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July 12, 2020
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Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2020 – 8:00/9:00/10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: Meaningless, Just Meaningless!

As We Gather

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (James 4:13-14)

Prayer Before Worship

Thank You, Father, that I am Your child and that I have a citizenship laid up for me in heaven, and I am awaiting my coming Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You, that Your purpose for humanity is all tied up in Him, and that He is to be honored above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Thank You, Father, that You have put all things in subjection under His feet, and given Him as Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all. Heavenly Father, as a part of that Body, I pray that I may fulfill the work that You have purposed for me to do. I thank You Father, that Your will for my life is to transform me into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I pray that my life may reflect His grace and beauty in all I say and do. I pray that I may willingly submit to the work of the Holy Spirit in my life, even on those occasions when I do not understand, and ask that all that is of me may decrease and all that is of Christ may increase, until He is all in all in my life, to Your praise and glory. This I ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, piano

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r through-out the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Refrain
3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; Refrain

Order of Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 2:12-23

(Wisdom and Folly are Meaningless)

Then I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom, and also madness and folly. What more can the king's successor do than what has already been done? I saw that wisdom is better than folly, just as light is better than darkness. The wise have eyes in their heads, while the fool walks in the darkness; but I came to realize that the same fate overtakes them both. Then I said to myself, "The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?" I said to myself, "This too is meaningless." For the wise, like the fool, will not be long remembered; the days have already come when both have been forgotten. Like the fool, the wise too must die! So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:1-4

(Faith in Action)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we

understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading John 14:1-7

(Jesus is the way to the Father)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

1. 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.

2. Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Sermon

Text: Ecclesiastes 2:12-23
"Meaningless, Just Meaningless"
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Here I Am Lord

(Favorite hymn of Carolyn Becker, Jeanie Buechner, Paula Butler,
Jodi Curtis, Donna Hollis, Zella Honemann, Kris Leonard,
Mickey Margosian, Greg Merryman, Bev Mohr, Sue Soltess, Robin Swift,
Pam Tyndall, Leslie Whitfield)

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, as You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord, of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, piano



Flowers were given by Judy Sullivan & John Wagnitz in loving memory of our parents and grandparents; John & Darlene Sullivan and Jack & Sally Wagnitz.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are Aimee and Eric Stein in celebration of our upcoming 7th year wedding anniversary; the Zuerner family; and the McNaughton family thanking God for all the blessings He has bestowed on our families. God be praised. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are the Quasarano family; and Aimee and Eric Stein in celebration of our upcoming 7th year wedding anniversary.

Audio/Video Operator

David Hardoin

Musicians

8:00 - Steve SeGraves – song leader

9:00/10:00 - Kate DeBoer – special music and song leader

8:00/9:00/10:00 – Rick Helderop – piano

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Announcements for the week of July 12, 2020

Visit us at: www.redeemberirmingham.org for more detailed information

Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you worship with us. We pray you will return and share God's Word with us again. For information on membership, contact Laura Vowell at (248) 644-4010.

Mission: Bringing the love of Christ to a searching world.

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00am – Gym

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

9:00*/10:00am – Outdoors

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

*Livestreamed service

Monday

7:00pm - Outdoors

Communion after 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday

Comforting Scripture

Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." -John 6:27 (NIV2011)

Verse of the month

"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Leviticus 25:10

Live Worship Services Have Begun!!!

(Services are limited to 60 people in attendance. Please read our Good Practices and Procedures on the website prior to attending.)

- **There are sign-up genius forms for the Sunday Services (8:00/9:00/10:00am) and Monday Service (7:00pm) found on the website, as well as the option to call the office at 248-644-4010 to be added to the sign-up sheet.**
- **The services will be 30 minutes long and held in the front lawn outside the Sanctuary doors (except for the 8am service which will be held in the gym). You will be asked to bring your own chair and wear a mask. Plan to park in the East and West parking lots. *In the event of inclement weather, we will worship in the gym for all services.**
- **Bulletins will be printed and available at each service as well as posted on the website for you to print at home if you prefer.**
- **Bathrooms will be available and sanitized between each service, but our hope is to limit the number of people entering the building.**
- **The 9:00 service will be livestreamed for anyone still more comfortable worshipping from home.**
- **Communion WILL BE offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday at ALL Sunday services and after the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday at the 7:00pm Monday night service.**

