



REDEEMER

ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



# WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us for worship!

We hope that today will be a day that you will meet with God. We want to invite you to join with us in experiencing joy, beauty, and awe as we encounter God in the reading & preaching of the Scriptures, the offering of prayers, the singing of his praises, the sacraments of baptism & the Lord's Supper, and the fellowship of the church community.

We want you to know that Redeemer is a safe place for you to be in process. You are free to explore, voice objections, be real, and find community. We have people from diverse backgrounds and recognize that everyone is in a different place in their Spiritual journey.

As you are leaving stop by our Welcome Table in the Narthex to pick up a complimentary coffee mug. There are also Connect Cards where you can leave your contact information and be included in our Friday email newsletter. We would also love to get to know you and there is box to check if you are interested in meeting for conversation over a coffee.

## To our Families with Children

We want to be a good church to your family by helping your little ones learn to worship. A few things we do to serve families...

*Nursery* for ages 0-3 years old. Feel free to use the nursery as needed (if kids get too restless) or throughout the service.

*Children's Bulletins* to help young children in church. We know that this takes time and promise not be bothered by an occasional squeal, laugh, or tear.

*Sermon Time Class* is an age-appropriate lesson for children 3 years old to 5th grade (use at your discretion). Note: All children need to be checked in using KidCheck prior to the service or at the children's dismissal. Nursery – kindergarten children need to be checked out directly with a nursery worker or their child's teacher following the sermon.

## About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e. worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people.

The main movements are as follows:

**Calling** - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship him.

**Cleansing** - God forgives us and reminds us of his great love in Christ.

**Constitution** - God builds us up and nourishes us through the Scriptures.

**Communion** - God draws near to us and invites us to partake of his grace in the sacrament.

**Commission** - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

We realize that the flow and content of the service may be new so we've included a few notes in the margins that offer some explanations. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Again, we are glad that you have joined us today. Let us worship!

*To learn more about our church please check the following pages in the back of this Order of Worship*

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*Fifth Sunday in Lent* : MARCH 26TH, 2023

Before the service, there is a time for prayer and reflection. Please remember to silence cell phones.

**WELCOME**

**REFLECTION**

To enter into covenant with God is to enter an intimate relationship. The benefits of the union cannot be enjoyed without the risk of the partner’s wrath if the relational trust is breached.

— *Jerome Creach*

It takes a church to raise a Christian.

— *Tod Bolsinger*

A household is a community of persons who may well take shelter under one roof but also and more fundamentally take shelter under one another’s care and concern.

— *Andy Crouch*

CALENDAR

- ADVENT “A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the ‘bright sadness’ of Lent, we see
- CHRISTMAS – far, far away – the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom.”
- EPIPHANY – Alexander Schmemmann. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel,
- LENT** and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season
- EASTER of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare
- PENTECOST for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

# Calling

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 124:8**

In the call to worship God begins the dialogue that occurs in worship and graciously invites his people to draw near to him.

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

**People: What did God do to help us?**

Minister: 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.**

Minister: 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.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*Prayer concludes by praying 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.**

## OPENING SONG

### *O Worship The King*

WORDS: ROBERT GRANT, MUSIC: JOHANN HAYDN

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His pow'r and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to worship Thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

In the prayer of  
repentance we  
speak honestly  
with God about  
ourselves by  
confessing our  
sins and  
shortcomings  
and seeking  
forgiveness in  
Christ.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*Lord Have Mercy*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STEVE MERKEL

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

Please stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Having been  
forgiven by  
God, we greet  
one another  
with joy and  
speak peace to  
each other.

**Minister:** May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

## PASSING THE PEACE & COLLECTION

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

**People:** And also with you.

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**Collection:** In response to God's grace, we worship him and seek to honor him with our lives. One way that we do so is by giving financially to Christ and the work of his Church. We invite all who are a part of this church to continue their worship in this way (Philippians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 6:24). If you are visiting with us today please do not feel any pressure to contribute.

You may leave offerings in the collection box located on the back glass wall of the worship area. You may also take the time to give electronically. To donate through our church APP, download the APP on your smartphone and set up a Subsplash account.

To donate online, scan the QR code.



## SONG OF PRAISE

### *Be Thou My Vision*

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art  
Thou my best thought  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not,  
or man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always;  
Thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all

# Constitution

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Please be seated

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH - WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM 103 & 104**

Leader: 103. Which is the first commandment?

**People: The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

Leader: 104. What are the duties required in the first commandment?

