

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Second Sunday After Pentecost—Father’s Day

June 18, 2017

Worship Theme: “God continually reminds His children of how very much He loves them.”

Gathering Music: *Variations on “Ebenezer”* Wilson
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

Welcome and Announcements..... Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.....arr. Wood

Call to Worship: (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Congregation: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Liturgist: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

Congregation: his faithfulness continues through all generations. —Psalm 100

***Hymn No. 361:** *How Firm a Foundation*..... FOUNDATION

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.

Almighty and merciful God, You are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast. We come into Your presence knowing that Your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of us is worthy of Your tender care. Before You we confess our sins of self-righteousness, pride, and possessiveness.

Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew Your peace within us, that we may approach You with confidence and serve You with joy. We make these requests through Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9, NIV

Thanks be to God!

***Response Hymn No. 276:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*..... FAITHFULNESS
(verse 1 only)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

***Passing of the Peace** (to one another)..... Thomas Brooks

***Chorus of Hymn No. 276:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.....*FAITHFULNESS*

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Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

Prayers of Petitions of the

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 Joan Adams

Sermon: “How Do I Know Jesus Loves Me?” Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-8

Offering: *Caricature of a Sunday School Song*..... Wood

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

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these
gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and
dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that
You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for
us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 310:** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* *ST. AGNES*

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

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up
his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

—from Numbers 6: 24-26

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

Postlude: *Recessional on “Love Divine”* G. Young

** 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, Jennifer Pontzer, or Dean Wilson and they will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Call for a Special Congregational Meeting

The Session of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC) has issued a Call for a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following the 11:00 a.m. regular worship service on **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, for the purpose of conducting such business as required by the Bylaws of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC). The congregation will be asked to approve several relatively minor changes to the Bylaws to bring them into compliance with the Book of Order of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to reflect the change of our status from a Mission Church to a Local Church. You may review the revised Bylaws on our website. If you do not have internet access, please see Dean Wilson.

“Sole Love Shoe Drive” for the Erie City Mission

To support the Erie City Mission’s summer community outreach mission project—*Bonkers 4 Jesus* Arts, Academics and Athletics Program, we will collect new tennis shoes (sneakers) in children’s shoe sizes 1 through 6 (Please, no Infant or Toddler sizes).

Please purchase new tennis shoes in these designated children’s sizes and bring them to church on Sunday, June 18th or Sunday, June 25th. If you have questions, please speak with Jamie Stahl.