

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. Opitz

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

*Hymn No. 600:

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! He LEADETH ME

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

*Benediction Rev. Opitz

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

Postlude: *Lead On, O King Eternal*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 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
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Worship Theme: “*Psalm 1 invites readers to seek and
discern the path of life. Psalm 2 reveals that the
path runs right through the Son-King, who is worthy
of adoration and praise.*”

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: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* arr. Funderburk

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell;
For I know, whate’er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
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Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: With all that is within us, let us bless
God,

Congregation: Who forgives all our sins, Who heals
all our diseases,

Liturgist: Who lifts us up from rock bottom, Who
crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Congregation: With all that is within us, let us
give praise and thanks to God, who
creates, redeems, and sustains us.

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

***Hymn No. 345:**
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken..... *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

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

***Gospel Reading:** John 10:7-11.....Lydia Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Note: The Congregation may please be seated. 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: *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.

**Lord Jesus Christ, how well You know our hearts,
and still, You faithfully love us. We confess our sins
this day. We have denied You, and we have denied
our calling to serve You and to serve one another.
We have betrayed You, and we have betrayed Your
commandment to love one another.**

**Please pour out Your Holy Spirit of grace upon
us. Then, please teach us to love and serve You**

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**faithfully, and to love and serve one another by the
example You have set for us. In Your precious and
holy name we pray. Amen.**

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Happy are those whose transgression is
forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Congregation: Happy are those to whom the Lord
imputes no iniquity, and in whose
spirit there is no deceit. —*Psalm 32:1-2*

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*) Amy Stearns

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 2.....Lydia Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

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Sermon: “Gateway to the Psalms” Rev. Opitz

Sermon Text: Psalm 1 and Psalm 2

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* *arr: Leavitt*

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,
For you are Lord of Lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.

*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** (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

**Our gracious Lord, we offer these gifts to You.
Please use these gifts, and our service, to further
Your Kingdom, so that others may experience Your
divine grace and mercy. We pray in the name of
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

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

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