**People: The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him.**

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL - DURING THE LAST STANZA OF THE SONG OF PREPARATION

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children nursery age - kindergarten need to be checked in prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon.)

Please stand

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*Before the Throne of God Above*

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

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

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

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

Prayer Requests? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on our church app or website by scanning the QR Code.



## SCRIPTURE READING

*Joshua 24:1,14-29*

<sup>1</sup> Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.

<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup> He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” <sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. <sup>26</sup> And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” <sup>28</sup> So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

<sup>29</sup> After these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being 110 years old.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

The Spirit uses  
the reading and  
preaching of God's  
Word to impart  
new Spiritual life as  
well as to nourish  
and comfort God's  
people in their faith.

## **SERMON**

REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN

### *Choose Whom You Will Serve*

Questions? After  
the service, our  
pastors and elders  
will be taking  
your questions  
and engaging in  
a fifteen-minute  
impromptu  
discussion on the  
previous week's  
Scripture readings.

We'll give you a  
few minutes to grab  
a cup of coffee and  
join us in the front  
of the sanctuary.

Please stand.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

# Communion

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Our communion liturgy is adapted from Scripture as well as the earliest traditions of the church. The liturgy begins with *The Sursum Corda* which is Latin for “lift up your hearts,” and calls us to be heavenly minded in the Lord’s presence (cf. Psalm 25:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:16).

*The Sanctus* is a prayer that has been used by the church since the first century to respond to the mystery of Christ’s presence in the sacrament (cf. Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8).

*The Memorial Acclamation* is a triumphant declaration of the gospel of Christ as portrayed in this holy meal (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; 1 Timothy 3:16).

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

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 to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord God almighty. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name; saying together:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven 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!**

## PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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Communion (i.e. the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a holy meal in which we remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In the sacrament, God comes near to his church and we experience his grace anew.

*Who should participate?* We invite all Christians—those who confess Christ and have been baptized into his church—to join with us in this sacred meal. If this does not describe you, instead of partaking, we encourage you to consider the things you have seen and heard today, including the love of God, as portrayed in this meal. You may come forward to receive prayer (simply cross your arms over your chest as you pass the servers) or, if you prefer, simply remain in your seat.

*Parents:* If your children are not yet participating, please instruct them to cross their arms over their chest. As soon as they understand the meaning of this meal in an age-appropriate way and are ready to confess their faith, our leaders would love to meet with them and admit them to the table.

*How should I participate?* Starting with the front rows, come forward. As you are served, partake of the bread and wine then return to your seat.

Note: We use bread and red wine, but gluten free wafers (containing organic brown and white rice flour only) and white grape juice are also available. 13

Please stand.

## COMMUNION SONG

### *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WORDS AND MUSIC: AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am";  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

# Commission

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## SONG OF DEPARTURE

### *Doxology*

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN, MUSIC BY LOUIS BOURGEOIS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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

## **BLESSING - NUMBERS 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded by scanning the QR code.



# Announcements & Events

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

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## **Nomination Period for New Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses is Open**

*March 15th - April 15th, 2023*

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses is open! Redeemer is committed to developing men and women as new leaders of our congregation for our growth and maturity in years to come. For more information on how to nominate an individual(s), the process and qualifications for nominees, and other relevant information please scan the QR Code below or email [Joshh@redeemeroc.org](mailto:Joshh@redeemeroc.org) or [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)



## **Volunteers Needed for Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Sunday Brunch**

We have several volunteer opportunities for the Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 6th and Easter Sunday on April 9th. We need many hands to put these events together, so we are asking for your help! We would love for you (or your youth-age children) to assist us in one or more of the following ways:

**Maundy Thursday Service:** Sanctuary & communion set up & tear down and women to be part of the communion during the service. Please contact our Church Administrator Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org) for more information.

**Children's Ministry** - Egg hiding, craft and activity assistance on Easter Sunday. Please contact our Children's Ministry Director Nem Malabuyo, [nemm@redeemeroc.org](mailto:nemm@redeemeroc.org) to sign up.



**Easter Sunday Brunch** - Serving table set up & decoration, food preparation before the service and serving during brunch, clean up after brunch. Click the QR code to sign up or contact our Church Administrator Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org) for more information.