WEEKLY WORSHIP UPDATES

We will be sending out an email with information every Monday to keep you informed about any changes in worship at Redeemer. **This email will also include the link to our worship page where you can find each week's worship signup.** We are going to provide the worship signup one week at a

time as things have been changing often. View our worship page anytime on the website by visiting <https://www.lcr.church/services/>. ***If you aren't receiving these email updates please send us your email by emailing office@redeemberbirmingham.org or calling the office at 248-644-4010 as this is our main form of communication right now. Thank you!***

When sponsoring flowers, PLEASE write a SEPARATE CHECK - do NOT include it in the same check with your weekly offering. Thank you!

MOM'S DAY OUT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Mom's Day Out registration has begun for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Nicole Olds at nolds@redeemberbirmingham.org or 248-644-4010 ext. 124.

COUNSELING

Redeemer Counseling Center is open and our three counselors are available to address your counseling needs!

Call to set up an appointment soon!

Sandy Pourcho, PHD 248-568-6040

Anna Lewis, LMSW 248-224-0383

Travis Knight, PSYD 248-677-1090

MEN'S MINISTRY

Golf and Barbecue

Guys of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 19th for our 19th annual Men's BBQ at the Beverly Park Pavilion (Beverly Road west of Southfield). The BBQ begins at 6:00 p.m. with a hearty meal of burgers, brats and all the fixin's. Also, an optional 9-hole scramble golf event is planned for Lincoln Hills at 3:30 p.m. Golf costs, payable that day, are \$19 (\$13-seniors 55+) and \$8 cart. Contact "Golf Commissioner" Walt Sweitzer (248-797-2755) with questions and to sign up for golf. There is no charge for

the BBQ – a freewill donation will be received. **Sign up, by Aug.14th, also indicating if you'll be golfing, can be done on the Town Square bulletin board if access to the building is possible, or by calling/e-mailing Gary Priskorn at 248-644-4010 ext.123 or gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org.** We'd love to have you join us for this great afternoon of fellowship!

Men's Ministry Virtual Bible Study: Your men's ministry is leaping into the 21st century with a virtual bible study on **Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am.** In the past few weeks, we have had 32 men join us! It's a perfect time to join in as **we are starting a new study on 1st Corinthians** which will be led by Gary Priskorn. So grab a cup of Joe, sit down in your favorite easy chair and join us for what should prove to be a very interesting study. Contact Gary at gpriskorn@redeemberirmingham.org / 248.561.2641 for the instructions on how to join them on Zoom.

Redeemer Summer Kamp 2020 is officially happening!

Kamp dates are August 1-7, 2020. If you are already registered please make sure your payment and health profile are completed!!!. Things will look a bit different this year as we put social distancing practices in place, but the important parts of Kamp will be the same. We will gather together in God's Creation, we will make new friends in Christ, and we will learn all about God's great love for us and how we can reflect God's love to others. Our theme this year will be "Glow in the Dark" based on Matthew 5:16. If you are interested in Kamp, register soon - we have limited spots available in all age groups. Visit www.lcr.church/kamp for lots more information. Email redemerkamp@gmail.com with questions or call Tim Springer, Kamp director, at 248-930-2215.

Give Online



For your convenience, use a QR code reader on your smart phone to give. You can also go to the website – www.redeemberirmingham.org and under the menu option click on Giving – Ways to Give – and scroll down to Give Online and click on **Redeemer's donation** page. Click on the Login/Create Profile button. Once your profile is set-up, you may make a one-time donation, or set-up a recurring donation and not worry about mailing in your offering envelope!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We were scheduled to have a beekeeper come to share her knowledge and expertise on the fascinating world of bees and to add to it, a fun game night component. **Stay tuned for an August/September delivery of a very fun night together.** We will always be aware of social distancing and proper application of safe practices.....but sooner or later we will be taking that step to bring us all back together. Aren't you glad we had our last fellowship and the joy and laughter it brought. I'm still living off the fumes.

