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Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion Rev. Giffone

Offering: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Patterson

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

***Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing.

***Offertory Prayer** (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

Dear Lord, You have given so many gifts to us. You have held nothing back of Yourself, but rather You have come among us in Christ Jesus to save us and make us new. Now, we offer to You our lives and with them the work of our hands, as represented by that which is contained in this offering. Please bless us and all we offer both now and forevermore, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NNote: The Congregation should please remain standing for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 111:** *This is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

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

Postlude: *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Larkin

** Congregation should 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 rear of the sanctuary.

If you have any special needs in your life and you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to one of our Ruling Elders— Robert LeSuer, James Stahl, or Amy Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with you today and pray with you.

April Prayer Focus

The April Prayer Focus for our church families was written by a member of the Redeemer congregation. During the month of April, let us uphold our families, trusting in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to mend what is broken, to restore what is lost, and to strengthen the bonds that unite us. May our homes be sanctuaries of Christ's love and grace and healing, where each family member finds solace and support amidst life's challenges.

Let us pray fervently for:

- The healing of broken relationships and reconciliation. Ask God to prepare us for the role we may need to play in the restoration process, whether it be to speak up, to listen, or to reach out. May forgiveness abound and may hearts be softened and be opened to healing and restoration.
- Those family members who have wandered away from walking with our Lord Jesus Christ. May they be guided back to the path of faith. May the light of God's love illuminate their hearts once more. May we be ready to rejoice at their return to the fold.
- Our children, as we bring them up, that they would come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and to love Him with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength.
- Our families to serve as beacons of hope and faith, drawing people closer to the embrace of our Savior.

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**Sunday Morning Worship
Third Sunday of Easter**

April 14, 2024

Worship Theme: "Jesus's death was part of God's redemptive plan all along. Jesus's bodily resurrection means that everything we do in the physical world, God's creation, has significance."

We welcome children of all ages in our Worship Service. At the Information Center in the rear of the Sanctuary, we offer children a "Book Bucket" with books and activities for their use. Parents, please do not be concerned if your young child cries. We believe that the cries of young children signal that the church is alive, well, and destined to continue for generations to come.

Prelude: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* arr. Larkin

Shirley Wilson, accompanist

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: We will praise You, O Lord, who counsels us; even at night as we sleep
You instruct our hearts.

Congregation: We will keep our eyes always on you,
O Lord. With You at our right hand,
no matter what happens, we will not
be shaken.

Liturgist: Therefore, our hearts are glad and we
rejoice, even as our bodies rest secure in
Your loving care.

Congregation: As we follow in the path of Your Son,
Jesus, we know 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.

Congregation: You fill us with joy in your presence,
and we join our voices in praise to
You, O God! —adapted from Psalm 16

Note: The Congregation should please stand.

***Hymn No. 295:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *DIADEMATA*

*Note: The Congregation may please be seated and remain seated for the
reading of the Scripture.*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 16.....Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Note: We will have A Moment for Children only if two or more children are
present in the Worship Service.*

A Moment for ChildrenShirley Wilson

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the following Hymn.

Hymn of Reflection: *I Love You Lord* *Klein*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

(...continued over...)

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Prayers of Confession..... Thomas Brooks

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

**Lord, cast out our sins and cleanse our minds of
wrongful thoughts. Please have mercy upon us and
forgive our sins and failures. Then, fill our lives with
Your mercy, grace, and love.**

**Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose, as we
strive to make our relationships with one another
prosper, the earth a better place in which to live—a
world where nature and humanity can live in
harmony. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will dwell in
our hearts and lead us along a straight pathway.**

**Before You, O God, our lives are exposed and all our
needs are known. Please be at work in our lives to
shape and mold us into Your likeness, through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

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

Liturgist: Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he
has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead,

**Congregation: and into an inheritance that can never
perish, spoil or fade- kept in heaven
for us, who through faith are shielded
by God’s power until the day of
salvation that is ready to be revealed
in the last time.**

—1 Peter 1: 3-5

Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn.

***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!

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing.

***Passing of the Peace**..... Thomas Brooks

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of
greeting: “May the peace of Christ be with you.”
And the answer of response: “And, also with you.”*

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

**Prayers of the People and
The Lord’s Prayer** (*debts/debtors*)Laurel LeSuer

*Note: The Congregation should please remain seated for the reading of
Scripture.*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:15–22Amy Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Sermon:
“Raised, Flesh and Bone”Rev. Dr. Benjamin Giffone

Sermon Text: Luke 24:36–48

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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**Invitation to the Lord’s Table, Opening Prayer,
and Words of Institution** Rev. Giffone

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