

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Sunday Morning Worship First Sunday after Pentecost *Trinity Sunday*

May 31, 2026

Worship Theme: *“In a culture of anxiety and fear, Jesus calls us to flourish by relying on our Heavenly Father who loves us and sustains us. Seeking His glory, we will find our own satisfaction, joy, and peace.”*

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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: Great is Thy Faithfulness** ..... Liszt/Berry

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided

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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: The Lord is our light and our salvation,

**Congregation: Whom shall we fear?**

Liturgist: The Lord is the strength of our life,

**Congregation: Of whom shall we be afraid? We shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**

Liturgist: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

**Congregation: Indeed, we wait for the Lord!**

—adapted from Psalm 27:1, 14

**\*Hymn No. 598:**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* ..... CWM RHONDDA

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-11 .....Laurel 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

**Hymn of Reflection:** *Lead Me, Lord* ..... S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.

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Make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,  
That makest me dwell in safety.

**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.

**Heavenly Father, As we come to You, confessing our many sins, we recognize that You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Please forgive us for our lack of gratitude.**

**We confess that we always want more. We resent what we lack and are jealous of those who seem to have more than we do. Please forgive us for not taking pleasure in all the goodness You have showered on our lives.**

**In Jesus, You have shown us how to live in humility and to give our service. Please renew our spirits that we might be Jesus' faithful disciples, giving praise and thanksgiving always. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

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

**Liturgist:** The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**Congregation:** **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.** —*Psalm 103:8-12*

**Thanks be to our God!**

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**\*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."*

**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.

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 4.....Laurel LeSuer

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

**Sermon:** "Your Heavenly Father Knows  
What You Need" ..... Rev. Giffone

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 6:25-34; 7:28-29

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

**Offering:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ..... *arr. Berry*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

*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***..... *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.*

(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. 347: *The Church's One Foundation*** .....*AURELIA*

*(Verses 1 through 3)*

**Liturgy for De-Camping Weis Library UMC**

Pastor: Dearly beloved brothers and sisters: Seeing  
that it has pleased Almighty God to allow  
us to gather in His name to worship Him for  
these several years in this house of worship,  
let us now re-dedicate it to the honor of  
God's most holy name. God and Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who are in  
heaven:

*(...continued over...)*

**Congregation: To You we re-dedicate this house.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Son of God, Savior of the world,  
Head of the Body which is the Church:

**Congregation: To You we re-dedicate this house.**

Pastor: Spirit of God, given to be our abiding  
Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter; Lord and  
Giver of life:

**Congregation: To You we re-dedicate this house.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

Eternal God, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, but who do graciously manifest Yourself to Your people who assemble in Your name: Assure us of Your presence with us who are here gathered together to re-dedicate this house to Your glory. Let it remain separate from this time forth from all unhallowed and common uses. Be with us as we set it apart entirely to Your service, for the offering to You of the sacrifices of prayer and praise, for the reading and preaching of Your holy Word, for the celebration of Your holy sacraments, for the blessing of Your people in Your name, and for all other sacred ordinances. Accept, we pray, this willing service at our hands, and grant that this house may be a habitation of Your glory, so that all who seek Your presence here may behold Your everlasting light, and be satisfied with Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

(Liturgy for De-Camping continues on the Bulletin Insert)

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**Minister of Music and Worship:** ..... Thomas Brooks

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

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

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**Scripture Readings**.....Rev. Giffone

And whenever the ark set out, Moses said, “Arise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate you flee before you.”

—Numbers 10:35

Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.’ Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’ And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

—Ezekiel 11:16-20

**Pastor:** Almighty God: we bless and praise You for gathering us together as a congregation, and for permitting us to worship You in this place. We thank You that, even though we have been compelled to change our place of assembly several times in the short life of this church, You have been with us wherever we have gone, and ever remain a sanctuary for us. Help us to worship You faithfully, and to fulfill Your great commission to make disciples of all nations, wherever we go. In Christ’s name we pray: Amen.

**Hymn No. 1:** *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* .....*OLD HUNDREDETH*

All people that on Earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

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May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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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 for June**

So often in our prayer life, we make petitions and requests and given thanks for God’s attentive ear. During June, our Monthly Prayer Focus will be on *listening*. What is God saying to each one of us? Let’s put away our list of topics and people for whom we routinely pray and just *listen*. We are so used to agendas and activity that this could take some practice.

During our regular prayer times, let’s set aside a block of time to quiet our mental activity and allow God to speak to our hearts, instilling a new thought in our minds. There is no direction to guide this time, no topic on which to meditate. We should simply ask the question: “Lord, what do You want to say to me?” Then, let God take the lead and *listen* for what He is saying.

