

S E C O N D S U N D A Y I N L E N T
March 8, 2009

The Order of Worship at 8:15 and 11:00 AM

We extend a warm welcome to all who have chosen to worship at Redeemer today. Please enter the Sanctuary quietly for the sake of those who are in prayer. A Nursery that welcomes children ages 6 weeks- 4 years is available during Worship today. Following the service, please join us for coffee in the Sims Atrium. May this time of worship encourage, inspire, and strengthen you for the days ahead. Additional information about worship at Redeemer is included on the back of the service folder.

Words to be spoken or sung by the congregation are indicated in bold type or marked with a **C**; text marked with **P** or **A** is spoken or sung by a pastor or an assisting minister. Please stand or kneel as you are able for the indicated portions of the service. Please lower your kneelers quietly during prayer.

If you are in need of an Assistive Hearing Device please ask an usher for help.

PRELUDE

8:15 - *Cantabile*

Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)

11:00 - *Prayer to Jesus*

Tröste mich weider mit deiner Hülfe

George Oldryod
Johannes Brahms
C. V. Stanford

Beati quorum via

Newberry College Singers

G A T H E R I N G

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week,
the day of Christ's resurrection.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneeling or seated

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

☞ God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

☞ **Amen**

Standing

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN 831

The God of Abraham Praise
(Stanzas 1-4)

YIGDAL

GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**

KYRIE

☞ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

SALUTATION

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Pastor will collect your prayer request cards.

Please let us know you worshiped with us today by completing the blue sheet enclosed in your bulletin. You may also indicate your time and talent interest on this enclosure as well.

W O R D

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Seated

11:00 - HOLY BAPTISM

11:00 – NEW MEMBERS JOIN

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

11:00 - ANTHEM

Cry Out and Shout
Newberry College Singers

Knut Nystedt

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:13–25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Standing

GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

☒ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

After the reading

The gospel of the Lord.

Seated

SERMON

Great Expectations

Pastor Brian Goke

Standing

HYMN 802

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN

Standing

8:15 - APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
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**

T H A N K S G I V I N G

God's grace and mercy summon us to give thanks.

Seated

GATHERING OF GIFTS

8:15 - ANTHEM

Take Up Thy Cross
The Redeemer Choir

arr. Anthony Giamanco

11:00 - ANTHEM

Witness
Newberry College Singers

Spiritual, arr. Jack Halloran

Standing

OFFERTORY

P R A Y E R S

Your prayer card petitions are offered today in worship and included on The Weekly Prayer List found at the Member Care table. Through the week you may submit prayer requests to kmedford@redeemer.org Individuals with special on-going prayer needs are continuously included on The Weekly Prayer List unless otherwise advised. Please pick up your Weekly Prayer List and offer your prayers of joy, thanksgiving and concern for one another.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

Kneeling or seated

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,
☑ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- ☐ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
☑ **Amen**

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**

S E N D I N G

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

- ☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor ✝ and give you peace.

HYMN 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Minor, Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek to meet the Risen Christ in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion at spoken services in the upstairs chapel following today's worship service. Please indicate in the attendance register pad your intention to receive communion.

T O D A Y A T R E D E E M E R

Newberry College at Redeemer! Today the Newberry College Singers will be our guest choir at the 11:00 worship service. Please join us as they lead our worship.

New Members Joining Redeemer Today! There is a meal following the 11 a.m. service in Zittrouer Hall in honor of our new members, to which the congregation is invited. New members are our guests; cost for others is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Welcome new members!

Today Pastor Weber will present a special educational program entitled, **"Understanding Church Size and Ministry—Which Church are We?"** This class is designed to help in understanding the impact that church size has on ministry and the search for a Senior Pastor. It will be presented following each service in Rudisill Hall.

Easter Lily Time! Please complete the information on the envelope provided in your pew rack to give an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one and place it in the offering plate. (Please mark your check "for lily") The Lenten calendar requested a donation of \$13.00 but we have learned that the actual cost is \$14.00 per lily. Also, our deadline is a little earlier this year, March 22nd. Thank you.

The Senior Pastor Search Team invites all members to complete a Congregational Survey that will be used to provide information for our Congregational profile. The survey will be available in Rudisill Hall March 15, 22, 29, and April 5 from 8:30 am to 1 pm.