

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

Worship Theme: "We worship God who gives us the power to overcome."

10:40 a.m.: Hymn Sing Thomas Brooks
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *We Know That Christ is Raised*.....arr. Wood

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

Call to Worship: (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Keep us safe, O God, for in You we take refuge.

Congregation: **We say to the Lord, "You are our Lord; apart from You we have no good thing."**

Liturgist: Lord, You alone are our portion and our cup of salvation; You make our lot secure.

Congregation: **The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; surely we have a delightful inheritance.**

Liturgist: We will praise the Lord, who counsels us; even at night our hearts instruct us. We will keep our eyes always on the Lord. With Him at our right hand, no matter what happens we will not be shaken.

Congregation: **Therefore, our hearts are glad and our tongues rejoice, even as our bodies will rest secure in Your loving care because, following**

in the pathway of Your Son, Jesus, You will not abandon us to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful ones see decay.

Liturgist: You make known to us the path of life; You will fill us with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

Congregation: **Therefore, we join our voices in praise to You, O God!**

—adapted from Psalm 16

*Hymn No. 442: *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

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.

Lord, cast out our sins and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures. Then, fill our lives with Your love.

Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose as we serve to make the earth a better place in which to live, a world where nature and humanity can live in harmony.

Before You, O God, our lives are exposed and all our needs are known. Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into Your likeness. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will dwell in our hearts and fill our lives with Your love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the day of salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

—I Peter 1:3-5, NIV

***Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*..... *GREATOREX*

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

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31..... Lisa Gordon

Sermon: "Resurrection Power: The
Power to Overcome"Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Offering: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* *arr. Cherwien*

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

Dear Lord, You have given so many gifts to us. You have held nothing back of Yourself, but rather You have come among us in Christ Jesus to save us and make us new. We offer to You now our lives, and with them the work of our hands, as represented by that which is contained in this offering. Bless us and all we offer, O Lord, both now and forevermore. Amen.

***Hymn No. 371:** *Lift High the Cross* *CRUCIFER*

***Benediction** (*responsively*)..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Liturgist: Go in the peace of Christ and walk in His light.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude: *All Creatures of Our God and King* *arr. Hopson*

** 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.

Summer Mission Opportunity

Our own Meredith Pontzer has accepted the call to work this summer for the organization A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP). She will be working at Mt. Pisgah Campground, part of the Blue Ridge Parkway operated by the National Park Service. This is a new adventure for her and she couldn't be more excited for this opportunity to be part of a Christian worship team and spread His Word.

If you wish to help fund Meredith's summer mission opportunity, please make your checks payable to "Redeemer Presbyterian Church" and write in the Memo Line of your check: "Meredith Pontzer Summer Mission."

Please note that donations must be received by our Treasurer no later than Sunday, April 30, 2017.

And please keep Meredith in your prayers, as she embarks on this exciting opportunity.

