



REDEEMER  
ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



# 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.

Cleansing - 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}



*Third Sunday After Easter*     :     MAY 7, 2017

**REFLECTION**

“All human strength, gifts, abilities, and life itself, along with the material resources out of which the wealth has been created, are the gift of God. We are as little the makers of our own strength as we are the makers of the earth... This is the first principle of biblical economics. The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, but he has given it to the human race for our use.”  
- Christopher Wright

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - COLOSSIANS 2:12**

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we may celebrate this Easter season of the Lord’s resurrection with joy. Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CALENDAR

- ADVENT     The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration
- CHRISTMAS     that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word pentekoste means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let
- EPIPHANY     the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living
- LENT     to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—
- EASTER**     the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the
- PENTECOST     absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation (from Seeking God’s Face by Philip Reinders).

# Calling

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

Bold text is read together by the congregation.  
Plain text is read by the leader.  
Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

*The Lord Is King*  
WORDS: JOSIAH CONDER MUSIC NATHAN PARTAIN

The Lord is King!  
Lift up your voice,  
O earth and all  
Ye heav'ns, rejoice!  
From world to world  
The joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON 1 PETER 1:3-5

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.

Minister: The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power.

**People: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. Knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love we now worship and adore you.**

## 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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
*Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right*  
( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

## **JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE**

WORDS: EDWARD HODGES AND HENRY VAN DYKE, MUSIC: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

You bring us joy, joy, joy  
We adore Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father Christ our redeemer  
All who know His love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

You bring us joy, joy, joy  
We adore Thee

## **WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT**

WORDS: SAMUEL RODIGAST (1676), MUSIC: DAVID BRAUD (1998)

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Holy His will abideth  
I will be still whate'er He does  
And follow where He guideth  
He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
Wherefore to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path  
I know He will not leave me  
I take content what He hath sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away  
And patiently I wait His day

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart  
I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart

# Cleansing

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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 - PSALM 37: 4-7

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act... Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him. Let us confess our sins together.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Almighty and merciful Father, 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; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, 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 the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*Be Thou My Vision*

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision	Be Thou my Wisdom
O Lord of my heart	And Thou my true Word
Nought be all else to me	I ever with Thee
Save that Thou art	And Thou with me Lord
Thou my best thought	Thou my great Father
By day or by night	And I Thy true son
Waking or sleeping	Thou in me dwelling
Thy presence my light	And I with Thee one

Please stand.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - 1THESSALONIANS 3:11-13, 5:24

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.

Minister: Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus... make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints... He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

**People: And also with you.**

# Constitution

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Please be seated.

## **CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER**

( At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children 2 years through Kindergarten need to be signed into their class prior to the service or at dismissal and signed out following the sermon or after the service. )

## **READING GOD'S WORD**

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

*Deuteronomy 8:11–20*

( Page 153 in the red Bible. )

<sup>11</sup> "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'  
<sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Shaped by Generosity: The Gift*

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.

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Please stand.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Satisfied*

( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

## **SATISFIED**

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS (1875), MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (1997)

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

### *Chorus*

*Hallelujah! He has found me  
The One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

### *Chorus*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

### *Chorus*

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

### *Chorus*

Please stand.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 17

The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg in 1563 by Zacharius Ursinus to teach Reformed Christianity in Germany. For close to four centuries it has remained one of the most widely used and loved catechism of the Reformation. It has been praised for its warmth and personal nature.

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

## OFFERTORY - BASED ON DEUTERONOMY 8:18

Minister: Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Let us pray. O God, help us to remember that all we have is from you. Convince us that you are our loving father who provides and cares for us. Would that make us confident and generous. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

Please be seated for the offertory.

## OFFERTORY SONG

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

*Instrumental Solo*

STEVE VELEZ, CELLO

# Communion

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## 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: Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this season of resurrection. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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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.

## ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

( Congregation sings together )

*How Great Thou Art*

WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: We praise you that as we break bread in faith, through the work of the Spirit, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints. Amen.

## 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!**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

( Directions for taking communion are on page 12. )

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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.

## 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 that 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.

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION SONG

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

WORDS: SAMUEL TREVOR FRANCIS, MUSIC: WELSH MELODY (ADAPT. THOMAS JOHN WILLIAMS)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father,  
You have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Commission

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Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

WORDS: THOMAS CHISHOLM, MUSIC: WILLIAM RUNYAN

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me

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

## BLESSING - BASED ON HEBREWS 13:20-21

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.

May the God of peace  
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,  
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,  
through Jesus Christ  
to whom be glory forever and ever.

## THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

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## 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](http://www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons)

# Announcements & Events

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## **Safe Families Presentation**

*Today, May 7, Middle Hour 10:10-10:50 am*

Join us during middle hour today to hear from Chad and Christie Brewer about Safe Families for Children, a national movement of compassion that began in Chicago in 2003 as an alternative to the foster care system. The ministry uniquely provides biblical hospitality and support to children and families in crisis through a network of volunteer host families. Safe Families is dedicated to family support, stabilization and child abuse prevention. From day one, Safe Families has relied on volunteer host families and the support of local churches to come alongside those in need. Local churches and individuals can support host families with prayer and other practical needs during placements such as meals, transportation, clothing or diapers. Chad and Christie Brewer became a host family with Safe Families in Minnesota in the spring of 2013. They have continued to serve as a host family in Orange County and occasionally provide short-term placements for local children. They look forward to sharing more about this ministry that has been life giving for their family and create vision for ways Redeemer can consider getting involved in Safe Families for Children in Orange County.

## **Redeemer 101 Class**

*Sundays, Middle Hour 10:10-10:50 am, Dates: May 7, 24, and June 4*

Join Pastor Adam Feichtmann for our Redeemer 101 class starting today during middle hour. This class is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 5 years, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The class will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities.

## **Congregational Meeting for Deacon Election**

*Sunday, May 28, Middle Hour, 10:10-10:50 am*

The Session of Redeemer is excited to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting to elect Mr. Andrew Evans and Mr. Larry Wormald as Deacons. According to the rules set forth in the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America, Mr. Evans and Mr. Wormald have been formally nominated by the congregation, have gone through extensive training, have passed their examinations with the Session, and are unanimously being recommended to stand for election by the Session. Redeemer members please plan to attend the meeting. All are welcome, but only communing members of Redeemer may participate in the vote. Nursery childcare will be available. In the coming weeks we will send out personal bios of Mr. Evans and Mr. Wormald.

# Middle Hour

*Lectures & Classes*

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## **SPRING SCHEDULE**

May 14 - No classes & lectures in observance of Mother's Day

May 28 - Deacon Election, Nursery and Children's Classes in Session

## **UPCOMING LECTURES & EVENTS**

*Middle hour classes and lectures are currently on break for Easter. Please see a list of upcoming lectures and events below.*

**Apr 23 - Dr. Kyle Strobel**  
***Jesus' Path to Power***

**Apr 30 - Redeemer Spring Brunch**

**May 7 - Safe Families Presentation by Brewer Family**

**May 21 - Dr. Dennis Okholm**  
***Monk Habits for Everyday People***

**June 4 - Dr. Darian Lockett**  
***Bible Translation***

**June 18 - Ethiopia ACT Presentation by Jason Polk**

### **Redeemer 101 Class**

Dates: May 7, 24, and June 4

Teacher: Pastor Adam Feichtmann

Location: MPR Area, Room 10

## **YOUTH BREAKFASTS**

**Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grade)**

Location: Patio outside the chapel hall

Leaders: Josh Cooper & Joey LeSuer

We invite our youth to join us for our Spring Youth Breakfasts on April 23, May 7, 21, and June 4 during the Middle Hour. Enjoy a homemade meal with friends and leaders as you discuss life and the Bible.

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-K)**

Location: MPR Area, Room 3

**Lower Elementary (1st-3rd grades)**

Location: MPR Area, Room 5

**Upper Elementary (4th-5th grades)**

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 worship and middle hour.

# Community Life

*Parishes, Community Groups & Bible Studies*

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## 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 each parish neighborhood listed below.

### **Beach Cities**

Contact: Clint Knox  
clint@komarinvestments.com  
949.903.4769

### **Central County**

Contact: Shawn Monterastelli  
smonterastelli@hotmail.com  
949.933.0085

### **North County**

Contact: Amber Fox  
mrsamberfox@me.com  
310.463.8177

### **South County**

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. Community Groups times and locations are listed below.

### **Newport-Mesa**

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

### **Newport Beach**

Port Street Homes  
Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Contact: Erik Rannala  
rannala.erik@gmail.com  
415-309-5109

### **University Hills (UCI)**

Reinkensmeyer Home  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Dave Reinkensmeyer  
dreinken@uci.edu  
949-856-1976

### **Irvine**

Kornu & Moore Homes  
Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu  
kornufamily@gmail.com  
949-559-5502

### **Costa Mesa**

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

### **Fullerton**

Duncan Home  
Every other Sunday, 4:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Drew & Stacey Duncan  
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com  
714-869-3077

### **Junior High - Costa Mesa**

Halecrest Back Clubhouse  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Contact: Joey LeSuer  
joey.joseph.m.lesuer@biola.edu

