

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2017

Worship Theme: *“The application of God’s love prevents His children from judging harshly.”*

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: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Carter Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *O Spirit of the Living God*.....arr. Burkhardt

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. 142:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*..... CORONATION

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.

Our great and everlasting God, whose eternal power and divine nature have been seen through the things You have made, we acknowledge that we are without excuse.

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For although we have known You, we have not honored You as God, nor given You thanks. But, we have become futile in our thinking; and our senseless minds have been darkened.

Claiming to be wise, we have become fools. We have been filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, covetousness, and malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and craftiness, we are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, rebellious toward parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Yet we do also heartily acknowledge, that when we were weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. We most joyfully confess that You have proven Your love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Forgive our sins, we pray, through Him who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Amen.

—based on Romans 1 and 5

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, and the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1:13, 14 (NASV)

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

***Response Hymn No. 485:** *To God Be the Glory* *TO GOD BE THE GLORY*
(First verse and refrain only)

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 18:21-35 Marti Ruggiero

Sermon: “Judge, Jury, and Executioner?” Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: Romans 14:1-12

Offering: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*arr. Noehren

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

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

Our gracious Lord, we offer these gifts to You. Use these gifts and our service to further Your kingdom, so that others may experience Your divine mercy, grace and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn No. 316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*..... TRENTHAM

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

***Chorus:** *I've Got Peace Like a River*AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like a river, I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river, I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

***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: *Toccata on "Built on the Rock"* G. Young

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

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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.

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:

Pastor: (*Please pray for the Pastor that God is preparing to send to us.*)

Session

Robert LeSuer, Ruling Elder	Thomas Brooks, Min. of Mus./Worship ¹
Jennifer Pontzer, Ruling Elder	Laurie LeSuer, Clerk of Session ¹
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