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# REDEEMER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

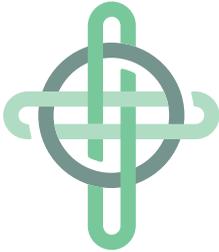
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**The Lord's Service**

May 15, 2016

# WELCOME TO REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*



Thank you for visiting Redeemer Presbyterian Church—Midtown Detroit congregation; a new church in the heart of the city, with a heart for the city.

We believe there is a true renaissance underway in the city of Detroit, but that a lasting renaissance will not only involve positive advancement in industry, education and commerce, but also a collaboration of churches working together to make the Gospel accessible to all people, and to seek the welfare of the city we are called to serve.

Redeemer is striving to build a community that is as racially ethnically, and socio-economically diverse as our city, in which believers and skeptics can explore the big questions of life and Christianity's answers, work together for a thriving city, and serve those in need in the neighborhoods in which we live.

Our Sunday worship services are vibrant, liturgical and participatory. We celebrate the Lord's Supper each week because we believe Jesus' promise that it is true food for the soul as a means of God's grace to his people.

Again, thank you for visiting Redeemer. It is our hope that you will find us to be a community where Detroiters can experience the hospitality, peace and transforming presence of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dan Millward

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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
to whoever will come - this church opens wide her doors and offers you welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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# Order for the Public Worship of God

Pentecost Sunday

## REFLECTION

“The person who never meditates with delight on the glory of Christ in the Scriptures now will not have any real desire to see that glory in heaven. What sort of faith and love do people have who find time to think about many other things but make no time for meditating on this glorious subject?” | **John Owen**, *17th century theologian*

“God’s will for our lives is much simpler than the conventional approach. The will of God for our lives is that we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. The most important decision we face is the daily decision to live for Christ and die to self. If we do those two things then we are free to choose between jobs and schools and locations. God wants us to stop obsessing about the future and trust that He holds the future. We should put aside the passivity and the perfectionism and the quest for perfect fulfillment and get on with our lives. God does not have a specific plan for our lives and he means for us to decipher ahead of time.”

| **Kevin DeYoung**, *pastor*

“For the Bible, life is a journey offering two roads. Regardless of how offensive this idea may be to the modern mind, it is “either/or,” rather than “both/and.” There are two perceptions of reality: the supernatural and the natural. These are two conflicting kingdoms: Kingdom of God in the kingdom of Satan. There are two entry points: the wide gate leading to destruction and the narrow gate leading to life (Matt 7:13–14). As Francis Schaeffer stresses, unlike Hegel’s dialectic—thesis, antithesis, synthesis, Biblical thought is antithetical: thesis/anti-thesis. There is no reconciliation of opposites—synthesis.” | **Preacher’s Commentary**

“Pray that, above all things, the gates of light may be opened to you; for these things cannot be perceived or understood by all, but only by the man to whom God and His Christ have imparted wisdom.” | **Justin Martyr**, *2<sup>nd</sup> century christian apologist*

## WELCOME

Mike Essian

## PRELUDE + PREPARATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from PSALM 47; REVELATION 5

**MINISTER**

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
Sing praises to our King, who sits on the throne  
God is the King of all the earth;  
For blessing and honor and glory and might are his forever and ever!”  
Let us pray.

**THE GREETING**

2 THESSALONIANS 1:2; 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

**MINISTER**

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL**

**Amen.**

**SONGS OF PRAISE** 🎵

TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE

**ALL**

To Him who sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb  
To Him who sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb  
Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever  
Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY 

ALL

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning;  
Sheltering you under His wings, oh so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

from EPHESIANS 2:12-13; 4:1; PSALM 25

MINISTER

As the children of God, we are called to perfect obedience and conformity to Christ. Yet, because of our flesh we fall short and do not live in a manner worthy of the God who called us into his own kingdom and glory. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

ALL

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old. Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. For your name's sake, O Lord; pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

1 PETER 1:3-4

**MINISTER**

Hear the good news!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” 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.

