

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. Burkholder

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

*Hymn No. 699: *Like a River Glorious* WYE VALLEY

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

*Benediction Rev. Burkholder

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

Postlude: *And Can it Be?* arr. Halberg

** 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— Robert LeSuer, James Stahl, or Amy
Stearns—and he or she will arrange for someone to meet with
you today and pray with you.

Monthly Prayer Focus for March

During the month of March, the Monthly Prayer Focus will be on
the overseas ministry of our own transitional pastor, Rev. Benjamin
D. Giffone, PhD. In addition to serving our congregation, Pastor
Benj has taught Old Testament on the faculty of a South Asian
theological seminary (name withheld for security reasons—ask him
about it!) since 2022.

In 2024, Pastor Benj and his wife, Corrie, joined *EPC World
Outreach* as part-time missionaries, to facilitate this graduate-
level teaching, and to join *EPCWO*’s work of non-degree training
in remote areas among least-reached people groups. The shortage
of trained pastors for the global church is serious. According to
one assessment: There are approximately 2.2 million evangelical
churches in the world, and 85% are led by men and women who
have no theological training. Pastor Benj is passionate about global
theological education, to advance the glory of God, and to bless and
strengthen the Western church.

Please pray for:

- The ministry of organizations that promote evangelical
theological education and pastor training, such as *Theologians
Without Borders*, *ICETE*, and *Shepherds Global*.
- Our Denominational mission, *EPC World Outreach*, especially
the *International Theological Education Network*, the division
of *EPCWO* in which Pastor Benj serves.
- The faculty, staff, students and graduates of the seminary at
which Pastor Benj teaches, and those of many other seminaries
and Bible institutes like it—in many languages!—that they
would be faithful students and teachers of God’s Word, and that
churches would be strengthened.
- Now that he has arrived safely at home, that Pastor Benj will
continue to see the benefit of his teaching in the lives of his
students.

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

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Sunday Morning Worship
Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

Worship Theme: *“Followers of Jesus receive the
great gift of God’s mercy, justice,
and forgiveness.”*

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 the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus/*
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring arr. Halberg

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love—
Leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above!

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is
within me bless his holy name!

Congregation: **Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget
not all his benefits,**

Liturgist: Who forgives all your iniquity, Who
heals all you diseases,

Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,

Liturgist: Who satisfies you with good as long as
you live,

Congregation: so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle’s.

—Psalm 103:1-5

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

***Hymn No. 164:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* *AZMON*

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

Psalter Reading: Psalm 62.....Matthew 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 ChildrenShirley Wilson

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

Hymn of Reflection: *Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting*.....*Pigott*

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.
Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

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, You know our hearts. You have knitted our
inmost being and You know our deepest desires,
our deepest fears, and our deepest worries.**

We humbly confess our many sins. Please help
(...continued over...)

**us to journey during this Season of Lent into a
new awareness of Your divine presence in our
lives. Even as You have forgiven our sins through
Your Son, please save us from yielding to our
temptations, so that we may freely follow You. We
pray through Christ, our Savior, Lord, and King.
Amen.**

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: I write to you so that you will not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have one who
speaks to the Father in our defense-Jesus
Christ, the Righteous One.

Congregation: He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not only for ours but also for the
sins of the whole world.

—1 John 2:1-2

Thanks be to God!

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

***Response Hymn:** *There is a Redeemer*.....*Melody Green*

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son—
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit ’til the work on Earth is done.

*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*) Robert LeSuer

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

Old Testament Reading:
Exodus 22:1-4Matthew Steinkirchner
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “The Wee Little Man and
Large Mercy of God” Rev. Burkholder

Sermon Text: Luke 19:1-10

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

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?
I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
Oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame.

*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. Burkholder

Note: The Congregation may please be seated.

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