

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2017

Worship Theme: *“In the presence of God, we gain a glimpse of the state of the universe, the state of our world, and the state of our lives. Our fragile position exposes our smallness and exposes the greatness of God.”*

Gathering Music: *All Creatures of Our God and King*.....arr. Sanborn
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements.....Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*..... arr. Halberg

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

Liturgist: Trust the Lord at all times; God is a refuge for us.

Congregation: God is our Rock and our Salvation; we shall not be shaken.

Liturgist; God is good and in God’s work we find our strength.

Congregation: We sing of all God’s wonderful works! We give thanks and praise to the Lord!

***Hymn No. 488:** *The God of Abraham Praise*..... LEONI

Psalter Reading: Psalm 105:1-11, 45Dean Wilson

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 God, You know our hearts. You know that we struggle to be faithful to You. From moment to moment

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and from decision to decision, we are inconsistent and fickle.

Forgive us for our unfaithfulness. Forgive us even more when we justify our unfaithfulness with formulas for our lives that serve us and not You. We pray in the name of Your Son and our Redeemer and King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1:13, 14 NASB

Because of Jesus’ sacrifice and resurrection we are forgiven. Thanks be to our God! Amen.

***Response Hymn No. 140:** *Holy, Holy*..... HOLY, HOLY

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

Prayers of Petitions of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer (debtors/debtors)..... Thomas Brooks

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52..... Shirley Wilson

Sermon: “There is a God and It’s Not Me” Thomas Brooks

Sermon Text: Romans 8:26-39

Offering: *This is My Father’s World* Sheppard

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

Holy God, cheerfully and joyfully, we lift up these offerings to You. For You have poured out Your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank You for giving us the ability to make a difference in the church and in the world by the offering of our time, talent, gifts, and service. We pray, with thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 387:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*..... BRADBURY

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

***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.

Postlude: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*..... arr. Bennett

** 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.

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Preaching This Week

We welcome our own Thomas Brooks to our pulpit this week.

Tom has a long history of service to Christ and His Kingdom. He currently serves as our Minister of Music and Worship.

Before moving to Erie, Tom served as Chair of the Music Department at Gordon College in Wenham, MA, and also served as Director of Music at historic Park Street Church in Boston, MA. He currently serves as Director of the Erie Philharmonic Chorus.

We look forward to the message that God has laid on Tom’s heart to share with us.

Please Pray for our Leaders

As a congregation, we continue to express our gratitude to God for the godly Leaders He has raised up in our midst to guide the further development of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC). It is appropriate, therefore, that we continue to hold all our Leaders up in our prayers.

We encourage you to make it a point to pray daily for the following individuals:

Session

Robert LeSuer, Ruling Elder	Thomas Brooks, Min. of Mus./Worship ¹
Jennifer Pontzer, Ruling Elder	Laurie LeSuer, Clerk of Session ¹
Dean Wilson, Ruling Elder	Marykay Stahl, Treasurer ¹

¹ non-voting member

Advisors and Committee Chairs

Susan Brooks, Chair of Pastor Search	Becky Rugh
Lisa Gordon	James Stahl, Chair of Missions
Marti Ruggiero, Chair of Fellowship	Shirley Wilson, Chair of Women’s Ministry

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Bob LeSuer	Susan Brooks	Shirley Wilson
Jennifer Pontzer	Eric Stockhoff	