

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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## Sunday Morning Worship Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 3, 2017

Worship Theme: "God gives His gift of love to His children to enable us to love others."

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:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*..... arr. Brunner  
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements**..... Robert LeSuer

**Prelude:** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* .....arr. Held

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

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

**Congregation: Make known among the nations what he has done.**

Liturgist: Sing to him, sing praise to him;

**Congregation: Tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Liturgist: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Congregation: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

Liturgist: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

**Congregation: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

—Psalm 105:1-5, 7

**\*Hymn No. 476:** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*..... LYONS

**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 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.**

**We confess before You our sins of self-righteousness, pride, and possessiveness. Remove the 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 ask this through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed out transgressions from us.**

—Psalm 103:8-12

**Thanks be to our God.**

**\*Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*..... GRETOREX

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:** Matthew 16:21-28.....Marykay Stahl

**Sermon:** “Because We Are Loved,  
So Let Us Love”.....Dean K. Wilson

**Sermon Texts:** Romans 12:9-21; John 14:23-24, 1 John 4:7-21

**Offering:** *God Loved the World So That He Gave* ..... arr. Bender

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.

**\*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. 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, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 171:** *The King of Love My Shepherd is*.....St. COLUMBIA

**\*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:** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* ..... Dunstable

*\* 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.

### “Celebration of our Localization”

—**Reservations are Due this Week**—

On **Sunday afternoon, September 17, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, we will hold a celebration of the Localization of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC) at

Capers Catering  
2743 East 38th Street at the Bayfront Highway  
Erie, PA 16510.

Our celebration will include a buffet dinner. The cost for this event will be \$30.00 per person. Please make your check payable to “Redeemer Presbyterian Church” and indicate in the memo line of the check: “Localization Celebration.”

**Please RSVP with your check no later than this Wednesday, September 6, 2017**, by giving your check to our Treasurer, Marykay Stahl.

### Praying For Each Other

Here’s something that everyone can do during the week ahead.

Look around the sanctuary right now and pick someone that you will agree to pray for each day this week. You don’t need to tell them that you are praying for them. In the normal course of your daily prayer time, just remember that person in prayer.

We will all be amazed at the power that can become unleashed when we pray for each other.