

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, welcome. We are glad you are here. We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes in the margins that will help you participate and that offer some explanations. Redeemer is a safe place to ask questions and think differently, so feel free to ask the pastors and leaders anything that might be helpful for you, and please offer your feedback.

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, sometimes called a liturgy. This is because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship, not for a lecture, a conference, or a concert; not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scripture thousands of years ago. God speaks and we respond.

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to worship him. Confession - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children. Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the scripture. Communion - God draws us forward, as children to the father's table, to eat a covenant meal with him. Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

Participating in this alternating pattern of God's words and our responses each week not only provides help for today, but shapes our faith over time to highlight the tenacity and graciousness of God's covenantal love.

We are glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to me after our worship.

Grace and Peace.

David Juelfs Senior Pastor

Redeemer Presbyterian Church {Following Christ In The Renewal Of All Things}



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany : FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Reflection

"It is only when you deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow your Lord that you begin to experience the transcendent humanity for which you were created. Remember, Christ's call to you is a rescue.

In asking you to deny yourself and follow, He is giving to you what you could never earn or achieve on your own. You will not find it in your marriage, in parenting your children, in accumulating possessions, in the esteem of friends, in theological knowledge, or in the most beautiful location.

Christ offers you what you cannot earn and what the physical creation can never offer: the all-surpassing glory of knowing Him. This is the world's best prize. This is the universe's best meal. This is the only thing that will give life meaning and fill you with lasting joy.

The final question: In your everyday situations and relationships, where are you finding it hard to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Christ?"

-Paul David Tripp

CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT EASTER PENTECOST We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the world. Throughout the season we focus on the ministry of Jesus: the calling of the disciples, the teachings of Christ, his miracles, and finally his transfiguration. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah. Epiphany calls us to live God's mission, announcing the good news of Christ's arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world (from Seeking God's Face by Philip Reinders).

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal Invisible (MUSIC ON PAGE 3)

The call to worship establishes the lines of communication in worship. God always comes to us before we come to God. Biblical worship is a response to God's gracious revelation of himself to his people.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 16

Leader: I say to the Lord, —You are my Lord: I have no good apart from you

People: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices.

People: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during

worship God speaks to his

people and we respond together as a community.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

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.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go I Surrender All (MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

WORDS: WALTER SMITH, MUSIC: WELSH FOLK TUNE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

WORDS: GEORGE MATHESON, MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

I SURRENDER ALL

WORDS AND MUSIC: JUDSON WHEELER, VAN DEVENTER WINFIELD, SCOTT WEEDEN

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at His feet I bow Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me Jesus take me now

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender Make me Savior wholly Thine Let me feel the Holy Spirit Truly know that Thou art mine

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender Lord I give myself to Thee Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessing fall on me

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender Now I feel the sacred flame O the joy of full salvation Glory glory to His name

Cleansing

Please be seated.

The call to repentance invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON ROMANS 5:8; HEBREWS 4:16

While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Heavenly Father, our lives are often marked by judgmentalism. We often feel it is our right to condemn others, believing we are discerning. But so often our condemnation is marked by anger and contempt. We do not seek the redemption of those whom we dislike, instead we wish for their downfall. Forgive us. We have not had the heart of Christ. Help us to take the log out of our own eye before we try to help others. Empower us to love our enemies and bless those who persecute us. May our speech be marked by civility and compassion even as we are a people of truth. In the name of our Suffering Savior, who extended grace to us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
WORDS: JOSEPH HART, 1759; MUSIC: WILLIAM WALKER, 1835

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and power.
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.

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (From Romans 5:1-2)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Constitution

Please be seated.

LIVING THE REDEEMER VISION

(See announcements on page 20.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 2:13-16 (ESV)

(Page 802 in the red Bible.)

The Word of
God is the chief
and final means
through which
God speaks to
us; the principle
and most direct
way we hear
from God in
worship.

¹³ And this second thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. ¹⁴ But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to Sermon time class or remain in the service. Children will return to the worship service at the end of the sermon.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGEREV. DAVID JUELFS

Marriage: What God Has Joined

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new

faith.

Please stand. **SONG OF RESPONSE**

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (MUSIC ON PAGE 9)

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

WORDS: HENRY LYTE. MUSIC: BILL MOORE

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute despised forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Go then earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure
With Thy favor loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

As recipients of abundant life in Christ, we now offer our gifts to God.

Let us pray. O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

Jesus Paid It All (MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

JESUS PAID IT ALL

WORDS: ELVINA HALL. MUSIC: JOHN GRAPE

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

Chorus

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete Jesus died my soul to save My lips shall still repeat

Chorus

Communion

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give him thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life. Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. We, the church, are his bride, his body, and his people. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

{ Congregation sings together }

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
WORDS: JOSEPH HART (1759), MUSIC: WILLIAM WALKER (1835)

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every grace that brings you nigh

> Come, ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all

> > Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

Sursum Corda is Latin for "lift up your hearts." One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly minded and summons us into the Lord's presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2000 years of worshiping Christians who have gone before.

