



September 27, 2020
9:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Theme: Joy

As We Gather

Satan wants to rob us of joy. As he did in the garden, he lies and tells us sin is the way to joy and happiness. He wants us to believe the forbidden fruit of sin will satisfy us. But it is a lie. Only true joy can be found in God.

Prayer Before Worship

Father, your Son said that the love we have for our brothers and sisters will proclaim to the world that we are your disciples (John 13:34–35). Deepen our love for one another and make us eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-3). Help us care for all, not showing favoritism. May love compel us to strengthen the weak, bind up the injured, and serve patiently as we remember our service to others is service to you (Matthew 25:31–46). Help us model your unfathomable love for us in our honoring of one another, and so prove to the watching world Christ has risen and reigns. In His name we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop

Opening Hymn

Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother - all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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

Isaiah 61:1-3

(The Year of the Lord's Favor)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

(The Joy of Jesus)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And

let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Anthem

The Cross – Courtney
Chancel Choir Quartet

(Bonnie L. Brooks, Alison Ristovski, Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves)

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

John 16:16-22

(Sadness turned to Joy)

Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

Down in My Heart

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.

Refrain:

And I'm so happy, so very happy, I have the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I have the love of Jesus in my heart.

I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart to stay. Refrain

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart,
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart to stay. Refrain

And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack,
Sit on a tack, sit on a tack,
And if the devil doesn't like it he can sit on a tack,
Sit on a tack to stay. Refrain

Sermon

Text: John 16:16-22

“Take Two: An Uplifting, Joy-filled Sermon”

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Prayer of the Church

Grant us the strength of Your Holy Spirit to endure distress and affliction. Help us to stand firm and rejoice in the fellowship of other Christians. Help us increase and abound in love toward one another. Give us insight and understanding to recognize those who would deceive us with false teaching. Give us the spiritual endurance to withstand the trials and tribulations that may come upon the earth in the last times. Help us not to be alarmed or disturbed by wars and rumors of war, and give us the strength to endure persecutions because of our faith. Help us to endure unto the end. Give us a firm determination to spread Your Gospel throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations. May we continue to exercise our faith in the religious freedom of our country. We serve You, O Lord, with gladness and come into Your presence with singing. You have made us Your people and the sheep of Your pasture. We enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise. We give thanks to You for You are good and Your love endures forever. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. Bless all those who call on you, and today we remember: (petitions spoken by the pastor)

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 416 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
(Favorite hymn of Andrew Tafel and Janet Gibb)

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!
 Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!

2. Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop



Sanctuary altar flowers were given by Bonnie L. Brooks in celebration of Isabella's birthday; Lectern altar flowers were given by Jim and MaryAnn Perryman in appreciation of our pastors and staff for all they have done to keep us connected during this difficult time; Chapel altar flowers were given by the Quasarano family in memory of Joe Quasarano.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are the Endress family, the Zuerner family, and the Raezler family. Family of God Soup Kitchen - Positive Parenting sponsors for this month are Kate & Brandon Movitz in loving memory of our son Pierce David Movitz; and Victoria & Mike Ilitch.

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - David Hardoin and Brian Tyler

10:00 - David Hardoin

Acolytes

9:00 - Janae and Xander Gallo

10:00 - London Baker

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Announcements for the week of September 27, 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

8am - Chapel

Communion 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday

9:00am - Sanctuary

**livestreamed service*

10:00am - Gym

Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

Monday

7:00pm - Sanctuary

Communion after

2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday

The front office is back open with shortened hours!

Monday-Friday, 9:00-2:00pm.

Verse of the month

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
~Psalm 46:10 (NIV2011)

Live Worship Service Update!!!

(Please read our Good Practices and Procedures on the website prior to attending and follow ALL safe social distancing protocols when attending services.)

Worship services will be conducted inside in a variety of locations to allow for safe distancing:

8am - Worship in the Chapel (limited to 8 rows)

9am - Worship in the Sanctuary (limited to 24 rows, 1 family unit per row)

**Speakers will be placed outside the Sanctuary doors so people can listen from outside for as long as the weather permits.*

10am - Worship in the Gym (limited to 60 persons)

7pm (Monday) - Worship in the Sanctuary (limited to 24 rows, 1 family unit per row)

***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 the 9:00am and 10:00am Sunday services and on/after the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday at the 8:00am Sunday service and 7:00pm Monday night service.

There are sign-up genius forms found on the website, as well as the option to call the office at 248-644-4010 to reserve your spot for worship.)