### **RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS**

*We are privileged to receive the newest members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church Detroit this morning. If you would like to learn more about membership please contact Pastor Dan Millward.*

Robert James Williams, Allen Hillaker, and Nathan Johnson

### **MEMBERSHIP VOWS**

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

[Book of Church Order, 57-5, page 80]

## **QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

**MINISTER** Do you as a congregation now welcome these brothers as members of this body?

**ALL** **We do.**

**MINISTER** Let us pray.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Robert James Williams

## **SONG OF ASSURANCE** 🎵

THY MERCY MY GOD

**ALL** Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE CITY**

Mike Essian

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dismissal of Children to Redeemer Kids Room

*We welcome children for the entire worship service. However, a specifically designed time for children ages 6 months to 4 years old, who are not yet ready to be part of the entire service, is held from the offertory until after the Sermon. You may take your child(ren) at this time to the Redeemer Kids Room and pick your child(ren) up after the Sermon at the entrance of the auditorium.*

## **OFFERTORY**

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

PSALM 1

**READER**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

**READER**

“This is the Word of the Lord”

**ALL**

**“Thanks be to God”**

**SERIES: PSALMS FOR THE SUMMER**

**TITLE: “Righteousness and Wickedness”**

Rev. Dan Millward

*(notes)*

*Parents at this time please pick your children up at the auditorium entrance*

## **CELEBRATION OF 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 publicly baptized and have publicly professed their faith as members of any Christian church.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**MINISTER**

Do you believe in God?

**ALL**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**MINISTER**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**ALL**

**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.**

**MINISTER**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**ALL**

**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.**

*\*catholic meaning the "whole or universal church."*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MINISTER The Lord be with you. Ruth 2:4

ALL **And also with you.**

MINISTER Lift up your hearts! Lamentations 3:41

ALL **We lift them up to the Lord!**

MINISTER Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 118:1

ALL **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MINISTER 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. We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, for all your blessings, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

MINISTER Let us boldly proclaim the mystery of the faith.

ALL **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

At Redeemer Midtown Detroit, we come forward to receive communion. You may partake of the bread and the cup as you receive them. **Wine is in the clear cups in the outer rings of the tray and grape juice is available in the inner ring of the tray in the purple cups. Gluten free bread is also available upon request.**

Children of believers who are not Communicant members (have not yet made a public profession of faith) should refrain from receiving the elements, but they are encouraged to come forward with their families. They will be acknowledged and will receive a word of encouragement from the pastor.

\*The Ushers will dismiss you by section and row to come forward for communion.

## COMMUNION HYMN

## WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

ALL

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL

**Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for calling us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. When we remember the price you paid, the death of your only Son, we can only wonder and marvel at the greatness of your love.**

**Lord, strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, help us to serve joyfully and send us into the world in courage and peace, as faithful witnesses of your mercy, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** 🍀

MY REFUGE, MY FORTRESS (Psalm 91)

**ALL**

He who dwells in the shelter of,  
The Most High God will abide, will abide  
Will abide in the shadow of His might

I will say to the Lord, my strength,  
My salvation, I'll abide, I'll abide  
I'll abide in the shadow of Your might

**CHORUS**

For His angels will guard you,  
And His strength will enfold you  
With their hands, they will lift you up,  
With their hands, they will lift you up

(You are) my refuge, my fortress,  
My God in whom I trust

**BENEDICTION** 🍀**WORSHIP MUSICIANS**

Clare Hendershot - vocals, guitar

Steve Hendershot - vocals, guitar

Jake Gordon - guitar

Graham Gilreath - percussion

**READER**

Katherine Kim

# Redeemer News & Announcements

## AFTER OUR SERVICE

Please stay and join us after the service for a light refreshment. It's a great way to connect with others in our congregation and to find out more about Redeemer Midtown Detroit. Stop by our Book Table to find a new read.

## TIGERS GAME

Reserve your tickets now for our first Redeemer Tiger's Game on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> against the Cleveland Indians. Tickets are \$29.00. See Laura after today's service for ticket reservations.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Meet with other women at 10am on Saturdays for tea, prayer and study on the Gospel of John. Contact Stephanie Gorgon, [stephaniegorgon@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniegorgon@gmail.com), for details.

