

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}



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*Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost* ∴ OCTOBER 21, 2018

**REFLECTION**

“Do not be unrealistic in not budgeting for temptation, nor foolhardy enough to court it; but when it comes, do not doubt God’s power to deliver from the evil it brings, and to ‘keep you from stumbling’ (Jude 24) as you pick your way through it. When you are not conscious of temptation, pray ‘lead us not into temptation,’ and when you are conscious of it, pray ‘deliver us from evil,’ and you will live.”  
— JI Packer

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - LUKE 4:8**

“And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’”

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

“Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

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**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
<b>PENTECOST</b>	in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

# Calling

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 96 & LAMENTATIONS 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.

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;  
Sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
Tell of his salvation day to day.  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**People: his mercies never come to an end;**

Leader: They are new every morning;

**People: great is your faithfulness.**

Leader: Come, let us give thanks

**People: Come, let us worship!**

## **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**

*How Great is our God  
Wisdom and Grace*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

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.

*How Great is our God*

CHRIS TOMLIN | ED CASH | JESSE REEVES

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

*Chorus*

*How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God*

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

*Chorus*

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God  
Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

*Wisdom and Grace*

WORDS AND MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN

*Chorus*

*Teach us to number our days  
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways  
Teach us to number our days  
with wisdom and grace.*

You've been our home and our dwelling  
Our place in all generations.  
Before the earth or the mountains were formed,  
Lord, You were God.

*Chorus*

Now the span of our life it is made,  
Of sorrow and labor  
As the days pass away like the grass  
How soon we are gone.

*Chorus*

Let the work of our hands bring you praise  
Set Your favor upon us.  
O establish the work of our hands,  
May Your kingdom come!

*Chorus*

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE

Leader: All powerful and most merciful Father, your grace is sufficient for us. Therefore we confess to you our sin and the sin of this world

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Almighty and Gracious Father, who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity, and passes over transgression? Your mercy is greater than our sin, and your compassion stronger than our shame. Forgive us and cleanse our hearts. Free us from our enslaving sin and self-righteousness. Grant us willing spirits, that love what you love and hate what you hate. Make us a gracious presence in an ungracious world longing for peace and joy. May we be faithful vessels who carry Jesus.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*How Deep The Father's Love for Us*

MUSIC: STUART TOWNEND

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

Please stand.

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 - HEBREWS 10:10

Leader: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone, because of Christ's one sacrifice, finished on the cross.

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

**People: And also with you.**

# Constitution

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Please be seated.

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

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

## **READING GOD'S WORD**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

( Page 811 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.

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

<sup>9</sup> "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



*Praying The Lord's Prayer: Lead Us Not Into Temptation*

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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**SONG OF RESPONSE**

Please stand.

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

WORDS AND MUSIC: FREDERICK HENRY HEDGE & MARTIN LUTHER

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thru us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thru Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

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  
dependance and  
our commitment  
to join God in his  
work of renewal.

Online giving is  
available through  
our Redeemer OC  
app. Download at  
[http://get.theapp.  
co/s75k/](http://get.theapp.co/s75k/)

## PROFESSION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM – Q. 106

Minister: What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

**People: In the sixth petition, which is, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.**

## OFFERTORY – JAMES 1:17

Leader: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

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.

## OFFERTORY SONG

*Instrumental*

# Communion

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## INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

### SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: Most gracious and eternal God, the helper of the helpless, the comforter of the comfortless, the hope of the afflicted, the bread of the hungry, the drink of the thirsty, and the savior of all those that wait upon you; we bless and glorify your name, and adore your goodness, and delight in your love, that you have once more given us the opportunity of receiving the greatest favor which we can receive in this world, even the body and blood of our savior, Jesus Christ, your son. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

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

## ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

( Congregation sings together )

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

WORDS: JOSEPH HART (1759), MUSIC: WILLIAM WALKER (1835)

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

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Creator God, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we and your entire church may be called out and made whole through this supper. Show us that your mercy is greater than our sin. Show us that your grace is greater than our division. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of your Son may be united in him. And may we all remain faithful in love and hope until we feast joyfully with Christ at the coming of the kingdom.

## 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

*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*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

**Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

# Commission

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Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*All Must Be Well*

WORDS: MARY BOWLEY-PETERS (1847), ALT. MATTHEW SMITH; MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH (2007)

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation all is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

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

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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

## BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

## 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 for refreshments and conversation.  
To listen to sermons, view our daily morning and evening prayers, learn about upcoming events, and give online,  
download our Redeemer OC app at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>



# 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. 18.



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.



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.

# Announcements & Events

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## **Gottman Marriage Retreat Workshop Report**

Thank you for your prayers and support to make the September (Costa Mesa) and October (Fullerton) workshops happen! We had a great turn out, especially with non-Redeemer couples. A total of 110 people attended both of the workshops, and only 48 of the attendees were apart of the Redeemer community. That means that 56% of the workshop attendees came because you invited your neighbors, friends, and family to invest in their marriages (plus, a little social media ads on our part).

Many of the attendees were non-Christians and some of them are very open to visit Redeemer in the coming weeks and months. Please continue to pray for the couples who attended the workshop and for all marriages and families at Redeemer.