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@redeemberirmingham.org or calling the office at 248-644-4010 as this is our main form of communication right now. Thank you!***

THANK YOU!

We would like to give a great big thank you to our Accountant, Lisa Macks, who has decided to retire from Redeemer. She was an amazing asset to Redeemer and will truly be missed. We are already in search of a new accountant in the front office. If you know of anyone outside of Redeemer who might be a great fit, please let Pastor Randy know. Good Luck to you Lisa!

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@redeemberirmingham.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

Worship With Us! What in the past was called "Wednesday Lunch & Worship" we're now calling "Wednesday Worship" since we will not be doing the "lunch" portion of it for the foreseeable future! We will, however, continue to offer spiritual nourishment through this special worship service, which includes Holy Communion, **on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Men and women of all ages are encouraged to join us on **Wednesday, October 21st at 1:00 p.m.** for this additional opportunity

for worship and Holy Communion. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Walworth or Gary Priskorn.

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 \$18.00! 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).

WAYS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

FAMILY OF GOD

Looking for a great way to help others in need? Please consider sponsoring a meal for the Family of God soup kitchen. We need SIX families each month to donate \$100 towards items needed to make warm meals for the people of Detroit. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office, or contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) and she will help you get signed up.

SERVE AT FAMILY OF GOD

We are in need of some volunteers to drive our Family of God meals down to Detroit in the coming months! Grab some friends or your family for this awesome way to serve locally! The meal will already be prepared and packed, so you'll just need to drive it down and serve it! If you don't feel comfortable staying to serve due to the current health concerns, you can simply just drop it off! **The dates are: Wednesday 9/30, Thursday 10/22, Thursday 11/19, and Wednesday 12/2.** This is also a GREAT way to get kids involved with

serving others! Sign up on the Town Square bulletin board or contact Laura (laura@redeemberirmingham.org).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Come and support our community during our volunteer work days! **Volunteers are needed on October 24 from 9am to 4pm.** We have plenty of projects to work on including: painting, building, cleanup, demolition, & more! We will be practicing social distancing. If you are able to come, please bring a packed lunch, work gloves, and a mask. Please let us know if you will be coming so we can plan accordingly. Contact amy@camprestore.org or elizabeth@camprestore.org

MEAL TRAIN!

Congratulations to Pastor Walworth, Kelsey, and family on the arrival of their new baby girl! Erin Springer has organized a meal train for the family. Anyone with general questions about the meal sign-up can contact Erin at 248-770-2999 or email her at springer.Erin@gmail.com. The link to the signup genius is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DAFAA2FAB9-meals>

To all Redeemer Family, Friends and Extended Family! This March virtually everything on our calendars was cancelled including this year's production of "The Passion Play" in Oberammergau, Germany. This was very disappointing, since the play only occurs during the summer months every ten years. We have rebounded from the disappointing cancellation to announce that the new dates for the next performances have been selected. And you don't have to wait 10 more years to go! **We are now rescheduled for our trip to Germany and Austria. The new dates are July 29 - August 8, 2022.** So, if you had been contemplating the trip and decided not to attend,

you have a second chance to join us on this trip of a lifetime! New itineraries are located in the church main office. Please take one, review it and call Leslie Whitfield if you have any questions. It would be wonderful to have you join us and experience this historical and extraordinary event first hand. Contact Leslie by phone, 248-330-8685 or email, whitfield.leslie55@gmail.com.

Portals of Prayer: There is a stack of the new Portals of Prayer for October-December placed around the building for anyone who would like to pick one up. You can also go on www.cph.org and read the portals of prayer devotion each day as well.

Pathways (Formerly Called Grief Support Group) : Join us for a get together luncheon **on Friday, October 16 in the great room at 1:00pm. *This is not just a group to support those who have lost a loved one, but includes loss of job, marriage, or any loss that causes pain.*** If you have suffered loss and would like to be loved on and have support, we would love to have you! Questions, call Dr. Pourcho at (248) 568-6040.

Please Help with Redeemer's Audio/Video Ministry

Over the last few months, many Redeemer members have come to depend on our Livestream broadcasts as a safe way to participate in Sunday services, weddings, and funerals. Our Livestream ministry is possible only with the help of volunteer operators. Would you be willing to join our group of volunteers for one service a month or so, so that we can continue this ministry? The task is easy, and we will train you in all you need to know. The only prerequisite is an ability to resist any temptation to mute the sermon. If you're interested in helping, please call or email Greg Merryman (248) 978-4251; gkmerryman@comcast.net).