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Creator God, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we and your entire church may be called out and made whole through this supper. Show us that your grace is greater than our division. Show us that your mercy is greater than our sin.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table.

Directions for taking communion are on page 15.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus I Come
WORDS: WILLIAM SLEEPER (1887), MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON (2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm, Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

God of unfailing love, in your holy mysteries you have graciously fed us with the body and blood of your dear Son. We pray that we and all who faithfully receive him may grow together in the communion of the body of Christ and finally attain to the glory of the resurrection, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Directions for taking communion:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

When and how to come forward for communion: Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

A Word to Parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor David. Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.

* Gluten-free crackers contain organic brown and white rice flour only.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

(Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.)

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant tht I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Commission

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Lead On O King Eternal (MUSIC ON PAGE 17)

Just as we begin
with with
God's gracious
invitation, so
we end with
God's promise
to always be
with us.

BLESSING - 1PETER 5:10-11

"After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever."

It is appropriate to lift our heads as a symbol that through Christ God graciously lifts our head, and we hold out our hands palms up to symbolize our need and eagerness to receive God's blessing.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation. Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

WORDS: ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF, ALT. JEFF PARDO, MUSIC: JEFF PARDO

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King, lead on, O King Lead on, O King, lead on

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead on, O King, lead on, O King Lead on, O King, lead on

Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Winter Session 2: Sundays, February 15 - March 22, 9:00 - 9:50am

ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Our next session of classes and workshops begins next Sunday, February 15th. We are offering two classes during this second winter session:

Readings in Malachi

Instructor: Pastor David Juelfs Location: MPR Area, Room 10

Join Pastor David for a five-week workshop on the Old Testament's last book, Malachi. This will not be a lecture, but a guided engagement with Malachi especially focused on how its message speaks to us today. Pastor David will be preaching a post-Easter sermon series on Malachi and your questions and insights into this important book will help shape his sermon series.

Lenten Reflections & Practices

Instructor: Pastor Adam Feichtmann Location: MPR Area. Room 9

Lent is an old English word that means springtime. Over the centuries Christians have used this time of year before Easter to say, "I need a springtime in my soul." You are invited to join Pastor Adam for a journey to the cross of Christ through weekly Lenten reflections and suggested spiritual practices.

Spring Class Schedule

See our spring session dates below. Class offerings for the spring sessions will be announced at a later date.

Spring Session 1: 4/12 - 5/3 Spring Session 2: 5/17 - 6/7

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Instructor: Mike Maxwell Location: MPR Area, Room 2

We invite our youth to join us for a fun, creative, and relationally-based workshop, focused on studying the Bible and the catechisms.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-Kinder)

Teachers: Jeff & Emily Patterson Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st - 3rd grades) Teachers: Jason & Anna Tester Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades) Teachers: Maureen Messenger Location: MPR Area, Room 8

These classes teach children Bible truths through simple questions and answers, promoting memorization using Bible teaching, music, & activities. Children will learn that they are made for God's glory and enjoyment in him and how to apply that truth to their lives. We will be using the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum.

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years
Location: Room directly outside the chapel.
Available during Classes & Workshops, and
the worship service.

^{*}Classes and workshops will not meet on 3/1 due to the men's retreat nor on 5/10 in observance of Mother's Day.

Community Life

Parishes & Community Groups

PARISH

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. Parishes are designed to help us connect with the Redeemer people we live close to and to empower our local Redeemer communities to contribute to the health of our cities. See information for our next parish gatherings listed below.

Beach Cities

Next gathering TBA adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

Central County

Next gathering TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Drew Duncan smonterastelli@hotmail.com

North County

Next gathering TBA aduncan@waxie.com 714.614.7953

South County

Next gathering TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Times and locations for our winter community groups are listed below.

Beach Cities Groups

Newport-Mesa/Feichtmann Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Costa Mesa/Pringle Home Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm Contact: Stephanie Handley srhandley@gmail.com, 619-665-7952

Newport Beach/TBY Library Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Cameron Moore camerondavidmoore@gmail.com 805-657-7356

Newport Beach/TBY Sundays, 12:15-1:30pm Meets twice/month - Next meeting, 2/8 Contact: Carl Messenger carl.messenger@cox.net, 949-374-0711

North County Group

Fullerton/Duncan Home Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm Contact: Tim & Jamie Pickavance timandjamie@gmail.com, timpick@gmail.com 714-869-3077

Central County Group

Irvine/Kornu Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu kornufamily@gmail.com, 949-559-5502

South County Group

Lake Forest/Fusco Home Next meeting TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Jr High & High School Group

Vitaly Cafe @ The Camp in Costa Mesa Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Announcements & Events

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Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Sunday, February 8, 12:00 pm

Newcomers to Redeemer are invited to lunch following worship today at the home of David and Heather Juelfs in Costa Mesa. Whether this is your first Sunday at Redeemer or you have been coming for several months, we would love to see you there. Bring your family and enjoy lunch and a time to get to know our Redeemer pastors and learn more about Redeemer church. See Kem Erskine or one of our pastors if you need the address and directions. We look forward to seeing you there and getting to know you.