### **High School - Costa Mesa**

Cooper Home  
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Contact: Josh Cooper  
joshc@redeemeroc.org  
949-784-9853

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

During the week we offer bible studies for men and women to study scripture and pray together. The study this fall is on the book of Deuteronomy. See details below on our study times and locations:

### **Men's Bible Study**

Church Office, Newport Beach  
Thursdays, 6-7:15 am  
Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org

### **Women's Evening Bible Study**

Scanlon Home, Costa Mesa  
Every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Contact: Stephanie Handley  
srhandley@gmail.com

### **Women's Morning Bible Study**

Hodson Home, Newport Beach  
Thursdays, 9:15 am  
(Childcare available)  
Contact: Kerry Maxwell  
michael.maxwell3@gmail.com

# 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.
- MISSION } Making Jesus known among our neighbors and working to heal our neighborhoods. Get involved with your neighborhood parish.
- 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. 17.



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.17.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 16.



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



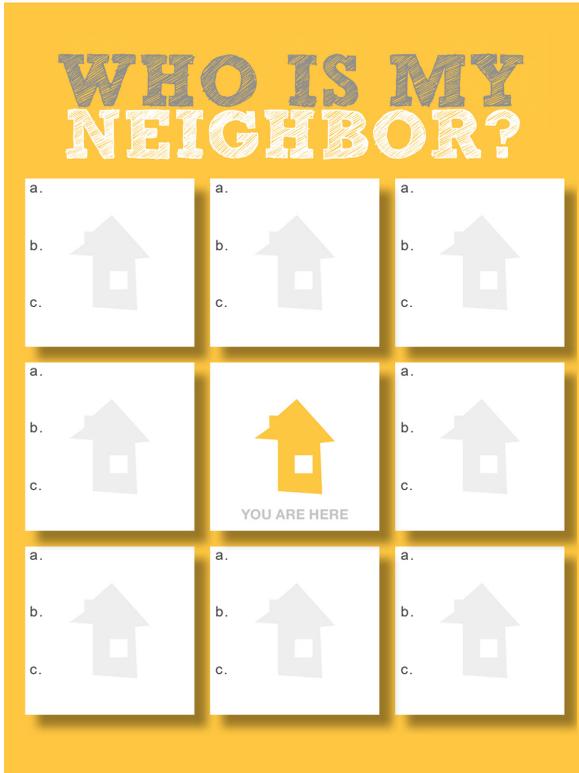
FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.



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

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

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a: Write the names of the people who live in the house represented by the box. If you can give first and last names, that's great. If it's only first names, that's fine too.

b: Write down some relevant information about each person, some data or facts about him or her that you couldn't see just by standing in your driveway, things you might know if you've spoken to the person once or twice. We don't mean drives a red car or has yellow roses by the sidewalk, because you could see that from your driveway. We mean information you've gathered from actually speaking to a neighbor, such as grew up in Idaho, is a lawyer, plays golf, is from Ethiopia, had a father in World War II.

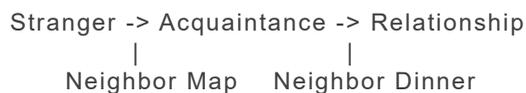
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear? What are their spiritual beliefs and practices? Write down anything meaningful that you've learned through interacting with them.

*"The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors."*

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

*"God is already working in your neighborhood. Being a good neighbor simply means slowing down and being aware of what he is designing. By developing real relationships, you'll find out how God is already moving in a person's life."*

- Dave Runyon



# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

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## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

Ethiopia ACT is an organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that works to reconcile people to God through Jesus Christ, and to reconcile them to themselves, others and creation—all resulting in the planting, growing and maturing of churches that in turn transform lives and communities through faithful witnesses to the Gospel. They began as a ministry to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on extremely poor families, but have grown to include other public health strategies that serve the wider community, as well as educational and psychological support for vulnerable children. Church planting and renewal is central to all their activities and a primary goal for their team.

Jason Polk, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Liz and their three children, is the family that we directly support, as he oversees the spiritual care for Ethiopia ACT and its work to grow a gospel-centered church planting movement among the poor communities of Addis Ababa.

## **Update**

Although the current state of emergency instated in Ethiopia has presented challenges, Ethiopia ACT continues to move forward in serving the local communities in Addis Ababa. Over the coming months, ACT will be adding 100 non-HIV families to their program, further extending their efforts in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors.

A previous prayer request was for members of the Suki community who were facing the destruction of their homes. Because government focus has been shifted elsewhere, the tearing down of these homes has been put on hold, and it does not appear that it will move forward. Praise God that those residents have not been displaced, and please pray for their continued wellbeing and provision.