Women's Book Group is reading The Women of Copper Country by Mary Dora Russell. Set in Calumet, Michigan, in the U.P., is the story of a woman who sends her men into the mines everyday concerned about their safety and whether or not they will return to her at night. She makes a decision to fight for the rights of those who dig from the copper rich veins of the Upper Peninsula and benefit nothing from their labor except a meager paycheck. This is a story about a woman who stepped up, a state we love, an industry that put food on the table and money in the pockets of everyone except the men who worked on its retrieval. **Join us.....for real.....in the courtyard on Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30pm for a reunion and a discussion of this wonderful read.** Wear your mask if you wish and if it is cool enough to sit outside we will distancing appropriately. Let's keep that curve flattened. Love to see some of you who always thought about attending but didn't. Join us please!

Women's Tuesday Night Reality Bible Study! Let's gather for a Pop-up study **THIS Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30pm in the courtyard/town square/conference room** for evening with The Word and You! Bring your own snack....lemonade and iced tea provided. Social distancing welcome. Let me know if you are coming for set up purposes by emailing me at misskitty@redeemerbirmingham.org. See you there

SAVE THE DATE

Winter Retreat at Camp Tamarack on **January 8 and 9, 2021!**

Portals of Prayer: There is a stack of the new Portals of Prayer for July-September on a small table outside the door of the Town Square (west entrance) for anyone who wishes to pick one up. You can also go on www.cph.org and read the portals of prayer devotion each day as well.

JULY LAMP UPDATE

An electronic version of the July Lamp is posted to the website and was emailed to everyone on our Lamp email distribution list. We will not be doing our typical bulk mailing of the Lamp this month so if you would like to be added to the email distribution list please email us at office@redeemerbirmingham.org. If you would like a physical copy of the July Lamp, printed copies are available outside the door of the Town Square (West Entrance) for you to pick up.

In honor of the baptism of Tatum Rose Slank, a \$50 donation in her name has been made to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley. Care Net Pregnancy Center exists to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and communicate Biblical truth regarding sexuality and the sanctity of human life. To find out more about Care Net and the ministry they provide and ways you can help, call (248) 545-6411 or carenetberkely.com. Also, by the generous donation in memory of Rosa Stauffer, a few drops of water from the Jordan River have been added to the baptismal water.

If you lose a loved one at this time, we are once again using the sanctuary for funeral & memorial services and limiting it to 100 people. Please contact the church office or the Pastors to make arrangements.

The front office is back open with shortened hours!
Monday-Friday, 9:00-2:00pm.

Summer JAMS & RYG!

Middle Schoolers (JAMS) & High Schoolers (RYG) are hanging out on **Wednesdays from 6-8pm ALL SUMMER LONG!** We're meeting this week on **Wednesday 7/15** and this continues each week throughout the summer – NO COST! JAMS meets outside on the front lawn for dinner, lots of games, and a devo! RYG meets outside on the playground for dinner & Bible Study! Parents, you can drop your high schooler and middle schooler off at one time so that they can have Christian fellowship and some time to grow in their faith! Contact Gia, Eric, or Laura for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

JAMS & RYG are going to Cedar Point on **Wednesday 8/19!** Details coming soon!

TOY DRIVE FOR BIG FAMILY MICHIGAN: Christmas in July
DROP-OFF DAY is THIS Saturday, July 18th
at Redeemer's West Entrance from 11am - 2pm.

Big Family Michigan is an agency that supports thousands of Foster children throughout Michigan by providing school supplies, birthday bags and Christmas presents. Due to COVID 19, Big Family's many fundraisers have been cancelled. So, they are conducting a **Christmas in July Toy Drive to collect NEW, UNWRAPPED toys, gifts, gift cards and monetary donations while our state is open.** They are looking for gifts and toys for boys and girls ages 1-18 yrs. Please consider adding a few toys in your cart over the next few weeks to help a foster child have a merry Christmas! Then drop off at church on July 18th OR to the collection box in the Town Square

any time BEFORE July 18th. For questions call Michela Ricelli Treharne 248-508-0011 or Rosemary Ricelli Scheidt 248-318-4835.

