

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}



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost ⋮ JUNE 17, 2018

REFLECTION

“For this reason, the Lord instituted for us his Supper, in order to sign and seal in our consciences the promise contained in his gospel concerning our being made partakers of his body and blood; and to give us certainty and assurance that in this consists our true spiritual nourishment; so that, having such an earnest, we might entertain a right assurance about salvation.”

- John Calvin

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - ACTS 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your word, a heart to love you, a life to proclaim you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT	The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek meaning simply 'fiftieth'. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of
CHRISTMAS	Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the
EPIPHANY	empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light
LENT	of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending “another counselor” (John
EASTER	14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security
PENTECOST	in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

Calling

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 91:2; ROMANS 10:9,13

Minister: Let us worship God.

People: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Minister: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Minister: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

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

And Can It Be?

All Creatures of Our God and King

(MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)

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.

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.

And Can It Be?

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY, MUSIC: THOMAS CAMPBELL

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Chorus

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Chorus

All Creatures of Our God and King

WORDS: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MUSIC: GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou flowing water pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear
Alleluia alleluia

Thou fire so masterful and bright
Thou givest man both warmth and light
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Cleansing

Please be seated.

CALL TO REPENTANCE - ISAIAH 30:15, 18

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.

Minister: In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON, MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it to Thy courts above

Please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - 1 PETER 1:3-4

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: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

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

People: And also with you.

Constitution

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

1 Corinthians 11:23-34
(Pages 958-959 in the red Bible.)

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.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—

³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bread and Wine (Part 2)

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 8)

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
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Completed in 1647, the Westminster Shorter Catechism's question and answer format has been used for generations to train God's people in the rich biblical theology summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Please be seated for the offertory.

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION 92

Minister: What is a sacrament?

People: A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

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.

OFFERTORY SONG

Instrumental Ensemble

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: Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, in the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word. At the baptism of Jesus your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptation of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the day of Pentecost. 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)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

WORDS: JOACHIM NEANDER; MUSIC: STRALSUND GESANGBUCH

Praise to the Lord

O let all that is in me adore Him

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him

Let the amen sound from His people again

Gladly for aye we adore Him

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: 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, and that we may become one in him.

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

(If this is your first time with us please see the communion guidelines on page 12, particularly regarding wine, gluten-free options, and children taking communion.)

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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.

Note about the communion elements:

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

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER (1827), ZAC HICKS (2006), MUSIC: ZAC HICKS (2006)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead

Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed

Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us

Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us

So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**In fulfillment of Christ's promise,
you poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples
and filled the church with power.
We thank you for sending your Spirit to us today
to kindle faith and lead us into all truth,
working in the church to make us faithful disciples
and empowering us to proclaim the living Christ to every nation.**

Commission

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good

WORDS AND MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Come taste and see
That the Lord is very good
Our sin on Him
We are free now
Let us go in peace

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

BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

Announcements & Events

Children's Artwork

Sundays, June 17 & 24, following worship

Our 1st-3rd grade students have finished their year of studying *The Story of Worship* during their sermon time classes. They produced beautiful and meaningful art projects that represent each of the units they studied, including the Call to Worship, Adoration, Confession, Assurance, Thanksgiving, Offerings, Supplication, Lamentation, Illumination, Reading the Word, The Lord's Supper, Benediction, and Peace. We displayed these on Mother's Day and will display them again on Father's Day, June 17. After the service concludes, anyone is free to take home your favorite piece(s) of art. These will be displayed one final time on June 24 for you to take home, after which time they will be disposed of. We hope you are blessed by the children's works of art!

Prison Ministry Bible Drive

Sundays, June 24 - September 2

Our children are invited to participate in raising funds to provide bibles for the OC jails. We will be partnering with Gary and Lisa Cram, founders of the Prelude Foundation, to distribute the bibles to inmates throughout Orange County. Children are encouraged to bring their change for the collection jar by our prison ministry mailbox at the Redeemer book table. Join us in sharing God's word with those who need His message of redemption.

Summer Lunch

Sunday, July 1, Following Worship

Plan to remain after worship on July 1st for a summer lunch! We'll have a delicious taco bar, dessert, bounce houses for the kids, and a photo station. Come celebrate summer with great food, fellowship with one another, and fun for all ages!

Youth Santa Barbara Trip

Friday-Sunday, August 10-12

Jr High and High School students, register now for our upcoming 3-day retreat to Santa Barbara. Students will build relationships with one another as they enjoy the beaches & pool, play fun games, stay in a nice hotel, study the Bible, and develop deeper and more meaningful friendships with one another. Forms and info for this trip are available on our website (go to redeemeroc.org/upcoming-events/) and at the Redeemer book table. The cost is \$175 per student. Contact Brian Scholl, brians@redeemeroc.org, 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.
- 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 – Sundays at 9am, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Classes are on break and will resume Fall 2018.



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.

Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

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.

