

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

Worship Theme: *"God's mercy covers the shame of
wrongs we have done and wrongs done to us.
He clothes us in ascribed honor that we do not
deserve."*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*.....arr. Berry

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore,
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.

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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: With all that is within us, let us bless the Lord,

Congregation: **who forgives our sins, who heals all our diseases,**

Liturgist: who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Congregation: **with all that is within us, let us give thanks and praise to God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.**

—based on Psalm 103

***Hymn No. 53:**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *LOBE DEN HERREN*

Psalter Reading: Psalm 3.....Sarah Crosby

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children Rev. Giffone

Note: The children (0 through 4 years) may go to the nursery classroom.

Hymn of Reflection: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*.....Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly.
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

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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 most merciful Father, we confess that we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. We have done those things which we ought not to have done. And, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*—based upon The Book of Common Worship, second order
and adapted by Rev. T. David Gordon, PhD*

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

Congregation: and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience, and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

—Hebrews 10:19-23

Thanks be to 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.

Epistle Reading:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7; 1 Peter 4:8 Sarah Crosby

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"Shame and Dishonor, Covered by Glory" Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Zechariah 1:14-17; 2:8-12; 3:1-5

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

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

Offering: *The Tender Love a Father Has* arr. Callahan

The tender love a father has for all his children dear,
Such love the Lord bestows on them who worship him in fear.
Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same,
Displayed to all who do his will and reverence his name.

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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.

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

Prayer following Communion Rev. Giffone

***Hymn No. 460:** *Amazing Grace!*..... AMAZING GRACE
(Verses 1, 3, 4, and 6)

***Benediction** Rev. Giffone

Postlude:

O For a Thousand Tongues/O Worship the Kingarr. 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

During October, let us pause our prayer petitions and give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us personally and on Redeemer. As we pray, let us give thanks to God for:

- Being able to know God through His written Word and through the life of Jesus Christ here on earth.
- The love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming work on the cross, and for the gift of faith, that He has called us to be included in His Kingdom.
- Placing us in a country where the standard of living grants us plenty of opportunities for food, water, and physical comfort. All that we have comes from God. Let us ask ourselves: “Could I return a greater portion of that wealth, in a tithe or offering, to do God’s work?”
- Our families, including our Redeemer family. At Redeemer, we are blessed with many leaders to continue the ministry and growth of this congregation.

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Ways to Give to Redeemer:

- *Offering Plate*
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