

***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.

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

**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

***Hymn No. 457:**
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing..... NETTLETON

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*..... arr. Leavitt

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 Would Like Someone to Pray with You
If 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.

Prayer Focus for October

The Prayer Focus for October deals with various aspects of patience.
Our society has become so fast-paced, rewarding quick responses over
quality service, instant gratification, and no tolerance for values or
opinions that are different. In your prayers this month, please take time
and wait patiently for the Lord and then begin your conversation with
Him:

- Have you been praying for a family member or friend? Wait in
a prayerful attitude for the Lord to arrive and then pray for that
individual again.
- Is there an older or younger person in your family, who is trying your
patience? The young can be too quick and the old too slow to suit us
sometimes. Ask the Lord for an extra measure of grace.
- If you are drawn into a political argument, ask the Lord for patience.
Then, listen to the other person and hear that one out. Don’t try to
score your points or change the other person’s mind. Listening and
tolerating his or her viewpoint does not mean you agree that he or she
is right, but perhaps a bit of understanding will result from listening.
- When you give to the church, does your neighbor seem more
prosperous? Over time, the Lord will bless you abundantly in other
ways. Be patient and watch for those blessings.
- In past months, we have listened to what the Lord may be trying to say
to us. It takes practice and patience to allow the Lord to break through
the noise, “hectivity,” and busyness of daily life.

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Ways to Give to Redeemer:
• *Offering Plate*
• *Mail:* RPC Treasurer, c/o 115 W Lakeview Blvd., Erie, PA 16508
• *Online:* <https://www.rpccerie.org/give.html>



To contact the church: info@rpccerie.org

**Sunday Morning Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025**

Worship Theme: “*Sin has far-reaching, tragic
consequences for us and for those around us.
But God goes to great lengths to reach down
to His people and has made a way for us to be
reconciled to Him through Jesus the Messiah.*”

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

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

Prelude: *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* arr. Huggins

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord;
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

I’d like: ☐ Call from the pastor ☐ Prayer for:

(...continued on other side...)

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the skies.

Congregation: **Your righteousness is like the mountains, Your wisdom as deep as the sea.**

Liturgist: How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.

Congregation: **All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Let us worship our God!**

***Hymn No. 98:** *Now Thank We All Our God* *NUN DANKET*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 118:14-29 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 Children Rev. Giffone

Hymn of Reflection: *I Will Sing of the Mercies* *Fillmore*

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;

(...continued over...)

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(...continued from other side...)

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

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, as we come to You confessing our sins, we acknowledge that You know our hearts. You know that we struggle to be faithful to You. From moment to moment, and from decision to decision, we are inconsistent and fickle.

Please forgive us for our unfaithfulness. Please forgive us even more when we justify our unfaithfulness with formulas for our lives that serve us and not You. We pray in the name of your Son, our Redeemer and King, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist Hear the “Good News” and know that in Jesus, God not only loves us, but He forgives us of our sins, and He strengthens us to live a renewed life.

Congregation: **There is no condemnation for those of us who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the spirit of life, in Christ Jesus, has set us free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and the new life has begun.**

—adapted from Romans 8:1and; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Thanks be to God!

***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!

***Passing of the Peace**..... Thomas Brooks

Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of common greeting: “May the peace of Christ be with you.” And the answer of response: “And, also with you.”

Note: The children attending Children’s Church may be go to their classroom.

Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord’s Prayer..... Amy Stearns

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 12:1-11 Marykay Stahl

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Falling Into YHWH’s Hand” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: 1 Chronicles 21:1 - 22:1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *Depth of Mercy**arr. Berry*

Depth of mercy!
Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear—
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

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.