

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
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Sunday Morning Worship  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Holy Communion

October 1, 2017

Worship Theme: *“Because of His great love, God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”*

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:** *Prelude on “Terra Beata”* ..... R. Parks  
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

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

**Prelude:** *Variation on “For the Beauty of the Earth”* ..... 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. 464:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ..... HYMN TO JOY

**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 Lord, do not rebuke us in Your anger, or discipline us in Your wrath. For Your arrows have sunk into us, and Your hand has come down on us. There is no soundness in our flesh because of Your indignation. There is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads. They weigh like burdens too heavy for us.

Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with You, we ask through our Blessed Lord Jesus—Who for a little while was made lower than the angels, and is now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, Who by Your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen.

—Based upon Psalm 38 and Hebrews 3, by Dr. T. David Gordon

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

Therefore, (brethren), since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through a curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

—Hebrews 10:19-22 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!

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

**Prayers of Petitions of the People**..... Thomas Brooks

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13 ..... Robert LeSuer

**Sermon:** “Of the Earth and For the Earth” ..... Dr. T. David Gordon

**Sermon Text:** Genesis 2:5-15

**Offering:** *Praise to the Lord*..... arr. Freudenburg

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

**Heavenly Father, we thank You for the abundance of Your provision. Grant us wisdom to use these offerings to the glory of Your name and the furthering of Your kingdom. 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."

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. 293:** *This Is My Father's World* ..... *TERRA BEATA*

**\*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:** *Little Prelude in D Minor* ..... *J. S. Bach*

*\* 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.

### 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 <sup>1</sup>
Jennifer Pontzer, Ruling Elder	Laurie LeSuer, Clerk of Session <sup>1</sup>
Dean Wilson, Ruling Elder	Marykay Stahl, Treasurer <sup>1</sup>

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### 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

### Nominating Committee

Bob LeSuer	Susan Brooks	Shirley Wilson
Jennifer Pontzer	Eric Stockhoff	

### Pastor Search Committee

Susan Brooks, Chair	Lisa Gordon	Dean Wilson
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Dillon Gearing	Patrick Pontzer	