



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.

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}



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Reflection

“God gives you Christ as the foundation of your marriage. ‘Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God’ (Romans 15:7). In a word, live together in the forgiveness of your sins, for without it no human fellowship, least of all a marriage, can survive. Don’t insist on your rights, don’t blame each other, don’t judge or condemn each other, don’t find fault with each other, but accept each other as you are, and forgive each other every day from the bottom of your hearts.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“It is only when you deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow your Lord that you begin to experience the transcendent humanity for which you were created. Remember, Christ’s call to you is a rescue. In asking you to deny yourself and follow, He is giving to you what you could never earn or achieve on your own. You will not find it in your marriage, in parenting your children, in accumulating possessions, in the esteem of friends, in theological knowledge, or in the most beautiful location. Christ offers you what you cannot earn and what the physical creation can never offer: the all-surpassing glory of knowing Him... This is the only thing that will give life meaning and fill you with lasting joy.

- Paul David Tripp

CALENDAR

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

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
(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 - BASED ON PSALM 124:8

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: What did God do to help us?

Leader: God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

People: They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.

Leader: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

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.

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

Jesus Everlasting King
Thou Lovely Source of True Delight
(MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

WORDS: EDWARD PERRONET, ADAPTED BY JOHN RIPPON, MUSIC: OLIVER HOLDEN

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

JESUS EVERLASTING KING

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS (1707) AND MATTHEW SMITH (2003), MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH (2003)

Chorus

*Jesus, everlasting King
Accept the tribute which we bring
Accept the well-deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown*

O send Your Spirit to impart
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received Your pledge of love.

Chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

Chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

Chorus

O that the months would roll away
And bring the coronation day;
The King of Grace shall fill the throne
With all His Father's glories on.

Chorus

THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

WORDS: ANNE STEELE (1760), MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT (1998)

Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more
Oh that I might love Thee more

Thy glory o'er creation shines
But in Thy sacred Word
I read in fairer brighter lines
My bleeding dying Lord
See my bleeding dying Lord

'Tis here whene'er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies
Oh my fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain
Oh and I again complain

Jesus my Lord my life my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above
They are only known above

Cleansing

Please be seated.

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

CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON JOHN 3:19

The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Almighty and merciful God, 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. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those 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 live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART TOWNEND

Behold the man upon a cross	I will not boast in anything
My sin upon His shoulders	No gifts no power no wisdom
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice	But I will boast in Jesus Christ
Call out among the scoffers	His death and resurrection
It was my sin that held Him there	Why should I gain from His reward
Until it was accomplished	I cannot give an answer
His dying breath has brought me life	But this I know with all my heart
I know that it is finished	His wounds have paid my ransom

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE

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.

Leader: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (based on John 1:9,12).

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

Constitution

Please be seated.

LIVING THE REDEEMER VISION

(See announcements on page 20.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1 (ESV)

(Page 448 in the red Bible.)

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

- ¹ Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.
- ³ He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- ⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Marriage, a Blessing or a Curse?

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

Thy Mercy, My God
(MUSIC ON PAGE 9)

THY MERCY, MY GOD

WORDS: JOHN STOCKER (1776), MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN (2001)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Alleluia, Alleluia

OFFERTORY

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

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

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

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

The Wonderful Cross

(MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS, ALT. CHRIS TOMLIN, MUSIC: LOWELL MASON

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

*Oh the wonderful cross
Oh the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
Oh the wonderful cross
Oh the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name*

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the light of the world to show us your way of truth. In sending Christ you revealed your glory to the nations. We praise you that by his life and death we become your children, baptized into your service. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

{ Congregation sings together }

Sanctus

WORDS: TRADITIONAL, MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (2012)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

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

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Strengthen us to be disciples that give light for the world, salt for the earth, and that joyfully invite all people - Jew and Gentile- to the feast you are preparing in the kingdom of God. 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!**

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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.

Directions
for taking
communion are
on page 15.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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

**Gracious God,
Jesus is the center point of history,
and his presence is our new beginning.
Center our lives on your lavish grace
that not only saves but renews us to be like Jesus.
May our godly living be a fitting testimony of thanksgiving
that draws others to the joyful reign of Jesus the king.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Directions for taking communion:

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

When and how to come forward for communion:

Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

A Word to Parents:

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Commission

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

She Must and Shall Go Free

(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

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
transform our lives
and brighten the world.
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
rest upon you always.