North County

Contact: Amber Fox
mrsamberfox@me.com
310.463.8177

Beach Cities

Contact: Clint Knox
clint@komarinvestments.com
949.903.4769

Central County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

South County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

North County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 4-6:30pm (every other week)
Duncan Home, Fullerton
Contact: Stacey Duncan
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Central County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm (monthly)
Wormald Home, Irvine
Contact: Larry Wormald
lawormald@gmail.com

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 are on break for the summer. Details below are subject to change for Fall 2018.**

Newport-Mesa

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

Irvine & Aliso Viejo

Brewer & Moore Homes
Sundays, 5:00-6:45 pm
Contact: Christie Brewer
christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

Irvine & Costa Mesa

Kornu & Yanaga Homes
Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm
Contact: Christine Kornu
kornufamily@gmail.com

Costa Mesa

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

Newport - Men's Group

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina
1st & 3rd Wed, 8:00-9:00 am
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Josh Cooper
joshc@redeemeroc.org

High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Josh Cooper
joshc@redeemeroc.org

MID-WEEK STUDIES

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together. **Studies are on break for the summer. Details below are for 2017-18. Information for 2018-19 will be announced later in the summer.**

Men's Study

Seven Deadly Sins
Costa Mesa
Greenleaf on 17th St.
Monthly, 4th Tuesday
7:30-9:00 pm
Leader/Contact:
Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Women's PM Study

Gospel of John
Costa Mesa
Scanlon Home
Every other Tuesday
7:00-8:45 pm
Leader/Contact:
Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com

Women's AM Study

Gospel of John
Newport Beach
Hodson Home
Weekly Wednesdays
9:15-11:00 am
(Childcare available)
Contact: Ashley Moore
ashley.moore05@gmail.com

Newcomer Study

Gospel in Life - Keller
Location TBD
Day/Time determined by
interest.
Leader: David Juelfs
Contact: Kem Erskine
kem@redeemeroc.org

Global Partnership

Ethiopia

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

Global Partnership

Japan

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

Grace Harbor continues to reach many in Tokyo with the gospel and love of Christ. With the addition of a new staff member, Seita Sakaguchi, they have been able to start a new church plant in Toyosu which is in the waterfront area of Tokyo. Yuki, who became a Christian a year ago after serving as a musician at Grace Harbor for 2 years, reached out with a desire to use her musical gifts to share the joy of the gospel with others. This desire led to a Jazz and Gospel Concert in Tsukishima, a prospective site for a new worship location. The event brought 180 people many of whom had never been to church before. Grace Harbor held their Christmas Eve service in Tsukishima bringing many to a Christian worship service for the first time through personal friendships with Seima and others in the congregation. Several missions teams from the US came to help with community outreach over the past year including 2 Kids English Camps, an English communication program at a local elementary school (who wants them to come back!), and a Christian ballet company with a performance about Jesus' passion story at the city hall in Toyosu.

While there are many good things happening, there are also some very real challenges. Several key staff members are transitioning away - 2 staff are leaving for seminary and the Pfeils family with MTW will be in the US for 7 months - which will leave Seima as a solo pastor. This transition is already causing some anxiety and concern among the members, but could be an opportunity to shift the church from staff-dependent to more volunteer-based. Pray for them as they trust in God to guide them in this transition and raise up lay leaders in the congregation. Another challenge is that financial support has been diminishing as Seima is not able to leave Grace Harbor to raise more support.

Prayer Requests

- That God raise up lay leaders among the congregation.
- That Grace Harbor Church would transition to become a more volunteer-based church.
- That Seima will not be overwhelmed while the Pfeils are away.
- That the new church plant, Toyosu Community Church, would effectively share the gospel with non-Christians in Toyosu and be a blessing to the area.
- That God will give them broader and deeper connections to the non-Christians in Tsukishima area, so that someday we could start the another worship site for our church.
- That God changes the hearts of non-Christians and call them to accept Christ as their Savior.
- That our family be united by the Spirit and be dependent on the Lord always through prayer.

Websites: www.redeemercitytocity.com, www.graceharborchurch.jp

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.

Proper 6

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 34 / Luke 12:41-48

Monday

Morning: Psalms 80 / Numbers 9:15-23,10:29-36 / Romans 1:1-15

Evening: Psalms 77, 79 / Matthew 17:14-21

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 78:1-39 / Numbers 11:1-23 / Romans 1:16-25

Evening: Psalms 78:40-72 / Matthew 17:22-27

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:97-120 / Numbers 11:24-35 / Romans 1:28-2:11

Evening: Psalms 81, 82 / Matthew 18:1-9

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 83, 34 / Numbers 12:1-16 / Romans 2:12-24

Evening: Psalms 85, 86 / Matthew 18:10-20

Friday

Morning: Psalms 88 / Numbers 13:1-3,21-30 / Romans 2:25-3:8

Evening: Psalms 91, 92 / Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 87, 90 / Numbers 13:31-14:25 / Romans 3:9-20

Evening: Psalms 136 / Matthew 19:1-12

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 66, 67 / Numbers 14:26-45 / Acts 15:1-12

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/daily-prayer/ 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.

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____
 Day Evening

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.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

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Please Let Us Know If You Are:

First Time Visitor

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Please Contact Me About:

Joining a Community Group

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Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

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The Burning Bush is
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