The Polk family continues to do well, but as always, continue to lift them up in prayer as they labor and pour themselves out for the city of Addis Ababa.

Finally, ACT is in the process of registering with the Ethiopian government and asks for prayer that the process progresses smoothly.

## **Prayer Requests**

- For sustained strength, energy and safety for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff in Addis Ababa.
- For the current state of emergency in the country due to regional protests, and for peaceful resolution.
- That visiting teams being delayed or unable to travel would not have a negative impact on medical clinics or other services ACT provides.
- For a smooth process registering Ethiopia ACT with the government.
- For ACT to be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the new families being added to the program.

**Website:** [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)

# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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## **REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN**

Redeemer City to City is movement which helps local leaders start churches in global cities by providing content resources, renewable grants, local networks and comprehensive training. Within the Redeemer City to City network, we are specifically supporting the church-planting efforts of Seima Aoyagi, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Naoko and their four children, Pastor of Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo, Japan.

Grace Harbor Church is a bilingual church plant with the vision to see the Tokyo Waterfront become an area overflowing with the grace and blessings of Jesus Christ. An area where people can get a rest from the stormy world, recover, and then be sent out again on their next voyage, as salt and light, to make the Tokyo Waterfront more beautiful than ever with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Update**

Last April, Grace Harbor celebrated their one year anniversary of holding weekly worship services. They now have about 60 adults and 30 children attending the weekly service each week, and are slowly but steadily growing. Grace Harbor has had 2 more baptisms this year. Yoko was introduced to Grace Harbor at a community event and began developing friendships. After attending events regularly for 2 years she confessed her faith and became a Christian. Yoko then waited patiently for 2 more years for her husband to give approval for her baptism. This year she was finally baptized and her husband even came to the service! Mr. Suzuki, the 62-year-old pub owner and manager a local baseball team, completed his baptism classes and was baptized in early December 2016.

Last summer Grace Harbor welcomed many summer missions teams. These teams are instrumental in helping them get connected to non-Christians in the community through cultivating new relationships and hosting events. Some of these events included a Hawaiian BBQ, College outreach, Kids English Camp, and a Basketball outreach.

One of the major challenges this year is the reforming of their leadership team as they transition from being a missionary-heavy church to a Japanese church. Other challenges include the health issues with Pastor Seima's hearing problems and Pastor Fukuda's stroke from which both are miraculously recovering.

The Aoyagi family is seeing God work through their roles in the community. Seima's position as PTA chair has allowed him to make connections through which people have come to know about Grace Harbor. Naoko's involvement with Parakaleo Japan helps provide a care-network for wives in ministry.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For Seima's son Towa's continuous recovery through daily activity and rehab visit.
- For Seima's family to be dependent on the Lord more and more.
- For Grace Harbor Church as they are in the process of reformatting small groups.
- For new contacts through outreach events to develop friendships and introduce them to Jesus.
- For them to not only grow in number but also in maturity as followers of Christ
- For unity and focus in the leadership team, and for Seima to lead in a humble, godly manner.
- For more church planting happening in Tokyo, the world largest city yet with only 0.2% Christians!

**Websites:** [www.redeemercitytocity.com](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com), [www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://www.graceharborchurch.jp)

## 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

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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 4 of Easter**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalms 103 / Matthew 7:15-29

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 41,52 / Colossians 1:1-14

Evening: Psalms 44 / Luke 6:1-11

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 45 / Colossians 1:15-23

Evening: Psalms 47,48 / Luke 6:12-26

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 119:49-72 / Colossians 1:24-2:7

Evening: Psalms 49,53 / Luke 6:27-38

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 50 / Colossians 2:8-23

Evening: Psalms 59,60 or 114,115 / Luke 6:39-49

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 40,54 / Colossians 3:1-11

Evening: Psalms 51 / Luke 7:1-17

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 55 / Colossians 3:12-17

Evening: Psalms 138,139 / Luke 7:18-35

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / 2 Thessalonians. 2:13-17

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To sign up for our daily morning and evening prayer emails with these scripture readings along with prayers and liturgy from the Order of Worship, go to [redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up/](http://redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up/) or scan the QR code.





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**PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS**

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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*Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.*

*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 me new life.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive 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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Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

*Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

*Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code or use the url below if you prefer to complete this form online: [redeemeroc.org/response-card](http://redeemeroc.org/response-card)



The cover painting for Easter is by Redeemer artist Danielle Kimzey [www.daniellekimzey.com](http://www.daniellekimzey.com)