

We are glad you are worshiping with us.

Please complete and tear off this card to share your contact information, update your contact information, or make a prayer request.

Simply place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor.

WELCOME TO REDEEMER!

Our Lord said,

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

- **He invites weary souls to find their rest in Him.** The heart of the good news of the gospel is that we are saved by His obedience and death and not through our own efforts or goodness.
- **He offers us rest from the burden of guilt and from the servitude of sin.**
- **He calls us to discover in Him the purpose for which we were made,** to find in His grace and love healing for our broken lives.
- **He calls us to follow Him as His disciples.**
- **It is the call to rest in the works He gives us to do.** He rests our hands from the service of worthless things and from wasting our lives.

All this is reflected in our worship service every Lord's Day.

Following Jesus isn't "just one more thing" for already weary people to do. It is the joyful acceptance of His call to come, rest, and learn. We'd love to talk with you about faith in Christ. Please reach out to Pastor Spence to begin the conversation.

Looking Ahead . . .

Youth Fellowship Meeting Wednesday, January 6 • 5:00-7:00PM

Serving You

Tim Choate, *Liturgist* • Ann Galya, Emily Griffin, & Kaci Puckett, *Vocalists*
 Pam Spence, *Music Director* • Juli Robertson, Patti Robertson, & Nan Traxler, *Pianists*
 Donna Taylor, *Children's Ministry Director*
 Maureen Litchfield, *Women's Ministry President* • Emily Griffin, *Youth Ministry Coordinator*
 Betty Jacobson, *CD Ministry* • Dick Jacobson, *Finance Clerk*
 Robyn McKinney, *Redeemerlink Editor* • Emily Griffin, *Meal-train Coordinator*
 Ann Galya • Lily Gray • Clay & Robyn McKinney • Vickie Stevens,
 Nan Traxler, *Sound & Recording* • Boyd Taylor, *Treasurer*

Leadership Team

Ken Litchfield • Patrick Rist • Ron Robertson • Pastor Spence, *Elders on the Session*
 Jim Berkey, *Elder Emeritus*
 Dick Jacobson • Clay McKinney • Boyd Taylor • Rick Traxler, *Deacons*



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Service for the Lord's Day

December 27, 2020

Words of Greeting

Prayer for the Lord's Assistance and Blessing

Call to Worship..... Psalm 90:1-2 ESV

LORD, You have been our dwelling place

in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

A Season of Praise

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymn 30)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (Hymn 38)

Scripture Reading..... Hebrews 2:10-18

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Your eternal Son became one with us in our humanity and, through His obedience and death, delivered us from sin and misery. Now He ever lives to intercede for us in heaven. Trusting in our faithful Savior, we confess our sins and we embrace the gospel promises of forgiveness, cleansing, and newness of life. By Your grace, lead us in the way of holiness and make us new in union with the One who makes all things new. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

—based on Isaiah 1:18 ESV

My Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

My Prayer Request

Please pray for

who lives at

AREA(S) OF NEED

Spiritual Life

Relationships

Physical Health

Finances

Emotional Health

Vocation

Other information:

Please keep my request confidential and do not add it to the prayer list.

Scripture Reading.....2Thessalonians 3:16-18

Sermon*A Haven Sweet of Rest*
by Pastor Neil Spence

Hymn..... *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Affirmation of FaithThe 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,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Morning Prayer and Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*The word “catholic” means the invisible and universal Church consisting of “the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head.” (*Westminster Confession of Faith* 25.6.)

Hymn.....*He Will Hold Me Fast*

“When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life’s fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He’ll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

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The Blessing

SOLA SCRIPTURA/**Scripture alone** • SOLA GRATIA/**grace alone**
SOLUS CHRISTUS/**Christ alone** • SOLA FIDE/**faith alone**
SOLI DEO GLORIA/**to God’s Glory alone**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past is a psalm paraphrase by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). It is a paraphrase of Psalm 90. The hymn was written during troubling circumstances in England (1714). Queen Anne had died and there was some national anxiety regarding succession to the throne. The heading Watts gave to the hymn was simply, “Man mortal, and God eternal.”

It was John Wesley who in 1737 changed the first word of Watt’s hymn from “Our” to “O.” Many of us learned it that way. The tune St. ANNE—so familiar to us—was not combined with the words until the publication of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* in 1861.

In his paraphrase of the psalms, Watts sought to bring out what he considered “the first and chief sense of the Holy Scriptures.” Like us, Isaac Watts acknowledged Christ as the great subject of the Bible as a whole and the psalter in particular.

How to Become a Member

Christ’s Great Commission (Matthew 28:19 -20) is fulfilled in Christians who commit themselves to Christ and to one another in covenant relationship. Through **church membership** we acknowledge that Jesus Christ alone is the Head and Lord of the Church and we commit ourselves to do our part to build up the body of Christ for mission. Those who desire to be members are invited to fill out a **Membership Enrollment Form** and discuss membership with the pastor.

What About the Offering?

Giving is still part of our worship, but in order to minimize contact and to social distance during the pandemic, we are not passing the offering plate during the service. An offering plate is positioned at each entrance to the sanctuary.