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

SHE MUST AND SHALL GO FREE

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN, MUSIC BY LOUIS BOURGEOIS

Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood
Hear and sing ye sons of God
Justice satisfied indeed
Christ has full atonement made

Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet
Here all Deity can meet
And without a jarring voice
Welcome Zion to rejoice
Welcome Zion to rejoice

Chorus

*All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

Peace of conscience peace with God
We obtain through Jesus' blood
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest
We believe and we are blessed
We believe and we are blessed

Chorus

Should the law against her roar
Jesus' blood still speaks with power
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free

Chorus

Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Winter Session 1: Sundays, January 11 - February 8, 9:00 - 9:50am

ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

We are offering two classes during our first session this winter:

Hospitality

Instructor: Pastor Adam Feichtmann

Location: MPR Area, Room 9

For most of church history, practicing hospitality was central to Christian identity. Yet our generation knows little about this rich, life-giving practice. Join the class to rediscover hospitality as a Christian tradition.

Presbyterian Tradition & Theology

Instructor: Jon Bahnsen

Location: MPR Area, Room 10

Explore the riches of the Reformed faith and the distinctive features of Presbyterian identity. Join Jon as he leads a workshop to explain that there is more to being Presbyterian than believing in the five points of Calvinism.

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: Christian & Kathryn Morwood

Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades)

Teachers: Katy Hughes & Maureen Messenger

Location: MPR Area, Room 8

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

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years

Location: Room directly outside the chapel.

Available during Classes & Workshops, and the worship service.

Community Life

Parishes & Community Groups

PARISH

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

Beach Cities

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

Central County

Next gathering TBA
Contact: Shawn Monterastelli
smonterastelli@hotmail.com

North County

Next gathering TBA
Contact: Drew Duncan
aduncan@waxie.com
714.614.7953

South County

Next gathering TBA
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

Beach Cities Groups

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

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

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

Newport Beach/TBY
Sundays, 12:15-1:30pm
Meets twice/month - Next meeting on 1/25
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

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Sunday, January 25, following worship

There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, January 25th, to vote to elect Cameron as a Ruling Elder. The congregational meeting will take place immediately following the worship service. Members of Redeemer are encouraged to remain after worship to participate in the vote.

2015 Men's Retreat

Friday-Sunday, February 27-March 1

Join the men of Redeemer at this year's men's retreat at the Serra Retreat Center, a beautiful sacred space nestled in the hills of Malibu. This Catholic retreat center is the perfect place for us to reflect on our retreat topic of "Sabbath Rest." Not to mention, it has stunning ocean views and great surf less than a mile away. We are privileged to have Dr. Karl Johnson from Chesterton House, a center for Christian studies at Cornell University, as our guest speaker for the weekend. Register online at our Men's Retreat web page (redeemeroc.org/ministries/mens-retreat) or pick up a registration card at the Men's Ministry table in the chapel hall. Please make retreat payments payable to Redeemer with "Men's Retreat" in the memo. Registrations are due February 8th.

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Sunday, February 8, 12:00 pm

Newcomers to Redeemer are invited to lunch on Sunday, February 8th, at the home of David and Heather Juelfs in Costa Mesa. Whether this is your first Sunday at Redeemer or you have been coming for several months, we would love to see you there. Bring your family and enjoy lunch and a time to get to know our Redeemer pastors and learn more about Redeemer church. Please RSVP with Kem Erskine, kem@redeemeroc.org, if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you there and getting to know you.

Winter Community Groups

Meet weekly, beginning January 11

During the winter session our community groups will be going through the *Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything* study guide, written by Timothy Keller. This is an eight week study on the gospel and how it is lived out in all of life - first in your heart, then in your community, and then out into the world. Purchase your copy of the study guide at the book table today. See group times and locations on page 19. If you have questions or need help finding a community group, contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org.

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. 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 2 of Epiphany

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / John 4:27-42

Monday

Morning: Psalms 25 / Isaiah 44:6-8,21-23 / Ephesians 4:1-16

Evening: Psalms 9, 15 / Mark 3:7-19

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 26, 28 / Isaiah 44:9-20 / Ephesians 4:17-32

Evening: Psalms 36, 39 / Mark 3:19-35

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 38 / Isaiah 44:24-45:7 / Ephesians 5:1-14

Evening: Psalms 119:25-48 / Mark 4:1-20

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 37:1-18 / Isaiah 45:5-17 / Ephesians 5:15-33

Evening: Psalms 37:19-42 / Mark 4:21-34

Friday

Morning: Psalms 31 / Isaiah 45:18-25 / Ephesians 6:1-9

Evening: Psalms 35 / Mark 4:35-41

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 30, 32 / Isaiah 46:1-13 / Ephesians 6:10-24

Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / Mark 5:1-20

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 63:1-11, 98 / Isaiah 47:1-15 / Hebrews 10:19-31

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

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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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 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.

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