

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 in Lent MARCH 22, 2015

Reflection

"Christianity is not the sacrifice we make, but the sacrifice we trust; not the victory we win, but the victory we inherit."

- P.T. Forsyth

"Only those who have learned well to be earnestly dissatisfied with themselves, and to be confounded with shame at their wretchedness truly understand the Christian gospel."

- John Calvin

CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY "A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom."

- Alexander Schmemann

resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

LENT

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Faster are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation at

EASTER PENTECOST

Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus'

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 LUKE 4

Leader: Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read and said.

People: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

Leader: "He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind."

People: "To set at liberty those who are oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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

The Solid Rock In Christ Alone (MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

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.

Bold text is read together by the

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!

THE SOLID ROCK

WORDS: EDWARD MOTE (1836), MUSIC: WILLIAM BRADBURY (1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

IN CHRIST ALONE

WORDS AND MUSIC: KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my Light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Cleansing

CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON HEBREWS 4:14, 16

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.

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with a steadfast love beyond our understanding, and through the words of your prophets you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember your lavish gift of grace in sending your son to save us, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei
MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

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Have mercy on us

Grant us peace

Please stand for the Words of Assurance.

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: To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

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

People: And also with you.

Profession of Faith

Please be seated.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

Alex Barylskiy Crissy Cunningham Eric Gamelson Jordan & Jamie Leithart

- Do you believe that you are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
- 2. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 3. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 4. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 5. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 6. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

is a concise
summary
of biblical
teaching,
dating in its
earliest form
to the 2nd
century, and
originally used
as a baptismal

The creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

Recite in unison:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell*;

the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven.

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church**,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*means continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death until the third day.

**"catholic church" means the true, universal church of all times and places.

Constitution

LIVING THE REDEEMER VISION

Please be seated.

(See announcements on page 20.)

SCRIPTURE READING

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.

Hebrews 9:11-12, 24-27, 10:19-25 (ESV)

(Page 1006-1007 in the red Bible.)

^{9:11} But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

^{9:24} For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

^{10:19} Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

MESSAGE REV. DAVID JUELFS

Jesus the Priest

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

Before the Throne of God Above (MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

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.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! (Psalms 96:8–9)

With joy let us offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

Let us pray. All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. Receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost
(MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

WORDS: CHARITIE LEES BANCROFT (1863), MUSIC: VIKKI COOK (1997)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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COME, HOLY GHOST

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS (CIRCA 800 A.D.), MUSIC: BRUCE BENEDICT AND RAY MILLS (2005)

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up Thy rest; Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill our hearts which thou hast made, To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou heav'nly gift of God most high; Thou fount of life, and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above, And sweet anointing from above.

Chorus

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you. Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, Know we the Father and the Son; Be this our firm unchanging creed, That thou dost from them both proceed. That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, And Holy Spirit with them one; And may the Son on us bestow All gifts that from the Spirit flow, All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

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: God and father, we praise and thank you that you were pleased, in your eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, your only begotten Son, to be the mediator between your holiness and your sinful people. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. You gave to him, from all eternity, a people that by him, in time, would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself has fully satisfied your justice. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of them may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. 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!

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

Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him
WORDS: ORA ROWAN (ALT. KEVIN TWIT), MUSIC: JOEL LITTLEPAGE (2010)

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him,
Joyful choose the better part.

Chorus
Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty,
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.

Chorus

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

Chorus

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.

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

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 - BASED ON PHILIPPIANS 2:8

May Jesus Christ, the great prophet, priest and king, who was obedient to death, even death on a cross, guide, encourage, and protect you.

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.

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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

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

Spring Session 1: Sundays, April 12 - May 3, 9:00 - 9:50am

ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Classes will be on break for Palm Sunday and Easter. See our spring session dates below:

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

Descriptions of our adult class offerings for the spring sessions and opportunities to sign-up will be coming soon.

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: Clint & Amanda Knox 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: TBA

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 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 each parish neighborhood listed below.

Beach Cities

Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

Central County

Santa Ana, Irvine, Tustin, Orange Contact: Adam Feichtmann Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Drew Duncan smonterastelli@hotmail.com

North County

Anaheim, Fullerton, North Orange, LA County aduncan@waxie.com 714.614.7953

South County

Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch 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 are listed below. Community groups will be on break from March 29 - April 11 for Easter. We will resume meeting the week of April 12th.

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 - 3/22 meeting cancelled 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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Redeemer Ladies Night Out

Friday, April 17, 7:30 pm

Whether you are new to Redeemer or have been here for years, join us at this dinner hosted by Redeemer. We will gather at The Corner Restaurant, 8961 Adams Ave., in Huntington Beach. RSVP with Kerry Maxwell, michael.maxwell@gmail.com, or respond to the invitation you received via email. We look forward to seeing you there!

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm, Dinner and Study Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm, Study

It's not too late to join our women's 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. Study guides are available for purchase at the Redeemer book table. Contact Stephanie Handley, srhandley@gmail.com, with questions.

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 Lent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 145 / Mark 8:31-9:1

Monday

Morning: Psalms 31 / Jeremiah 24:1-10 / Romans 9:19-33

Evening: Psalms 35 / John 9:1-17

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123 / Jeremiah 25:8-17 / Romans 10:1-13

Evening: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127 / John 9:18-41

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:145-176 / Jeremiah 25:30-38 / Romans 10:14-21

Evening: Psalms 128, 129, 130 / John 10:1-18

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 131, 132, 133 / Jeremiah 26:1-16 / Romans 11:1-12

Evening: Psalms 140, 142 / John 10:19-42

Friday

Morning: Psalms 95, 22 / Jeremiah 29:1,4-13 / Romans 11:13-24

Evening: Psalms 141, 143:1-12 / John 11:1-27,12:1-10

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 137:1-9, 144 / Jeremiah 31:27-34 / Romans 11:25-36

Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / John 11:28-44, 12:37-50

Palm Sunday

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Zechariah 9:9-12 / 1 Timothy 6:12-16

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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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 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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