

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Morning Worship Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

Worship Theme: *“Each day, God desires to have the Presence of His Son, Jesus, triumphantly enter the hearts of His people.”*

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: *March Triumphant Into Jerusalem*Thygerson
Shirley W. Wilson, Organist

Welcome and Announcements..... Robert LeSuer

Introduction to Today’s Worship..... Susan Brooks

Prelude: *All Glory, Laud and Honor* arr. Berthier

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: O Lord Christ, as You once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh.

Congregation: **As You once set Your face toward death on the cross, help us this day to walk with You to victory.**

Liturgist: As the children once cried “Hosanna” to bless You, enable us to confess You openly as Lord and Savior.

Congregation: **Grant us Your presence, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that our worship and our lives may truly honor You. Amen**

Pause to reflect on the glory of Christ’s triumphal entry.

Liturgist: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!

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***Hymn No. 88:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*..... VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

Call to Confession..... Thomas Brooks

The Lord helps me, I will not be dismayed; therefore, I have set my face like flint to do his will, and I know that I will triumph. He who gives me justice is near. Who will dare to fight against me now? See the Lord is for me! Who shall declare me guilty?
—adapted from Isaiah 50:7-9

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.

Holy God, You promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back in fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for Your coming, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us, O God. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders You work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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

Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage.

Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.

For this reason God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue

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should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

—*Philippians 2:5-11, HCSB*

Because of God’s work through his Son, Jesus, I am forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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 Thomas Brooks

Prayers and Petitions of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)..... Thomas Brooks

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118:1-8, 21-29Marykay Stahl

Sermon: “March Madness” Rev. Jim Moelk

Sermon Text: Luke 19:28-44

Offering: *Arise, My Soul, Arise* *Wesley/Edson*

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off thy guilty fears.
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

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

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for You, that they may bring closer to fulfillment Your reign of peace and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn No. 101:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....*HAMBURG*

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

***Benediction** Rev. Jim Moelk

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

Postlude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*..... *arr: Carter*

** 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 Today

We welcome Rev. Jim Moelk to our pulpit this Sunday. Jim and his wife, Jaye, are both originally from the Pittsburgh area and have been married for 43 years. They have four children (including a Haitian daughter) and nine grandchildren.

Jim was one of the founding co-pastors, now retired, of Church of the Cross Presbyterian Church in West Millcreek, after serving as the Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

We look forward to hearing the message that God has laid on Jim’s heart for us.

Women’s Retreat Registration Deadline

Ladies: Just a reminder that we must receive all registrations for the Women’s Retreat on April 7, 2018, no later than this coming **Friday, March 30th**. The deadline is fast approaching. We’re looking forward to seeing each of you there! Registration Forms are available at the Information Center and on-line.

Maundy Thursday Service: March 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Please plan now to join us for this service of reflection on the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

No Christian Education Classes on Easter Sunday

The Session has voted to suspend Christian Education classes for Easter Sunday morning, April 1, 2018. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 8th.