

***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. 523:** *My Hope is in the Lord* WAKEFIELD

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: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* arr. Leavitt

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

A Blessed Mother’s Day

We wish a blessed Mother’s Day to all moms present in our
Worship Service this day. Your godly example throughout
the lives of your children serves to remind us of God’s love
for us, as the ones He has chosen to belong to Himself as
His dearly loved children.

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.

Monthly Prayer Focus for May

In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus falls asleep in a boat on the Sea
of Galilee and a squall threatens to swamp the boat. In
great fear, the Disciples wake Jesus and implore Him to
help. Since they do not yet understand who Jesus is, they
are probably looking for another pair of hands to help bail
water to keep the boat from sinking. His response, calming
the storm, was more than anything they could possibly have
imagined.

During the month of May, let us:

- Pray to acknowledge how many times we have prayed
for help, or for something, with a preconceived solution
in mind.
- Pray for understanding of the majestic and truly
awesome power of our Lord.
- Pray simply and sincerely for Jesus’s help with a
particular problem, or a particular situation.
- Then, get out of the way, as Jesus provides His answer
to our prayers.

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REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



**Sunday Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother’s Day**

May 11, 2025

Worship Theme: “*God calls us to leave behind counterfeit
kinds of ‘sonship’ and the fake inheritances of the
world, which lead to slavery—and instead, to live into
the sonship that Christ has won for us. We can be
assured of our sonship and our inheritance because of
God’s loyalty-love and the deposit of the Holy Spirit.*”

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: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Chopin/Berry

O Love, that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow’st all my way,
I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: I will praise you, O Lord.

Congregation: God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

Liturgist: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Congregation: With joy I will draw water from the wells of salvation.

—based on Isaiah 12

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

***Hymn No. 165:**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim..... LYONS

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 110.....Marykay Stahl

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: *Christ Be Beside Me*... St. Patrick’s Breastplate

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me.
Christ be behind me—king of my heart;
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me—never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me—shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising—light of my life.

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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.

O Lord, as we confess our sins to You, we humbly ask You to please bring new life where we are worn and tired. As we determine to live in repentance, we humbly ask You to please bring new love where we have turned hard-hearted.

As we seek to live in the newness of life, we ask You to please bring forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have been wounded. Wherever we are prisoners of ourselves, we ask You to please continue to bring us the joy and the freedom that comes from Your Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: The Lord says, “I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me,

Congregation: and I will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.”

—Jeremiah 33:8

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

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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)* Rev. Giffone

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

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 27:1-11Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Adopted as Sons (Even the Girls!)” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:15-23

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr: Carter

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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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