

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.

**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. 520:**  
*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*..... GERMANY

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.

(...continued over...)

**Postlude:** *The Church’s One Foundation* .....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**

During the month of April, let us pause our prayer petitions and  
give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us  
personally, and also on Redeemer. Please give thanks to God for:

- Being able to know Him through His written Word and through the  
life of Jesus Christ here on earth.
- The love of Jesus Christ, for His redeeming work on the cross,  
for the gift of faith, and for the reality that He has called us to be  
included in His Kingdom.
- Our families, including our Redeemer family.
- Placing us in a country where the standard of living grants us  
plenty of opportunities for food, water, and physical comfort. Let  
us declare with joy that all that we have comes from God, and that  
we are grateful.
- Living in an area that is safe from earthquakes, hurricanes,  
wildfires, dangerous animals, floods, drought, and other physical  
dangers. Yes, we must admit that we experience significant snow  
once in a while, but that is a minor threat compared to these other  
calamitous events.

**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 in Lent**

*April 6, 2025*

Worship Theme: “*We are entrusted with the gospel  
message, and our time to spread it is limited.  
Faithfulness entails making the most of the earthly  
resources God has given us, including both time and  
possessions, to advance His eternal Kingdom.*”

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:** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* .....arr. Ham

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee,  
Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Note: The Congregation should please remain seated.

**Call to Worship:** *(responsively)* ..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does  
my help come from?

**Congregation:** **My help comes from the Lord, who  
made heaven and earth.**

(...continued over...)

Liturgist: He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep.

**Congregation: The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Liturgist: The Lord will keep you from all harm—

**Congregation: He will watch over your life.** —Psalm 121:1-7

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

**\*Hymn No. 535: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus..... EBENEZER**

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

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-21 ..... Robert LeSuer

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:**

*Nothing But the Blood of Jesus..... arr. Whitaker*

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
O! precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing, this my plea:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O! precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**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.

**Compassionate God, as we come before You confessing our sins, we pray that You will greet us with Your grace this day, for we need You. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace—peace, as only You can give.**

**Today, we would be quiet enough to hear Your voice and still enough to feel Your touch. Please help us so we can receive, as well as give; wait, as well as act; and listen, as well as speak. We come to You this day to learn Your ways. Please come to us now, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and through the power of Your indwelling Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.*

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*) ..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you; God is light; in Him is no darkness at all.

**Congregation: If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.** —1 John 1: 5-7

**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*) ..... Amy Stearns

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

**Old Testament Reading:**

1 Chronicles 29:10-20 .....Laurel LeSuer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Entrusted With True Riches”..... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Luke 16:1-15

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

**Offering:** *I Surrender All* ..... Fetteke

I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

*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.*