

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Worship Theme: *"The inheritance promised to Abraham is guaranteed to all who share his faith—both Jew and Gentile—not through adherence to the Law, but by grace alone."*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. Berry

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed;
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.
I need no other argument, I need no other plea.
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Let us worship the name of our wonderful Lord.

Congregation: The Lord reigns over all creation.

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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

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Liturgist: The voice of God creates all things,

Congregation: Nothing exists without the creative power of the Lord.

Liturgist: May God give strength to all who gather here today.

Congregation: May the Lord bless us with His peace.

***Hymn No. 165:**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim..... LYONS

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for ChildrenShirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *Spirit of the Living God.....Iverson*

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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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 God, You who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, please hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our many sins and transgressions. We implore You, asking for Your mercy and forgiveness, through the shed blood of Your Son.

We have broken Your holy laws by our words, by our deeds, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow humans.

Please have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: I write to you so that you will not sin.

Congregation: **But if anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

—1 John 2:1-2

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.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 33:12-22 Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Faith Against Hope" Jason Dunn

Sermon Text: Romans 4:13-25

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table..... Jason Dunn

Offering: *Faith of Our Fathers*..... arr: Schinske

Faith of our fathers! Living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;

O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear God's glorious word.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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** (*unison*) Thomas Brooks

**Heavenly Father, every good gift comes from
You. You give generously without refusing or
reproaching anyone. May our gifts assist the
preaching of the gospel, so that all can experience
Your divine grace and mercy, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

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Communion Opening Prayer
and Words of Institution Jason Dunn

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 Jason Dunn

***Hymn No. 523:** *My Hope is in the Lord* WAKEFIELD

***Benediction** (*in unison to each other*) Thomas Brooks

**May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our 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, Son, and Holy Spirit—be
among us and remain with us always. Amen.**

—based on *Philippians 4:7*

Postlude: *Blessed Assurance* arr. Patterson

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 one of
our Ruling Elders—Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns.

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Call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation

The Session has issued a call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 10:45 a.m. regular Worship Service on Sunday, August 16, 2026, for the purpose of conducting such business as recommended by the Session.

Monthly Prayer Focus

During August, we request each one in our congregation to pray, asking for God's wisdom and leading for Redeemer Church. Significant changes are coming to Redeemer, and we will need God's guidance. As Pastor Benj ends his transitional ministry with us, we are searching for a new pastor. We also have an opportunity to purchase a building, as a permanent location and home for our congregation. Both circumstances will require significant commitments by the congregation. Please pray for:

- God's leading, as we seek to be faithful disciples and exhibit His Kingdom here in Erie.
- Courage, discernment, and faith to follow that leading.
- The appropriate pastoral candidate to lead Redeemer, and that God will place that call on his or her heart.
- Open or closed doors, as Redeemer considers this current opportunity to purchase a building.
- Pastor Benj, giving thanks for his ministry among us, and asking God to give Pastor Benj a fruitful ministry in his next endeavor and calling.



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Minister of Music and Worship: Thomas Brooks

Accompanist: Shirley Wilson

Ruling Elders: Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

Ways to Give to Redeemer:

- *Offering Plate*
- *Mail:* RPC Treasurer, c/o 115 W Lakeview Blvd., Erie, PA 16508
- *Online:* <https://www.rpcerie.org/give>



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Men's Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday, August 8, 2026, the men of Redeemr will meet for a Prayer Breakfast. Please see Joshua Stearns for location and details.

Church Picnic

Redeemer Presbyterian Church will hold a Church Fellowship Picnic at Glenwood Park on **Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

Please bring a dish to share as follows:

- Last name beginning with A-M—please bring fruit or desserts.
- Last name beginning with N-Z—please bring salads or vegetables.

The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and cold drinks.

Each individual or family should also bring their own tablecloth, plates, silverware, and cups.

If you have questions, please see Jamie Stahl or telephone him at 814-602-7244.

Also, if you want to participate in the Annual Corn Hole Tournament, please sign up with Jamie before hand. Winners get bragging rights for the next year!

Sermon Notes
