

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

September 10, 2017

Worship Theme: "Communion beyond words!"

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: *The Solid Rock*.....arr. C. Berry
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *Forever Here My Rest Shall Be*.....arr. Rogers

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

Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Congregation: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Liturgist: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

ALL: to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them

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the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the Lord.

—Psalm 149

*Hymn No. 371: *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

Prayers of Confession..... Susan Brooks

We will begin by praying silently, confessing our personal sins. Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

Lord, we have betrayed You by following our own ways. We have denied You by fearing to follow Your way. And, we have mocked You by not taking Your death seriously. Lord, we are lost. Let Your forgiveness find us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. —1 John 1:4-7

*Response Hymn: *Gloria Patri*..... GREATOREX

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 with

Prayers of Petitions of the People..... Susan Brooks

Psalter Reading: Psalm 23..... Shirley Wilson

Sermon: "When Words Are Not Enough" Pastor Don Hurray

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Questions for the Sermon

1. When were there times in your life when words were not enough?

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2. Why is Holy Communion so hard to explain, yet many children understand and many adults don't?
3. What do humans need beyond food, water, and words?
4. Which of the four Passover cups of wine did Jesus choose for Communion and what was that cup called?
5. What does Communion do for us and lead us to do for others?

Offering: *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*..... Dearle

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

Almighty God, we praise Your Holy name in our offering. You have blessed us with more than we need so we can help those in need, especially of the Gospel. We wish to honor You with our words, our deeds and our wealth and pray that You will be greatly honored as we have rededicated ourselves in communion in the power of Jesus. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table..... Pastor Don Hurray

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."

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 Pastor Don Hurray

***Hymn No. 466:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*..... AZMON

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

***Benediction** Pastor Don Hurray

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

Postlude: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*arr. Burkhardt

* 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.

Preaching and Celebrating Communion Today

We welcome **Pastor Don Hurray** as our guest preacher this week and to also celebrate Holy Communion.

Pastor Hurray is a Pastor in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, who retired one year ago after serving 15 years at Mountville EPC Church in Portersville, Pennsylvania. He also served Park Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania; First Presbyterian Church in Schuyler, Nebraska; and had a 15-year ministry at Ohio Presbyterian Church in Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Hurray studied at the University of Stockholm, Sweden, and worked for Sarah Reed Children's home and Penn State University before his call to ministry. He currently serves on the Church Examination Team for the Presbytery of the Alleghenies.

Pastor Hurray and his wife, Lauren, have two grown sons.