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Sunday Morning Worship Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Worship Theme: *“God desires worship with sincerity of spirit, as well as in truth. Faithful worship, according to the patterns of God’s written Word, shapes our minds and touches and changes our hearts.”*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place* Brahms/Ham

(From Psalm 84)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
Blest are they, that dwell within thy house:
They praise thy name evermore.

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

I'd like: Call from the pastor Prayer for:

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Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: His love endures forever.

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone.

Congregation: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Liturgist: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice in be glad in it.

—Psalm 118:1, 22-24

***Hymn No. 295:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *DIADEMATA*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 98.....William Kern

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

Hymn of Reflection:

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee.....*Frazier/Zundel*

God, our Father, we adore thee! We, thy children, bless thy name.

Chosen in the Christ before thee, we are “holy, without blame.”

We adore thee! We adore thee! Abba’s praises we proclaim!

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Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—Three in One! We give thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, heart and voice to thee we raise!
We adore thee! We adore thee! Thee we bless thro' endless days!
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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.

Gracious God, we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Please forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Please set us free from a past that we cannot change, please open to us a future in which we can be changed, and please grant us grace to grow more in Your likeness and image—through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and the Light of the world. Amen.

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Congregation: For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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 reply: "And, also with you."*

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**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and
The Lord's Prayer..... Robert LeSuer**

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58.....Emily Kern

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination: *Speak, O Lord*..... Getty/Townend

Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail.
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Sermon: "Warming Hearts, Transforming Minds,
Forming Lives" Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:23-26; 7:21-27

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Remembrance · Communion · Hope

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

Offering: *Something for Thee*..... arr. Wilson

Savior, thy dying love thou gavest me,
Nor should I aught withhold, dear Lord, from thee;
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow,
Some off'ring bring thee now, something for thee.

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.

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***Offertory Hymn No. 733: *Doxology*..... *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
(Sung with an Alternate Tune)**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Giffone

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

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

(Please note that for Communion we use both
gluten-free and dairy-free bread or crackers.)

As you pass the bread/crackers, 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.*

(Please note that for Communion the juice
we use is non-alcoholic grape juice.)

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. 266: *Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain*.... *ST. KEVIN

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* *arr. Hayes*

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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 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.

Monthly Prayer Focus

During the month of April, Session asks us to pray for each other. A list of members and regular attendees will be available on the center table at the back of the sanctuary. If you don't know some of the people listed, ask someone to introduce you and get to know them. As you consider each individual person, please pray:

- Giving God thanks for placing each of these individuals in your life.
- Asking God to strengthen the bond between the two of you, considering what you can share about yourself that will help build your friendship.
- Considering what you know about them:
 - Do they have problems or troubles where you could come alongside them and give them a friend to lean on?
 - Do you know if they have committed their lives to Jesus Christ? If not, please pray for opportunities to witness to them.
- Asking for God's continued blessing on their lives and families.
- Asking God to strengthen their faith, and to protect them from temptation.

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Ways to Give to Redeemer:

- *Offering Plate*
- *Mail:* RPC Treasurer, c/o 115 W Lakeview Blvd., Erie, PA 16508
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