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm, Dinner and Study, Begins 2/23 Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm, Study, Begins 2/26

Join us for our next bible study on Judges: *The Flawed and the Flawless* by Tim Keller. The Monday evening group is at the Tester home in Newport Beach and will begin with dinner followed by the study. Our Thursday night group is at the Knox home and will be the study only. Contact Emily Patterson, emilywpatterson@gmail.com, with questions.

2015 Men's Retreat

Friday-Sunday, February 27-March 1

Join the men of Redeemer at this year's men's retreat at the Serra Retreat Center, a beautiful sacred space nestled in the hills of Malibu. This Catholic retreat center is the perfect place for us to reflect on our retreat topic of "Sabbath Rest." Not to mention, it has stunning ocean views and great surf less than a mile away. We are privileged to have Dr. Karl Johnson from Chesterton House, a center for Christian studies at Cornell University, as our guest speaker for the weekend. Register online at our Men's Retreat web page (redeemeroc.org/ministries/mens-retreat) or pick up a registration card at the Men's Ministry table in the chapel hall. Please make retreat payments payable to Redeemer with "Men's Retreat" in the memo. *Turn in your registrations today!*

Reception for Elder Ordination

Sunday, February 22, following worship

Plan to remain after worship on Sunday, February 22nd, to celebrate the ordination of our new Ruling Elder, Cameron Moore. We will have a light lunch reception and time for fellowship to celebrate with Cameron and his family. A gluten-free menu will be served.

Redeemer at a Glance

{ FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS }

Thank you for joining us. We hope you are encouraged and empowered. A church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. The rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

WORSHIP } Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.

NURTURE } Learning how to live the kingdom life together. Community groups, classes and workshops, men's and women's ministry, family ministry, and simply having a good time together.

CULTURE } Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful.

JOIN US

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 19.

COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.19.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Details on page 18.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Yearly retreats and regular gatherings to deepen our relationships and support each other.

FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.

MEMBERSHIP – Membership is our commitment to live our kingdom life together.

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

The Lord's Supper is not simply an ordinary meal among human beings— it is a fellowship with Christ, in his presence and at his table. We must avoid the idea that any automatic or magical benefit comes from sharing in the Lord's Supper, whether a person participates in faith or not. But when a person participates in faith, renewing and strengthening his or her own trust in Christ for salvation, and believing that the Holy Spirit will bring spiritual blessing through such participation, then certainly additional blessing may be expected.

We must be careful here to avoid the mistake of overreacting to Roman Catholic teaching and maintaining that the Lord's Supper is merely symbolic and not a means of grace. Paul says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation (Gk. koinonia, "sharing," "fellowship") in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation [koinonia] in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

Because there is such a sharing in the body and blood of Christ (apparently meaning a sharing in the benefits of Christ's body and blood given for us), the unity of believers is beautifully exhibited at the time of the Lord's Supper. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). And since we are participants at "the table of the Lord" (1 Cor. 10:21), Paul warns the Corinthians that they cannot participate in the Lord's table and also participate in idol worship: "You cannot partake in the table of the Lord and the table of demons" (1 Cor. 10:21). There is a spiritual union among believers and with the Lord that is strengthened and solidified at the Lord's Supper, and it is not to be taken lightly.

This is why the Corinthians were experiencing judgment for their abuse of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:29-30). But if Paul says there will be judgment for wrong participation in the Lord's Supper, then certainly we should expect blessing for right participation in the Lord's Supper.

When we obey Jesus' command, "Take, eat" (Matthew 26:26), and go through the physical activity of eating and drinking at the Lord's table, our physical action pictures a corresponding spiritual nourishment, a nourishment of our soul that will occur when we participate in obedience and faith. Jesus says, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-6).

Certainly Jesus is not speaking of a literal eating of his flesh and blood. But if he is not speaking of a literal eating and drinking, then he must have in mind a spiritual participation in the benefits of the redemption he earns. The spiritual nourishment, so necessary for our souls, is both symbolized and experienced in our participation in the Lord's Supper.

Daily Scripture Readings

Please use your Order of Worship as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

Week 5 of Epiphany

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 34 / John 7:37-46

Monday

Morning: Psalms 80 / Isaiah 58:1-12 / Galatians 6:11-18

Evening: Psalms 77, 79 / Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 78:1-39 / Isaiah 59:1-15 / 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Evening: Psalms 78:40-72 / Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:97-120 / Isaiah 59:15-21 / 2 Timothy 1:15-2:13

Evening: Psalms 81, 82 / Mark 10:1-16

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 83, 146, 147 / Isaiah 60:1-17 / 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Evening: Psalms 85, 86 / Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Morning: Psalms 88 / Isaiah 61:1-9 / 2 Timothy 3:1-17

Evening: Psalms 91, 92 / Mark 10:32-45

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 87, 90 / Isaiah 61:10-62:5 / 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Evening: Psalms 136 / Mark 10:46-52

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 66, 67 / Isaiah 62:6-12 / 1 John 2:3-11

You can follow the daily readings online at redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/

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We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

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Day Evening

Prayer of Belief

or greeter.

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

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I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me new life.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and recieve you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

If you are praying this for the first time, please let a Christian friend or pastor know.

We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about Redeemer. We are here to serve you.

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