## SERVING AT REDEEMER

As Christ came to this world to serve rather than to be served, we desire for those in our congregation to help serve both in our Sunday ministries, First Impressions Team, Kids Room, and Hospitality and through our Mercy Ministry partnerships, to help the poor and marginalized in the city of Detroit. Redeemer Midtown Detroit has four areas of Mercy Ministry we focus on that enable us to get up close and personal with those who are in need:

## MERCY MINISTRY

- 1) Basic Needs Ministry, *One Can Make A Difference*, partnered with St. Vincent de Paul.
- 2) Restoration Ministry partnered with Mariners Inn.  
Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM contact Ebi Baralaye.
- 3) Parent/Family Ministry partnered with Central Detroit Christian.  
Parent Cafe - May TBD see Todd & Jen Lavery for more info.
- 4) Mentoring Ministry partnered with Kid's Hope USA. Talk to our director Nsombi Aro for more information

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Year To Date Through April 2016

Expenses (Budget): \$89,729

Expenses (Actual): \$95,180

Giving (Budget): \$56,667

Giving (Actual): \$48,218

## SMALL GROUPS

One way to get plugged into the life of Redeemer Midtown Detroit is to become involved in a Small Group. If you are interested in visiting or being part of a group, please contact the group leader.

MIDTOWN | 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS | 1:00PM

Co-led by Mike Essian and Mike Lee. Contact Mike Essian at [mikeessian@live.com](mailto:mikeessian@live.com) or Mike Lee at [mike@redeemerdetroit.com](mailto:mike@redeemerdetroit.com) to find out where they will be meeting.

EAST SIDE | EVERY OTHER MONDAY | 6:30PM

Led by Pastor Dan. Contact him at [dan@redeemerdetroit.com](mailto:dan@redeemerdetroit.com).

DOWNTOWN | EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY | 6:30PM

This Small Group is led by Leslie Green. Contact her at [lesdenise40@mac.com](mailto:lesdenise40@mac.com).

MIDTOWN | EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY | 6:30PM

This Small Group is led by Pastor Dan. For more information contact him at [dan@redeemerdetroit.com](mailto:dan@redeemerdetroit.com).

CORKTOWN/WOODBRIDGE | EVERY FRIDAY | 6:00PM

Led by Andrew and Brittany Colchagoff. Contact Andrew at [andrew@colchagoff.com](mailto:andrew@colchagoff.com).

GROSSE POINTE | 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY | 6:00PM

This group will meet monthly and is hosted and led by Jeff and Jessica Huebner. For more information please contact Jeff at [jeff@pointecapital.com](mailto:jeff@pointecapital.com).

### REDEEMER MIDTOWN DETROIT

SUNDAYS @10:45AM

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(mention Redeemer)

## *Call to Worship*

Every Church has a beginning to their Sunday worship service. They can open with a prayer, a song, a welcome or a greeting of sorts, as well as other, more innovative elements, such as a video or a skit.

At Redeemer Detroit, after a brief welcome and a few moments to prepare our hearts for worship, we begin our service with a formal Call to Worship. The pastor, speaking on God's behalf, calls the congregation to worship by reading a passage from Scripture that contains a call to God's people to gather, and declares the greatness of the God they have come to worship. Psalm 111:1-3 is a good example:

[111:1] Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. [2] Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. [3] Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

In the broadly evangelical church world we live in today you will hear the objection, "it doesn't matter how a service begins." But there are a number of reasons why we believe the call to worship is an important frontend bookend to the worship service:

*First*, a call to worship gives God the first word in the service. God is our creator, our king, our savior, and it is always God who initiates grace toward us before we respond. So also in worship, God speaks first through his minister through his word, and we come into his presence by invitation only!

*Secondly*, a call to worship reminds us of our identity in Christ. The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, means "the assembling together of the called out ones." Though we are prone to forget our true identity in Christ, and instead conform to the world's way of thinking, in the call to worship we are again reminded of our true identity in Christ and the greatness of the God who now calls us his own treasured possession, and the God who is now in our midst to renew these truths in us.

*Thirdly*, the call to worship reminds us that are entering into a transcendent event where the triune God is present with us in a very special and unique way in the assembly. And we can be assured that he will feed us through his word read and preached, he will receive our offerings of thanksgiving, praise, and tithe, and he will feed us at his Table before sending us back out, divinely strengthened, to "seek the welfare of the city."