

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



<https://www.rpcerie.org>

Sunday Morning Worship Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

Worship Theme: *"In a harsh and violent world far from God's ideal, God commands His people to seek the well-being of the cities in which we live. Our faithful exilic living is a testimony to the nations of God's redeeming love, shown most fully in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus"*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: Here I Am, Lord arr. Howell (adapted)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard the people cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold the people in my heart.

(...continued over...)

----- (please tear off here) -----

Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

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

(...continued on other side...)

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: O Lord, open our eyes,

Congregation: **That we may see the beauty of Your goodness.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our ears,

Congregation: **That we may hear Your truth.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: **That we may show forth Your praise.**

***Hymn No. 167:**

When Morning Gilds the Skies *LAUDES DOMINI*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 106:1-6, 36-47 Nathaniel Heinrich

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

A Moment for Children Shirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *Take My Life, and Let it Be* *Havergal*

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

(...continued over...)

-----*(please tear off here)*-----

(...continued from other side...)

Take my love; my Lord I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.
Ever, only, all for thee.

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, as we come to You confessing our many sins, we acknowledge that You are the giver of every good gift. Please forgive us for our lack of gratitude. We sadly confess 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 upon our lives.

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

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

Congregation: **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!

***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!

(...continued over...)

***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 (K through 5th grade) attending Children's Church may go to their classroom.

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: 1 Peter 2:9-17..... Nathaniel Heinrich

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "A Future and a Hope?"..... Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 29:1-14

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Remembrance - Communion - Hope

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

Offering: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Theearr. Dillon*

O Master, let me walk with thee

In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me thy secret; Help me bear

the strain of toil, the fret of care.

***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.

(...continued over...)

***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. 355:** *We Are God's People* SYMPHONY

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*arr. Tornquist

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.

(...continued over...)

Monthly Prayer Focus

During September, we will continue to pray 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.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Redeemer Women will meet for fellowship and prayer at 9:30 on Saturday morning, September 26, 2026. We invite women to please join us! The group meets in various homes. For location details, please contact Amy Stearns after the Worship Service, or by calling: (412) 973-9843.



Pastor: Rev. Benjamin D. Giffone, PhD

pastor@rpcerie.org/724-221-2595

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>



To contact the church: info@rpcerie.org

CCLI License #11138332
