

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 25, 2017

Worship Theme: "The God of love and mercy who desires our faithfulness."

Gathering Music: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*..... arr. Carter Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*arr. Hopson

Call to Worship: (responsively)..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Hear, O Lord and answer me,

Congregation: for I am poor and needy.

Liturgist: Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

Congregation: You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

Liturgist: Have mercy on me, O Lord

Congregation: for I call to you all day long.

Liturgist: Bring joy to your servant,

Congregation: for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Liturgist: You are forgiving and good, O Lord abounding in love to all who call to you.

Congregation: Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you, and you will answer me.

—Psalm 86:1-7

***Hymn No. 482:** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*.....LOBE DEN HERREN

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.

Gracious God, Creator and Father, we confess that we often rebel against Your will for us. We have denied Your intentions. We have preferred our way to Christ's way. We have disobeyed Your commandments. We have worshipped ourselves and the possessions we have acquired.

Forgive us. Restore in us the knowledge that we are Yours. And, make us alive to serve You in faith, obedience, and joy. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

Because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works so that no one can boast. —Ephesians 2:4-5, 8b-9, NIV

***Hymn No: 280:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound... Amazing Grace* (Verse 1 only)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

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

***Hymn No: 280:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound... Amazing Grace* (Verse 4 only)

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Thomas Brooks

Prayers of Petitions of the

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

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 21:8-21 Susan Brooks

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39..... Thomas Brooks

Sermon: "Being Planted" Laurel LeSuer

Sermon Text: Romans 6:1b-11

Offering: *All for Jesus! All for Jesus!* *Stainer*

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being's ransomed pow'rs;
All my thoughts and words and doings, All my days and all my hours.
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours.
All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours.

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

Heavenly Father, every good gift comes from You. You give generously without refusing or reproaching anyone. May our gifts assist the preaching of the gospel, so that all can experience Your divine grace and mercy. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 339:** *Be Thou My Vision*..... *SLANE*

***Benediction** (*unison, spoken to each other*) 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.

Members, please remain for the Special Meeting of the Congregation that follows.

Postlude: *Fanfare* *Lemmens/Paxton*

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

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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 today (**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, **today, Sunday, June 25, 2017**, we will collect new tennis shoes (sneakers) in children's shoe sizes 1 through 6 (Please, no Infant or Toddler sizes). If you have questions, please speak with Jamie Stahl.