FAMILY OF GOD

Family of God is Serving Detroit throughout the Pandemic! They provide meals 6 days a week to over 100 people each meal – it doesn't look the same, but they are being creative by serving food at "carry-out stations" and also delivering meals around Detroit. Redeemer has helped out by providing **7 meals and also collecting 3 full carloads of needed donations!** If you would like to support Family of God's ministry by donating money, donating supplies, shopping for meal ingredients, cooking meals, delivering meals, or serving meals... please contact Laura (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) and she will get in you the information that you need!

Third annual Usher and Elders Party!

**All ushers, elders and pastors are invited*

Please put this date on your calendar:

Sunday, August 9th from 1-4pm.

Paul Quasarano's house

31033 Franklin Rd

Franklin, MI 48025

Lunch, drinks and good cheer provided.

Bring your swimsuits if you want to take a dip!

Look for an email from Brian May to RSVP!

Favorite Hymns: We want to sing your favorite hymn!

Almost every Sunday our worship service will contain a favorite hymn chosen by members of our church family. We would love to know what your favorite hymns are! You can let us know your favorite hymn by going on the website under the "welcome"/ "I'm a member" tab and scroll down to fill out the form. Your name will be listed in the bulletin along with your selection. Later in the year, if you'd like to add any hymns, you are welcome to fill out another card

and we will add it to your list of favorite hymns. Thank you for your participation.

SAVE THE DATE!

Confirmation for the 2020 class has been rescheduled for

Saturday, September 19th at 11:00am

More details to come!

Strong Interest Inventory!

Dr. Sandy Pourcho has set up an opportunity for Redeemer's youth to take a career assessment, the Strong Interest Inventory. If your child is in middle school or high school, then he/she can take this online assessment for only \$15.95! After the test is taken, you will receive a detailed report of your child's interests and strengths that can help with decisions about the future – like educational paths and career choices. The report even shows job openings that match the results! PLUS – Dr. Pourcho will even give some of her time and sit down with you to go over the results, free of charge! If you are interested, or to learn more, please contact Laura (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

Prayer and Praise List

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- ✦ Prayers for the family and friends of Cindy, a friend of Linda & Patrick McCauley, who was called to her heavenly home.

For those facing health concerns:

- ✦ Judy Macks, Lisa Macks mother-in-law
- ✦ Christine, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Dave Peterson
- ✦ Suzanne and Shelly Stock
- ✦ Cheryl Olds, Aaron Olds' mom
- ✦ Rudy Becker
- ✦ Ron McFall, brother of Pam Lucas
- ✦ Alistair Kime, child of Westmaple family
- ✦ Alice Fleming

- ✘ Alberta Schmidt, Karen Rose's mom
- ✘ Herb and Charlene, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✘ Betty Owens
- ✘ Peni Colville, Pam Dundas' sister
- ✘ Jan Hogan
- ✘ Sharon Frey
- ✘ Dennis Ainhorn, friend of Jane Bacon
- ✘ Chris Decker, friend of Pat Nehls
- ✘ Kurt Jung
- ✘ Bruce Landino, friend of Terry & Jean Roberts

For those in hospice care:

- ✦ Margot Gray

Special Petitions:

- ✠ For Janelle Thorne who is homebound: pray for strength and encouragement.
- ✠ For all those suffering from the coronavirus and all healthcare workers devoting themselves to helping everyone who is sick.
- ✠ Prayers for God's guidance, peace, equality, understanding, compassion, and love.
- ✠ President Trump and all world leaders, that God surround them with wise counsel.
- ✠ All those who are serving in the military, police & fire-fighters
- ✠ For all caregivers of those facing health concerns.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

- For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
- For Marty Vowell and Laura McDonald who were united as husband and wife in marriage Saturday, July 11th. God grant them His blessings.
- We welcome through baptism, Tatum Rose Slank, daughter of Garrett Slank and Amber Smith, who was baptized Saturday, July 11th.
- Proud parents Joseph and Melissa Ortiz are happy to announce the birth of their baby boy Ezekiel Joseph Ortiz, born, July 6.

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