# Holy Week and Easter

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

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## **Holy Week and Easter Services at Redeemer | Sunday, April 2nd - April 9th**

### **Palm Sunday Service**

*Sunday, April 2nd, 10:00am | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary*

On this day we celebrate the King who rode a donkey, yet acknowledged the pain to come. The service is created to help us enter into Holy Week and prepare for the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a joy for our children to participate in our annual Children's Palm Processional after the Gospel reading and prior sermon.

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

*Thursday, April 6th, 7:00pm | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary*

This is a beautiful and solemn service that will focus your mind and grip your heart. After singing, silence, and a short meditation on a passage of scripture, we take the Lord's Supper, prayerfully and seated at tables. For many, this is one of the most powerful and rich communion experiences of the year. At the conclusion of the service the communion tables are ceremonially stripped and we leave in silence and darkness. Symbolically this darkness and silence is broken with the shout of "He is risen!" at the opening of our Easter worship the following Sunday. Like our Ash Wednesday service, we are excited to have this service be a joint worship service with Trinity OC and New Life Irvine. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

### **Good Friday**

*Friday, April 7th, 7:00pm | New Life Irvine at Beacon Park School, 200 Cultivate Irvine, CA 92618*

Good Friday is the day in which the Church commemorates the crucifixion, suffering, death, and burial of Jesus. The service will be a time of both somber reflection as well as preparation for the celebration of Easter morning. There will be readings of the passion narrative, songs, a brief homily, and times of prayer. Like Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, this service will be a joint worship service with Trinity OC and New Life Irvine

### **Easter Sunday**

*Sunday, April 9th, 10:00am | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary*

Our Easter service is a rich celebration of joy, where the despair of death feels before the bursting forth of new life. It is the climax of the Church Calendar and a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship and celebrate with us! After the service all are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and there will be an Easter Egg hunt and activities for the children on the lawn. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

# Process for becoming an Elder, Deacon, Deaconess

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## **NOMINATION**

Every year during the month of March members submit nominations for elder, deacons, and deaconesses. At Redeemer, elders lead in governance by implementing vision, making key decisions, and overseeing the church. Whereas deacons and deaconesses serve the church in a ministry support role. Elders, deacons, and deaconesses also work together on ministry teams which care for the Spiritual and physical needs of the church. The positions of elder and deacon are open to men and position of deaconess open to women.



## **INITIAL EVALUATION**

During April the pastors and elders perform a preliminary evaluation of those who have received several independent nominations. Do these nominees meet the five qualifications of calling, character, competency, compatibility and comprehension? If the session believes a nominee is ready to proceed, then he or she becomes a candidate and their candidacy is announced to the church.



## **CANDIDACY**

From May through November candidates undergo training and testing. Training includes participating in meetings with the present leadership, beginning to do the work of the respective position under the oversight of another elder/deacon/deaconess, and growing in the ability to lead and serve the body. Testing includes interviews with the candidate and their spouse and written examinations on Scripture, theology, and The Book of Church Order.



## **ELECTION**

If a candidate has satisfactorily completed the testing and training the session recommends him or her to the church for election to the position of elder, deacon, or deaconess during the annual congregational meeting in January. Candidates which are elected by the church begin their three year term of service upon ordination/instillation in January - February.

At the conclusion of a term, a leader may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms if he or she is re-examined and recommended to the church by the session, then re-elected by the congregation. If a leader's term concludes and they are not re-elected they cease to be an elder/deacon/deaconess at our church.

# Redeemer Session & Diaconate: Structure & Responsibilities

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# Small Groups

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## SMALL GROUPS

Get involved in the life of our congregation beyond Sunday by joining a small group, where we cultivate our communion with God and friendships with others. If you would like to host and/or lead a group, please contact Pastor Adam, [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

Join one of our Community Groups for common life, common tables, and common prayer and reading of scripture.

### Newport Mesa Community Group

*When:* Sundays, 4:30 - 6:00PM

*Regularity:* Every other week, **Returns 1/22/23**

*Location:* Feichtmann House in Costa Mesa

*Host/Contact:* Adam Feichtmann

[adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

### North County Community Group

*When:* Sunday Afternoons

*Regularity:* Monthly

*Location:* Rotation of homes in and around Fullerton

*Contact:* Andrew Evans

[andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com)

### Costa Mesa (Mesa Del Mar) Community Group

*When:* 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:00 - 5:30PM

*Regularity:* Weekly, **Returns 1/15/23**

*Location:* Kim Riley home in Costa Mesa

*Contact:* Kim Riley

[kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net)