Faith Works 2020! Birthday Bags!

I know we had to put this program on hold but we will be putting the bags together at the beginning of fall. If you took a balloon off the wall and have not had a chance to return your item there will be a collection box at the services. You can also drop it off at church outside Nicole's office. If you are

unable to participate, please let Nicole know. If you would like to participate you can either donate money and our team will purchase items or you can contact Nicole at 248-644-4010 ext. 124 or nolds@redeemberirmingham.org and she will let you know what is still needed.

Trunk or Treat!

Families with kids of all ages are invited to our Halloween event - Trunk or Treat! The church parking lot will be filled volunteers passing out candy outside their decorated cars! We'll have plenty of space outside to social distance! **Join us in costume (adults too!) on Saturday, October 17th from 4:30pm-6:30pm for this fun evening!** Bring a friend or two! Sign up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you plan to attend! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or for more information.

Trunk or Treat – Volunteers!

We need help from congregation members of all ages to make this event a SUCCESS! Please sign up via the church website or on the Town Square bulletin board if you would like to help out by decorating your car and handing out candy (provided by the church) for trick or treaters, set up/clean up, running games, etc. Confirmation kids... you can get service hours for this! Contact Laura Vowell (laura@redeemberirmingham.org) with questions or for more information.

RedeemerYouth Group (RYG)

***High School Aged Youth**

Make sure to follow RYG on Instagram for event updates and photos! @redeemer_y00th

Core Group: Wednesdays 6-8pm

Come as early as 5 PM to work on homework or just hang out. As always, we will be serving pizza from Michigan's own Little Caesar's! For September, we will be starting a new series on friendship and community called Squad Up.

TODAY, Sunday, September 27th: Bible Study – 7-9pm

We will dig into the Word! Bring your Bible & a friend!

Friday, Oct. 2nd – Sunday Oct. 4th: Fall Retreat

The retreat will be a great opportunity to take a break from online school and relax. Permission slips will be available soon!

LAMP UPDATE

Redeemer is looking to save a few trees...and a few dollars!! Moving forward, you will now receive the monthly newsletter (The LAMP) via email ONLY!!

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, OR PREFER A PAPER COPY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 248-644-4010 AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAIL YOU A COPY EACH MONTH.

Copies of the monthly LAMP can also be found on the website under the "participate and grow" tab.

Is your directory information up to date???

We are updating our Church Directory this fall. Is your family membership record correct? Do we have your email? Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book/Directory is correct for 2021. **The deadline for your changes to be reflected in the 2021 book is Oct. 1, 2020.** Contact the church office with your updated information. Phone:248-644-4010 email: office@redeemberirmingham.org.

Bible Studies

“Virtual” and “in person” studies available

Community Bible Study - Contact Rev. Tyler Walworth

Thursdays, at 9:30am

Adult Bible Study - Contact Rev. Tyler Walworth

Tuesdays, at 9:30am

Women’s Bible Study - Contact Miss Kitty

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Men’s Bible Study - Contact Gary Priskorn

Wednesdays, 6:45am - all year long

RYG / Core Group Bible Study – Contact Gia and Eric

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00pm

Sundays, 7:00-9:00pm

For more info on a particular study or how to attend, contact the names indicated.

Prayer and Praise List

For those grieving the loss of loved ones:

- ✦ For the family & friends of Robert Waldron, Karyn Meteer’s father, who was called to his heavenly home. Services with be offsite at 3pm today, Sunday September 27th.
- ✦ For the family and friends of Donald Laramie who was called to his heavenly home. His memorial service will be at Redeemer tomorrow, Monday September 28th at 11am.

For those facing health concerns:

- ✦ Nickie, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Karen Tod, mother of Laura Couger
- ✦ Karen, friend of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✦ Marilyn Staargaard
- ✦ William Couger
- ✦ Diane Oravec, friend of Myrna Orava
- ✦ Suzanne and Shelly Stock

- ✘ Cheryl Olds, Aaron Olds' mom
- ✘ Rudy Becker
- ✘ Alberta Schmidt, Karen Rose's mom
- ✘ Herb and Charlene, friends of Bonnie Ernewein
- ✘ Betty Owens
- ✘ Peni Colville, Pam Dundas' sister
- ✘ Jan Hogan
- ✘ Sharon Frey
- ✘ 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 Jean Gregory, Redeemer member 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

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.

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