

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

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us individually and collectively, both now and until we meet again. Amen.

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

Postlude: *Onward, Christian Soldiers*.....arr. Tornquist

** 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.

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- 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.

Redeemer Sunday School Resumes

Starting on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., in the Christ Center adjacent to the Sanctuary, Sunday School will re-convene at Redeemer. We will have classes for both adults and for children.

Jaye Moelk and Jamie Stahl, along with additional parent teachers, will be leading the children’s class, which will incorporate both a time of learning and a time of physical activity for the kids.

The adult class will be led by Bob LeSuer, and is entitled “The Way Forward.” In this class, we will be looking both forward and backwards in the life of this congregation. You can read more information about this adult class in the weekly *eNewsletter*.

We will plan to meet for six Sundays from May 5th through June 16th, with a break on Sunday, May 19th, due to a Koinonia being hosted by Weis Library UMC in the Christ Center that Sunday. We invite you to plan to attend these important times of discussion and learning. We hope to see you there!



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Sunday Morning Worship Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Worship Theme: *“We worship God, who gives us the power to overcome.”*

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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*arr. Berry

Shirley Wilson, accompanist

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;
He heard my cry for mercy.

Congregation: Because He turned His ear to me, I will call on Him as long as I live.

Liturgist: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Congregation: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord save me!” The Lord is gracious and righteous; Our God is full of compassion. —Psalm 116:1-5, NIV

Note: The Congregation should please stand.

***Hymn No. 101: Come, Thou Almighty King** TRINITY

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

***Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18**.....Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

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: Come, Holy Spirit..... Gaither

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you.
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;
Come in your strength and your power.
Come in your own gentle way.

Come as a wisdom to children.
Come as new sight to the blind.
Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness,
Take me: soul, body and mind.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you.
Come, sweet Spirit, we pray;
Come in your strength and your power.
Come in your own gentle way.

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.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Please forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed. And, grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and the Light of the world. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. —1 John 1:9

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*) Dean K. Wilson

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

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24.....Amy Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “The Power to Walk Away”Dean K. Wilson

Sermon Text: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Offering: In Christ Alone..... Getty/Townend

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny:
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
’til he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the 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

Almighty God, with outstretched hands, You have poured out upon us wonder, pleasure, delight, goodness, beauty, and bounty. By Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives, in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

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

***Hymn No. 599: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**..... SHEPHERD

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

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