

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 remain standing for the Hymn.

*Hymn No. 646: *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

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: *Let All Things Now Living*.....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.

Monthly Prayer Focus for July

The Monthly Prayer Focus for the month of July highlights Redeemer’s
long-time commitment to the ministry of the Evangelical Presbyterian
Church in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Since 2013, Redeemer has
specifically supported the ministry taking place in the Village of
Fintonia, located in the north-central portion of the country. This
ministry has included support for the primary and secondary school,
and for the church planted in this very remote community. Over the
years, we have also provided school supplies, provided sponsorships,
and helped pay for means of transportation. In addition, we have helped
finance the construction of the church building and have supported the
operation of the church. The church has been so successful, they are
planting a new church about five miles from the current church. This is
a major accomplishment in this majority Muslim area.

This ministry to Sierra Leone funnels through *EduNations*, a non-profit
organization that began in 2004, as an outreach ministry of Memorial
Park EPC Church in Allison Park, PA, and also as an outreach ministry
of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. *EduNations* eventually extended
to serve as the coordinator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s
ministry to Sierra Leone. *EduNations* currently operates fifteen schools
for 3,700 students, with 150 teachers in six villages of Sierra Leone.
The Senior Secondary school is a boarding school, providing free room
and board for students.

Please pray for:

- God’s continued blessing on the church and church plant in the
Village of Fintonia.
- Usman Kamara—the teacher we help to support—as he teaches
math. Pray that God will use him to change the lives of his
students.
- The *EduNations* leadership and teachers, as they travel and teach.
Pray that God will provide protection from the Muslim influences
in the country.
- The students that individuals in the Redeemer congregation
support monthly. Prayerfully consider whether you can join them
to provide monthly support for a student.

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

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Sunday Morning Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Worship Theme: “God knows the secrets of our hearts,
which will be brought out into the open. He summons
us to live with urgency to bring His light into a dark
world, but also to live with joy because of what He
has done for us.”

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: *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Wilson

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation:
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Thro’ all life’s tumult, pain and strife I hear the music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

I life my eyes; the clouds grow thin, I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths; Since I first learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart; A fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing?

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

Congregation: How pleasant and fitting to praise Him!

Liturgist: The Lord delights in those who fear him.

Congregation: Who put their hope in His unfailing love.

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

***Hymn No. 523:** *My Hope Is in the Lord*..... WAKEFIELD

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

Psalter Reading:

Psalm 37:1-7, 23-29Matthew Steinkirchner

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: *Psalm 51* *arr: Wilson*

Oh, God be merciful to me,
and wash me wholly from my sin,
Create in me, O Lord my God,
a heart that’s clean and pure within.

O make me whiter than the snow,
and teach me all that pleases you,
Grant me the joy salvation brings,
a willing spirit evermore.

Open my mouth to sing for you,
with songs of thanks and hymns of praise.
Give us a happy holy place,
where we can worship all our days.

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.

God of all, we acknowledge that You love each of us and we acknowledge that You grieve the way we hurt one another. As we confess, please forgive us, for these sins and for all of our sins.

Please forgive us for our narrowness and prejudice, for our quick tempers and for our stingy grace, for our attention to the faults of others and for our blindness to our own faults. Please help us be the people that You created us to be.

Please help us live together in peace, loving and caring for one another as You love and care for us all. We humbly ask these things in Christ’s name. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Congregation: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:13-14, and Romans 5:1

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.

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

Note: The Congregation should please stand for the Gospel Reading.

***Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 24:1-14Matthew Steinkirchner

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

Sermon: “Light that Makes Everything Visible” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Ephesians 5:11-21

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *The Light of the World is Jesus* *arr: Cox*

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;
The Light of the world is Jesus.
Like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in,
The Light of the world is Jesus.

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.