

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

August 13, 2017

Worship Theme: "God imbues great power into what may seem like foolish preaching."

Families with very young children please note that, if you wish to use it, we offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service in the Joyce Parlor.

Gathering Music: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Pachelbel
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*arr: Burkhardt

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;

Congregation: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

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

Congregation: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

—Psalm 100, NIV

***Hymn No. 138:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*.....NICAEA

Note: The Congregation should remain standing following the Hymn

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***The Apostle's Creed:** (responsively) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, let us each affirm what we believe.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

O God, cast out our sins and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures. Replace the sin in our lives with Your divine Presence.

Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose, as we seek to make the earth a better place on which to live, a world where nature and humanity can live in harmony with You. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will dwell in our hearts and continuously refill our lives with Your holiness and with Your love.

Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into Your likeness. We pray, through the powerful name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, and the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1:13-14 NIV

***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!

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 7:21-26Marykay Stahl

**Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise with
the Prayers of Petitions of the People,**..... Thomas Brooks

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:29-36..... Lisa Gordon

Sermon: “The Foolishness of Preaching” Dr. T. David Gordon

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-25

Offering: *O Word of God Incarnate* *Mendelssohn*

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

Holy God, cheerfully and joyfully, we lift up these offerings to You, even as You have poured out Your generosity upon us without restraint. Thank You for receiving the offering of our time, talent, gifts, and service. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table..... Dr. T. David Gordon

Opening Prayer/Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, given for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
“The body of Christ, given for you.”

Upon receipt of the bread, please eat it without waiting, as a sign of your individual and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

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Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Dr. T. David Gordon

***Hymn No. 366:** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*.....*ST CATHERINE*

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

***Benediction** Dr. T. David Gordon

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

Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*..... *arr. Cherwien*

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

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.

The Potter’s House Picnic: Our Help is Needed!

The members and friends of Redeemer Presbyterian Church are cordially invited to attend a picnic to celebrate the beginning of the school year at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, on **Monday, August 28, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at:

The Potter’s House
316 Meadville Street
Edinboro, PA 16412

Details are available in our weekly *eNewsletter*.