

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Sunday Morning Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter *Mother's Day*

May 10, 2026

Worship Theme: *"In a culture of consumerism, selfishness, immediacy, and mistrust, Jesus summons His disciples to plan for the future by trusting and serving God with our resources in the present. We can trust that our good Father will give precisely the good gifts to His children that we need, when we need them."*

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

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

**Prelude:** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*..... arr. Patterson

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name:  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways;  
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your House be my abode, and all my works be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

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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, call on his name.

**Congregation: Make known among the nations what he has done.**

Liturgist: Proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Congregation: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let his salvation be known to all the world.** *—Isaiah 12:4b-5a*

**\*Hymn No. 345:**

*Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken* ..... *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 40..... Nathaniel Heinrich

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**A Moment for Children** ..... Shirley Wilson

**Hymn of Reflection:**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*..... *Medema*

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

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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.

**God of all mercy, we come to You confessing our many sins. We note that in our baptisms You have marked us as Your own. You have given us a new identity and made us part of the Body of Christ. In so doing, You have called us to rise to new life and to live together in community. However, we have not been faithful to Your call.**

**We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits. We confess we have failed to welcome others, broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters, and served ourselves more than we have served You.**

**Please forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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

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

Liturgist: All the prophets testify about Christ:

**Congregation: that everyone who believes on him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**

*—from Acts 10:43*

**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."*

*Note: The children attending Children's Church may go to their classroom.*

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**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and**

**The Lord’s Prayer**..... Rev. Giffone

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:** Romans 6:15-23 ..... Nathaniel Heinrich

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:** “Good Gifts to Those Who Ask” ..... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 6:19-24; 7:6-11

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

**Offering:** *Servant Song* ..... Gillard

Brother, sister, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; We’re together on this road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

*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: *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, 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.

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Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate  
rows for disposal of the used communion cups

**Prayer following Communion** ..... Rev. Giffone

**\*Hymn No. 32: *Great is Thy Faithfulness***..... *FAITHFULNESS*

**\*Benediction** ..... Rev. Giffone

**Postlude: *The Church's One Foundation*** .....arr. Berry

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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

This month we will pray for *EduNations* and its mission in Sierra Leone, West Africa. For many years, Redeemer has supported this mission to educate children in Christian schools and spread the Gospel. Construction is underway for the Mayatta Teachers' Quarters to provide housing for teachers. *EduNations* "inherited" this neglected Primary School from the Mayatta Village leadership and has been working hard to upgrade and improve the quality of education in this very poor village. Other things to specifically pray for include:

- Praise that an 11-year-old student, Alhaji Kamara, recovered after a snake bite, thanks to anti-venom at Caring Hands Clinic.
- Praise that student, Mabinty Kamara, has recovered from typhoid, after receiving treatment in Makeni.
- Pray for Esther, a 5th grade student now in a safe home, after abuse. Pray for healing and for justice to be pursued.
- Pray for the family of Fatu Kamara, a 5th grade student, who recently passed away due to an unknown illness.
- Pray for the team in Sierra Leone, including the new Country Director, Kandeh Koroma, and Educational Secretary, Michael Turay, along with other staff, as they travel to each of the communities over the coming weeks. Pray for safety, wisdom, and encouragement in their work.

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**Accompanist:** ..... Shirley Wilson

**Ruling Elders:** ..... Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

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