

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

**Communion Opening Prayer
and Words of Institution** Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
“**The body of Christ, broken for you.**”

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

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
“**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**”

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

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Hymn.

***Hymn No. 267:** *The Day of Resurrection!*LANCASHIRE

Note: The Congregation should please remain standing, if able to do so.

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

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

Postlude: *Jesus Christ is Risen Again!*arr. Rodriguez

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

If You Wish Personal Prayer Today

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

Missions Trip to Sierra Leone

In cooperation with the Presbytery of the Alleghenies,
EduNations has announced a trip to visit our Sierra Leone
missions in late June and early July. You will find detailed
information on the Sierra Leone webpage of our Redeemer
website. The deadline for registering is the end of April.

Monthly Prayer Focus

During the month of April, let us pause our prayer petitions
and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has
bestowed on us personally, and also on Redeemer. Please
give thanks to God for:


- Being able to know Him through His written Word and
through the life of Jesus Christ here on earth.
- The love of Jesus Christ, for His redeeming work on the
cross, for the gift of faith, and for the reality that He has
called us to be included in His Kingdom.
- Our families, including our Redeemer family.
- Placing us in a country where the standard of living
grants us plenty of opportunities for food, water, and
physical comfort. Let us declare with joy that all that
we have comes from God, and that we are grateful.
- Living in an area that is safe from earthquakes,
hurricanes, wildfires, dangerous animals, floods,
drought, and other physical dangers. Yes, we must
admit that we experience significant snow once in a
while, but that is a minor threat compared to these other
calamitous events.

Pastor:Rev. Benjamin D. Giffone, PhD
Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks
Accompanist: Shirley Wilson

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**Sunday Morning Worship
Easter Sunday**

April 20, 2025

Worship Theme: “*The resurrection is proof that God
has not abandoned His creation, which was
subjected to futility by us, His rebellious images.
Christ’s resurrection is a down payment on
eternal life, for all who put their trust in Him.*”

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.

**Welcome, Announcements, and
Introduction to Worship** Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Larkin

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne’er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith would be in vain: but now is Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen, but now is Christ arisen!

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liturgist: Praise the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Congregation: God has given us a new life and a new hope. God has raised Jesus from the dead.

Liturgist: God has claimed us as His own.

Congregation: God has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Liturgist: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Note: The Congregation should please stand, if able to do so.

***Hymn No. 277: Christ the Lord is Risen Today EASTER HYMN**

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Robert LeSuer

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 Children Rev. Giffone

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

Hymn of Reflection: Alleluia, Alleluia! Beethoven/Wordsworth

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;
Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

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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.

Almighty God, You have raised Your Son, Jesus, from the grave and crowned Him Lord of All. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, nor acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along the way of the world, and failed to give Him glory.

Please forgive our sins, and raise us from our disobedience, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the universe with You and with the Holy Spirt, and who is the head of the church, His body. We pray in His name. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Congregation: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:54-57 NRSV

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Hymn, if able to do so.

***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: If able, the Congregation should please remain standing following the Hymn

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***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.

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*) Amy Stearns

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:1-12.....Laurel LeSuer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Sermon: “The First Fruits of Resurrection” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord’s Table..... Rev. Giffone

Offering: *The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*.....arr. Berry

The strife is o’er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

Note: If able, the Congregation should please stand for the Offertory Hymn.

***Offertory Hymn: Doxology**..... OLD HUNDREDTH

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, if able to do so.

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