

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Mission Church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

Worship Theme: *“Devoted followers of Jesus will welcome Him into their hearts with great joy.”*

Gathering Music: *Open Now the Gates of Beauty*.....Neander/Bliss
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements.....Robert LeSuer

Introduction of Today’s Worship..... Susan Brooks

Prelude: *Variation on “All Glory Laud and Honor”*..... Berthier

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11The Potter’s House

Choral Introit: *“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”* John Carter

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Son of David!
—based on Mark 11:9-10
Redeemer Choir and The Potter’s House

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

Congregation: his love endures forever.

Liturgist: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

Congregation: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Liturgist: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter,

Congregation: I will give you thanks for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

Congregation: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

(...continued over...)

Liturgist: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Congregation: O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.

Liturgist: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Liturgist: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

Congregation: with boughs in hand, join in the festal precession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give you thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: His love endures forever.
—Psalm 118:1, 19-29

***Hymn No. 89:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession..... Thomas Brooks

The Lord helps me, I will not be dismayed; therefore, I have set my face like flint to do his will, and I know that I will triumph. He who gives me justice is near. Who will dare to fight against me now? See the Lord is for me! Who shall declare me guilty?
—adapted from Isaiah 50:7-9

Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying silently, confessing our personal sins.
Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

Holy God, You promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for You, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders You work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*unison*)..... Thomas Brooks

Make your attitude that of Christ Jesus, who existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage, instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. Instead when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on the cross.

For this reason God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the Name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow—of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—*Philippians 2:5-11, HCSB*

Because of God’s work through his Son, Jesus, I am forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response Hymn: Gloria Patri**..... *GREATOR EX*

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, Amen!

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise..... Thomas Brooks

Prayers of Petitions of the

People, and The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)..... Thomas Brooks

Missions Report: “Jubilee 2017”..... Natalie Harvey

Offering: What Wondrous Love is This? *arr. Carter*

Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for You, that they may bring us closer to the fulfillment of your reign of peace and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(...continued over...)

***Hymn No. 91: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!** *St. DROSTANE*

***Benediction** (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Amen.

—*Colossians 3:15, NIV*

At the conclusion of the Benediction, the Congregation is dismissed.

Postlude: O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High *arr. D. Johnson*

** Congregation please stand, if you are able to do so.*

Nursery Available

We offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service. You will find the caregivers in the Joyce Parlor.

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the worship service in the Joyce Parlor.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer for any needs in your life, please speak to Bob LeSuer and he will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Maundy Thursday Service—April 13, 2017

On Thursday, April 13th, we welcome you to join us for a service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.—Meeting here at:

St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church
950 West 7th Street
Erie, PA 16502

