

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

Worship Theme: *“Through His written Word, God often asks us to do certain things and waits to see how we will respond.”*

Families with very young children please note that, if you wish to use it, we offer Nursery Care during our Worship Service in Room 116.

**Gathering Music:** *Let the Earth Rejoice* ..... Wood  
*Shirley Wilson, organist*

**Welcome and Announcements**..... Thomas Brooks

**Prelude:** *O Word of God Incarnate*..... arr. Young

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

Liturgist: We will praise the Lord, who counsels us; even at night our hearts instruct us. We will keep our eyes always on the Lord. With Him at our right hand, no matter what happens we will not be shaken.

**Congregation:** **Therefore, our hearts are glad and our tongues rejoice, even as our bodies will rest secure in Your loving care because, following in the pathway of Your Son, Jesus, You will not abandon us to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful ones see decay.**

Liturgist: You make known to us the path of life; You will fill us with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

**Congregation:** **Therefore, we join our voices in praise to You, O God!**

—adapted from Psalm 16

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**\*Hymn No. 281:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*..... CWM RHONDDA

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 4..... Thomas Brooks

**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.

**Eternal God, You bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Forgive us for failing to please You and failing to obey Your commandments. Share Your grace and love with us this day that we might better love You and each other. Touch our hearts and help our love to shine forth in a world hungry to know You and to feel Your love. In Jesus, name we pray. Amen.**

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

Liturgist: This is the message we have heard from Him and to declare to you; God is light; in Him is no darkness at all.

**Congregation:** **If we claim to have fellowship with Him 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

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response Hymn No. 276:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*..... FAITHFULNESS  
*Verse 1 only*

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:36b-48..... Nathan Everhart

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

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

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-7..... Nathan Everhart

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**Sermon:** “He Came First to His Own” .....Dean K. Wilson

**Sermon Text:** Acts 3:1-26

**Offering:** *Wonderful Words of Life* .....arr. Held

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

**Generous Heavenly Father, please accept these gifts as a means of bringing You glory and praise, and as a way of furthering Your work in this community. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 426:** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* ..... CANONBURY

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

**\*Benediction** (*unison, spoken to each other*) ..... Thomaas Brooks

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.** —based on Romans 15:13 NIV

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

**Postlude:** *Toccata in C*..... Pachelbel

*\* 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 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 our Presbytery-approved pastoral candidate, Douglas J. Kortyna. The candidate will preach that day. Additional information about this candidate is available on-line at the church’s website. And, if you do not have internet access, we have a few printed copies of this information at the Information Center.

### Preaching This Sunday

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

Dean is a founding member and a Ruling Elder here at Redeemer Presbyterian Church (EPC).

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 under the leadership of Dr. David R. Mains.

We look forward to the message that God has laid on Dean’s heart to share with us today.

### Our New Officers

At the Session Meeting on April 2, 2018, the Ruling Elders elected the following officers to serve through March 31, 2019:

**President of the Corporation:** Ruling Elder Jennifer Pontzer (She will also serve as Acting Moderator of Session until our new pastor arrives.)

**Clerk of Session:** Ruling Elder Laurel LeSuer

**Treasurer:** Marykay Stahl