prayer Gathering - is cancelled due to the 4th of July Holiday.

Detroit Project Offering - Next Sunday

This week at Redeemer:

Bible & Beer - Wednesday, 7:15 to 9 PM

Men's Study - Thursday, 7:30 AM
(The Mortification of Sin by John Owen)

Serving Today:

Communion Set Up: Kit Hinz
Elder: Bill Morrison
Greeting: Les & Mary Leone, John & Kathy Van Til
Music Ministry: Connie Van Til, Gloria Janke
Nursery: Nikki Millward
Refreshments: Jenny Morrison
Sound Board: Max Wolfe

Serving on Sunday, July 9th:

Communion Set Up: Barb Weber / Kate Empie
Elder: Fred Weber
Greeting: Dave & Angie VanDyk, John & Kathy Van Til
Music Ministry: Connie Van Til
Nursery: Heidi Van Til
Refreshments: Berneice Gonder
Sound Board: Gavin Weber

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