

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 2017

Worship Theme: "God offers His dearly loved children specific benefits when they stay close to Jesus."

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: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*arr. Larson
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Susan Brooks

Prelude: *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*..... Hopson

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is Your abiding place
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest
And so Your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

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

Liturgist: Bless the Lord at all times.

Congregation: May God's praise be continually in my mouth.

Liturgist: Magnify the Lord with me.

Congregation: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Liturgist: Seek the Lord and be filled.

Congregation: For those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Liturgist: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Congregation: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

***Hymn No. 155:** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*.....DARWALL'S 148TH

Note: The Congregation should remain standing following the Hymn

(...continued over...)

***The Apostle's Creed:** (unison) Susan Brooks

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..... Susan Brooks

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

God of all, You love each of us and You grieve the way we hurt one another.

Forgive us. Forgive us for our narrowness and prejudice, our quick tempers and stingy grace, our attention to the faults of others and blindness to our own.

Help us be the people You created us to be. Help us live together in peace, loving and caring for one another as You love and care for us all. We ask these things in Christ's name. Amen.

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

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7 NIV

Moments of Thanksgiving and Praise Susan Brooks

Prayers and Petitions of the

People, and The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*).....Susan Brooks

Gospel Reading: John 14:8-21.....Rachel Pontzer

Sermon: “A Really Good Deal” Dean and Shirley Wilson

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and John 15:5-8

Offering: *There is a Balm in Gilead*.....arr. Hopson

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

Almighty God, with hands outstretched You have poured out wonder, pleasure, delight, goodness, beauty, and bounty. By Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

***Hymn No. 327:** *O Word of God Incarnate*MUNICH

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

***Benediction** (*unison, spoken to each other*) Susan Brooks

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give us a spirit of unity as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

—adapted from Romans 15: 5-6

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

Postlude: *Psalm 19*..... Marcello

** 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.

Do You Need Prayer?

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer for any needs in your life, please speak to Ruling Elders Bob LeSuer, Jennifer Pontzer, or Dean Wilson and they will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

Women’s Discipleship Group

The Women’s Discipleship Group will meet for study and fellowship at Noon on Thursday, October 26th, at the home of Laurie LeSuer.

We will begin with lunch, for which attendees are invited to bring edible donations. Please let Laurie know that you will be coming, and if you’ll be bringing anything.

Our study will focus on Sam VanEman’s new book, *Disruptive Discipleship*, which is available for purchase (\$13.50) at church today, Sunday, October 22nd.

Prayer Follow-up Network

Ruling Elder Jennifer Pontzer is forming a “Prayer Follow-up Network” within our church to ensure purposeful follow up for all who have expressed a desire for prayer support.

If you are a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and are interested in being a part of group of individuals who will pray for those requesting it, and follow up on the prayer request, please contact Jennifer Pontzer at 814-572-0419.

