

# REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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## Sunday Morning Worship Fourth Sunday after Pentecost *Father's Day*

June 21, 2026

Worship Theme: "Jesus is the source of peace and unity.  
Those blessings flow from Him to His people and then  
to the world around them."

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

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

**Prelude: *Eternal Life*** ..... Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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### Connection/Request for Prayer

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Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Liturgist: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

**Congregation: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Liturgist: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

**Congregation: and extol him with music and song.**

—Psalm 95:1-2

**\*Hymn No. 76:**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* .....LAUDA ANIMA

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 29:1-9.....Lydia Kmecik

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** .....Shirley Wilson

**Hymn of Reflection:** *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* ..... Ramsey

Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!  
Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!  
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;  
Lead me with heav'nly light; teach me thy way.

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!  
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!  
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,  
Until the crown is won, teach me thy way.

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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.

**Almighty and merciful God, You are eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast. We come into Your presence knowing that Your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of us is worthy of Your tender care.**

**We confess before You our many sins, including our sins of self-righteousness, pride, and possessiveness. Please remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Please renew Your peace within us, so that we may approach You with confidence and serve You with joy. We ask these things through Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

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

**Liturgist:** God demonstrated his own love for us in this:

**Congregation:** **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!**

—Romans 5:8-9

**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.”*

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and  
The Lord’s Prayer**..... Rev. Giffone

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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.

**\*Gospel Reading:** John 17:20-23 .....Lydia Kmecik

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "See How Good It Is" .....Zachary Harvey

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 133

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

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

**Offering:** *Come, Thou Fount* ..... arr. Callahan

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

*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.*

**\*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.)

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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. 341:**

*O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us .. SPIRITUS VITAE*

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

**Postlude:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*..... arr. Patterson

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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.

**A Blessed Father’s Day**

A blessed Father’s Day to all dads present in our Worship  
Service today. May you continue to experience the fullness  
of God’s richest blessings.

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## Special Worship Service on July 5th

On Sunday, July 5, 2026, we will meet at 10:30 a.m. for a combined Worship Service with St. Paul's/The Cross at Glenwood Park. Redeemer folks are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, though we anticipate that there will be enough seating under one of the pavilions.

## Monthly Prayer Focus for June

So often in our prayer life, we make petitions and requests and give 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.



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

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

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