

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
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## Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

Worship Theme: "God rejoices when His children have an opportunity for deeper spiritual growth."

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:** *He Leadeth Me* (in a setting by R. Schumann) ..... arr. Berry Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

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

**Introduction to Today's Worship**..... Susan Brooks

**Prelude:** *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* ..... J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus at Thy word we are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear Thee.  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

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

Liturgist: Give thanks to God!

**Congregation: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.**

Liturgist: Let all gathered here, celebrate God's transforming love.

**Congregation: Let us offer our lives in service to others.**

Liturgist: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

**Congregation: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve You in Your world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 482:** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-22..... Sam Ruggiero  
(...continued over...)

**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.

**Father, I know that contentment with godliness is of great benefit. It brings about a lasting peace and grateful heart that only You can give.**

**Help me not to focus so much on the material possessions that I lose sight of that which is of vital importance. May the character of my soul and the fruit of my actions be of much greater importance than the perishable goods that capture my attention.**

**I look to You for proper balance in the things with which You have blessed me and the attitude in which I receive these good things from Your hands. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (unison)..... Susan 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*..... GREATORIX

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** ..... Susan Brooks

**Prayers and Petitions of the**

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

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25** ..... Sam Ruggiero

**Sermon:** "Report on Jubilee 2018" ..... Students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

**Offering:** *Be Thou My Vision*.....arr. Hopson

**Prayer of Dedication for Our Offering** (*unison*) ..... Susan 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 grace and mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: There is a Redeemer** .....Melody Green

1. There is a Re - deem - er, — Je - sus, God's own  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, — Name a - bove all  
3. When I stand in glo - ry — I will see His

Son, — Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
names, — Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
face, — and there I'll serve my King for - ev - er,

Ho - pe - for - sin - ly One. Thank You, O my  
in - that - ho - ly place. slain. place.

Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son; — And

leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work - on - earth - is done.

(...continued over...)

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

**\*Benediction** (*unison, spoken to each other*) ..... Susan 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: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above** .....arr. Hopson

\* 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 pray with you.

**Preaching Today**

We welcome to our pulpit this week students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. These students will give us a report on the *Coalition for Christian Outreach Jubilee 2018*.

**Jubilee Report Luncheon: Sunday, March 4th**

Today the congregation is invited to a luncheon in the dining hall following the Worship Service. The luncheon is free. But, we will accept a free will offering. After lunch is served, the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania college students in attendance will talk about their experiences at the recent *Coalition for Christian Outreach Jubilee Conference* in Pittsburgh..

**Return to Daylight Savings Time**

We return to Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. next Sunday, March 11, 2018. We suggest you turn your clocks **ahead** one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.