

**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. 266:**

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ..... *ST. KEVIN*

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

*\* 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 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  
Second Sunday of Easter**

*April 27, 2025*

Worship Theme: *“The gospel message, that all people—both Jews and Gentiles—can be freed from the power of sin through the work of Christ, threatens the existing power structures of our age. The gospel compels us to “burn the magic scrolls”: any sources of power which we might hold on to other than Christ.”*

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:** *At the Name of Jesus* ..... *adapted from Burkhardt*

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,  
Ev’ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true:  
Crown him as your Captain in temptation’s hour.  
Let his will enfold you in its light and pow’r.

*Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.*

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

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**Congregation: His love endures forever.**

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

**Congregation: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Liturgist: This is the day the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

—from Psalm 118

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

**\*Hymn No. 286:**

*Worship Christ, the Risen King!..... REGENT SQUARE*

*Note: The Congregation should please remain standing for the Gospel Reading.*

**\*Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-27..... 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** .....Shirley Wilson

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

**Hymn of Reflection: Day by Day**.....St. Richard of Chichester

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

**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**

(...continued over...)

**what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

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

*Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.*

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

Liturgist: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**Congregation: 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

**Thanks Be to God!**

*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*

**\*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.*

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**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer** (*debts/debtors*) ..... Rev. Giffone

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

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 96.....Laurel LeSuer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:**

“The Word Spread Widely and Grew in Power” .... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Acts 19 - 20

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**..... Rev. Giffone

**Offering:** *Jesus, Name Above All Names* ..... Hearn

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

*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.*

**\*Offertory Prayer** ..... Rev. Giffone

*Note: The Congregation may please be seated.*

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