### South County Community Group

*When:* Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30PM

*Regularity:* Every other week, **Returns 1/15/23**

*Location:* Rotation of homes in South OC

*Host/Contact:* Sam & Renon Pepke

[sampepke@hotmail.com](mailto:sampepke@hotmail.com)

### Costa Mesa (Halecrest) Community Group

*When:* Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM

*Regularity:* Weekly, **Returns on 1/11/23**

*Location:* Lamons home in Costa Mesa

*Host/Contact:* Remy Lamons

[remylamons@gmail.com](mailto:remylamons@gmail.com)

### Young Adults Community Group

*When:* Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM

*Regularity:* Every 2 Weeks, **Returns on 1/19/23**

*Location:* Irvine Area (location will change)

*Host/Contact:* Ellie Holt

[ellieh@redeemeroc.org](mailto:ellieh@redeemeroc.org)

### North Tustin Community Group

*When:* Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM

*Regularity:* Weekly

*Location:* Sebourn home in Tustin

*Host/Contact:* Jeremy Sebourn

[jsebourn@gmail.com](mailto:jsebourn@gmail.com)

### Young Adults Community Group (20's-30's) (NEW!)

*When:* Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00PM

*Regularity:* Every 2 Weeks, **Begins 1/28/23**

*Location:* Rotation of homes in Costa Mesa & Irvine

*Book Study:* Prototype by Jonathan Martin

*Host/Contact:* Miranda Dupree

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### Irvine Community Group

*When:* Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00PM

*Regularity:* Weekly, **Returns on 1/15/23**

*Location:* Johnson Home in Irvine (UCI)

*Contact:* Beckie White

[rewwhite@westmont.edu](mailto:rewwhite@westmont.edu)

# Small Groups

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Join one of our Women's Bible Study Groups as they study scripture and cultivate community

### Women's Morning Bible Study Group

*When:* Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30am

*Curriculum:* Proverbs

*Regularity:* Weekly, **Returns 1/11/23**

*Location:* Stratton Home in Huntington Beach

*Contact:* Sarah Stratton

*gracekey@mac.com*

*\*Childcare: Provided, but limited.*

*Please register with Sarah Stratton\**

### Women's Evening Bible Study Group

*When:* Mondays, 7:00PM

*Curriculum:* Bible in a Year Study and Discussion

*Regularity:* Twice a month. 2nd and 4th Mondays, **Returns on 1/23/23**

*Location:* Samantha Bowman home in Costa Mesa

*Contact:* Kem Erskine

*(949) 468-6227 / kemerskine@yahoo.com*

*\*Childcare: Not available\**

## INTEREST GROUPS

Join one of our Interest Groups as they gather together around a specific interest.

### Men's Surfing Group

A group of men who regularly surf together

*When:* When the surf is good/decent

*Regularity:* Several times a week, normally early mornings

*Location:* Mainly across Newport Beach

*Contact:* Kyle Pringle (714-606-4215) to be added to the text thread

### Pickleball League

*When:* Sundays, 12:30PM

*Regularity:* 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

*Location:* Bonita Canyon Pickleball Courts in Newport Beach

*Contact:* Beckie White

*rewhite@westmont.edu*

### Women's Ministry Local Hikes

Come meet new people, enjoy the outdoors, and get some exercise! Please arrive at 8:30 so we can depart around 8:45.

Contact Jill Nelson, *women@redeemeroc.org* or Samantha Bowman, *samantha.bowman@outlook.com* with any questions.

*When:* Saturday, May 13th

*Location:* Strands beach trail in Dana Point. Moderate 3-mile loop and free parking.

Parking location TBD

## YOUTH GROUPS

Check out Redeemer's online youth calendar to find out details about our Winter Studies and Youth Events.

For more information please contact Ellie Holt, *ellieh@redeemeroc.org* or visit *www.redeemeroc.org/youth*

# Bible in a Year Daily Scripture Readings

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For the year of 2023, we are reading the entire Bible together as a church! The scripture readings below are this week's part of our reading plan.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." - *Colosians 3:16a*

**Monday:** Judges 6 - 9

**Tuesday:** Judges 10 - 12 / Psalm 117

**Wednesday:** Judges 13 - 16

**Thursday:** Judges 17 - 18 / Psalm 85

**Friday:** Judges 19 - 21 / Psalm 12

**Saturday:** Ruth

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Scan the QR code to listen to audio readings, subscribe to our Daily Morning & Evening Word & Prayer emails, hear our Bible in a Year sermons, and download the whole 2023 reading plan and small group discussion questions and prayer guide.



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