

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Morning Worship Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

Worship Theme: *"In the quietest moments of life, God often reveals the power of His Son's resurrection."*

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: *Arietta and Allegro* Franz Josef Haydn
Brass Quartet

Welcome and Announcements Robert LeSuer

Prelude: *La Trombe* Francois Couperin
Brass Quartet

Call to Worship: (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: This is the good news—the grave is empty,
Christ is risen!

Congregation: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!

Liturgist: This is the good news—the light shines in the
darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

Congregation: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Liturgist: This is the good news—we are God's people!

Congregation: Hallelujah! Let us worship our risen Lord!

***Hymn No. 123:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Sam Ruggiero

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.

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

(...continued over...)

**Forgive our denial of our mortality, our hopelessness,
and our sense of captivity. Set us free for the liberation of
Jesus Christ, who was dead but now lives among us. Help
us trust Your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may feel and know the joy of life abundant given
in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

**Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of
those who have died. For since death came through a
human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come
through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will
be made alive in Christ.**

—1 Corinthians 15:20-22 NRSV

***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!

Note: The Congregation should remain standing following the Response Hymn

***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.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 Marti Ruggiero

***Hymn No. 115:** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST KEVIN

(...continued over...)

A Bidding Prayer of the People

and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)..... Thomas Brooks

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.....Marti Ruggiero

Sermon: "Not with a Shout, but with a Whimper"Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: John 20:1-18

Offering: *This Joyful Eastertide*.....arr. Polley
Shirley Wilson, organist

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

O God, all that we have comes from You. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives. We return to You what You have so graciously given to us. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn No. 118:** *The Day of Resurrection!*..... LANCASHIRE

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

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

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And, may that same Christ, who rose from the dead and is the source of our new life, keep our hearts rejoicing and grant us His peace this day and always. Amen

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

Postlude: *Postlude* Franz Josef Haydn
Brass Quartet

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

Very Special Thanks to the Brass Quartet participating in our service today—
Trumpet: Jeff Gibbens, Joe Miller; Horn: Laura Nelson; Trombone: Nick Gailey;



After the Worship Service

Because it is Easter Sunday, there will be no fellowship time after the Worship Service today.

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

Call for a Special Congregational Meeting

The Session has issued a Call for a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following the 11:00 a.m. regular Worship Service on Sunday, April 22, 2018, for the purpose of voting on the Call and Terms of Call for pastoral candidate, Douglas J. Kortyna. The candidate will preach that day. Additional information about this candidate will be available for the congregation in advance of this meeting.

Preaching This Sunday

We welcome our own **Dean K. Wilson** to our pulpit this week.

Dean is a founding member and Ruling Elder here at Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC). He also currently serves as Acting Moderator of Session and as President of the Corporation.

Dean has a long history of service to Christ and His Kingdom, both within the church and in the parachurch ministries known as *Sermon-Coach* and *Sunday Solutions*, both with Dr. David R. Mains. We look forward to the message that God has laid on Dean's heart to share with us today.

Christian Education

Our Christian Education classes will resume next Sunday morning at 9:30. We invite you to join us for a time of studying God's written Word.