## **Youth Events**

High School Gathering - Tuesday 10/23 at 7pm | *Vitaly at the Camp, Costa Mesa*

Jr. High Gathering - Thursday, 10/25 at 6:30pm | *Halecrest Park (Back Clubhouse), Costa Mesa*

All Youth Lunch - Sunday, 10/28 at 11:45am | *Chipotle at The Bluffs, Newport Beach*

## **Prayer Before the Worship Service**

*Every Sunday 9:15-9:45AM*

*Location: Room across from the women's restroom*

Join Redeemer leaders every Sunday to pray for our church, our neighbors, and our world before we gather for worship. We desire to be a congregation intentionally rooted in prayer and this gathering is an opportunity that we offer for our community to pray together. If you would like be specifically prayed over on a Sunday morning, please stick around after the worship service and ask one of the pastors or church leaders.

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

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

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

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

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

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

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

- Dave Runyon

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map      Neighbor Dinner

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups, Studies, & Life Explored Dinners*

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## **DOWNLOAD OUR APP FOR ALL THE LATEST IN COMMUNITY LIFE**

Go to <http://get.theapp.co/s/75k/> or scan the QR code to find out the latest news & details for our Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies.



## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES**

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. We have four parishes: Beach Cities, North County, Central County and South County. 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. Download our app to find out more about upcoming gatherings in your neighborhood or go to [www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/](http://www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/) Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH DINNERS**

Attend and invite your neighbors to a Parish Dinner near you. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors. Host your own regular dinner and we will promote it! Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **North County Dinners**

*Fullerton*

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

[stacey.duncan@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey.duncan@hotmail.com)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups, Studies, & Life Explored Dinners*

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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. **Below are some of the Community Groups for Fall 2018. If you are interested in leading or hosting a group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org**

### Irvine & Aliso Viejo

\* Group is at capacity

*Sundays*

5:00 - 6:45 pm

Brewer & Moore Homes

Leader: Chad Brewer

Contact: Christie Brewer

christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

### Costa Mesa

*Sundays*

4:00 - 6:00 pm Bible study

6:00 - 7:00 pm Pot Luck

Riley Home

Leader: Greg Riley

Contact: Kim Riley

kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net

### Costa Mesa

*Wednesdays*

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Cooper Home

Leader/Contact: Jeremy McCaslin

jomccaslin@gmail.com

### High School

*Tuesdays*

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Vitaly Cafe at The Camp

2937 Bristol St, Suite B100-B103

Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl

brians@redeemeroc.org

### Jr. High School

*Thursdays*

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Halecrest Park Back Clubhouse

Off of College Avenue

Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl

brians@redeemeroc.org

## MID-WEEK STUDIES & GROUPS

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together.

### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Coffee*

Newport Beach

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

8:00-9:00 am

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Men's PM Group

*Evening Prayer Dinner/Drinks*

Costa Mesa

Greenleaf on 17th St.

2nd & 4th Thursdays

7:30-9:00 pm

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

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### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Breakfast*

Fullerton

Fullerton Community Center

1st & 3rd Fridays

6:30-7:15 am

Leader/Contact:

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### Women's AM Study

*Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)*

Newport Beach

Weekly Fridays

9:30-11:00 am

(Limited Childcare available)

Contact: Ashley Moore

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### Women's PM Study

*Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)*

Fullerton

Every other Wednesday

Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm

(No Childcare available)

Contact: Stacey Duncan

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### Women's Prayer Group

Costa Mesa

Every other Tuesday

7:00 - 8:30 pm

(No Childcare available)

Contact: Stephanie Handley

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# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

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## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

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

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

## **Update**

Praise God that the country is recovering from its state of emergency and that Ethiopia ACT is continuing to move forward in serving the local community in Addis Ababa. They are currently in the process of adding 100 non-HIV families to their programs in an effort to extend their efforts and meet 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.

## **Prayer Requests**

- They are currently surveying potential locations for new church plants which would hopefully begin in the next 12-18 months. They have done initial visits to the Furi and Qoye Fetche neighborhoods; pray for discernment on whether these might be future church plant sites.
- Jason led a full ministry team of 20 people in a “Sonship for Africa” week at the end of July. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would continue to work in their hearts and minds
- They just finished their Rainy Season VBS in the Suki community and had around 200 kids in attendance. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would enter their hearts and minds.
- They are praising God that after many months of “go-around” with various government offices, God has reopened the door for them to host short-term medical teams in Addis. We are very thankful for this provision!

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

# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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

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

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

### **Update**

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

## THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Daily Scripture Readings

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

## Proper 24

### Sunday

Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / Matthew 16:13-20

### Monday

Morning: Psalms 25 / Eccclus. 4:20-5:7 / Rev. 7:1-8

Evening: Psalms 9, 15 / Luke 9:51-62

### Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 26, 28 / Eccclus. 6:5-17 / Rev. 7:9-17

Evening: Psalms 36, 39 / Luke 10:1-16

### Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 38 / Eccclus. 7:4-14 / Rev. 8:1-13

Evening: Psalms 119:25-48 / Luke 10:17-24

### Thursday

Morning: Psalms 37:1-18 / Eccclus. 10:1-18 / Rev. 9:1-12

Evening: Psalms 37:19-42 / Luke 10:25-37

### Friday

Morning: Psalms 31 / Eccclus. 11:2-20 / Rev. 9:13-21

Evening: Psalms 35 / Luke 10:38-42

### Saturday

Morning: Psalms 30, 32 / Eccclus. 15:9-20 / Rev. 10:1-11

Evening: Psalm 42, 43 / Luke 11:1-13

### Sunday

Morning: Psalms 63:1-11, 98 / Eccclus. 18:19-33 / 1 Cor.10:15-24

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

To view the daily prayers, listen to sermons, learn about upcoming events, and give online, download our Redeemer OC app at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>





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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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### *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.*

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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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