



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}



Third Sunday after Epiphany ∴ JANUARY 25, 2015

Reflection

“Genesis 1 suggests that the world without man is incomplete. But we can turn that proposition around: man without the world is incomprehensible. That God has placed us here in this world and called us in service both to himself and to his creation means that we can be comfortable with our creaturely status, with our physicality, our undeniable links with the creaturely. Man is made for the earth. This world is our home.”

- Michael Williams

“There is nothing we are asked to do that requires more of us than to know and to love at the same time. Mostly we choose otherwise. Mostly we choose to step away, now knowing as we do. Whether it is in the most familiar of relationships, as in marriage, or in the most far-reaching of responsibilities, as in the global AIDS crisis, when we begin to really know what someone is like or what something or someplace is like, the calculus of our hearts more often than not leads us to conclude that it will no longer be possible to love.”

- Steven Garber

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

The Solid Rock

(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

Come and Welcome

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

(MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

THE SOLID ROCK

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

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

Chorus

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

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

COME AND WELCOME

WORDS: THOMAS HAWEIS, MUSIC: MATTHEW PERRYMAN JONES

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home
Come and welcome, sinner, come

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)

WORDS: MARTIN LUTHER (1524), MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER (1997)

From depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee
O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight
All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest
His word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our utmost need it soundeth
Our shepherd good and true is He
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
From all their sin and sorrow

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

Genesis 2:4-9, 15, 18 (ESV)

(Page 2 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.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

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: Who Is It For?

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

Be Thou My Vision
(MUSIC ON PAGE 9)

BE THOU MY VISION

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: SLANE

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
Be 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

Be Thou my shield
And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter
And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward
O pow'r of my pow'r

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

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.

All Creatures Of Our God And King
(MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

WORDS: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MUSIC: BRENT MILLIGAN AND DAVID CROWDER

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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

O alleluia alleluia
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O alleluia alleluia alleluia

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

Here Is Love

WORDS: WILLIAM REES, MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He will never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed the guilty world in love

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

**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

Until the Daybreak

(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

UNTIL THE DAYBREAK

WORDS: HORATIUS BONAR, MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT (2012)

For the vision of the Bridegroom
Waits the well-beloved Bride
Severed only for a season
From her well-beloved's side
For the hour when morn ascendeth
And the shadows disappear
For the signs of heavenly glory
She is waiting, waiting here

Chorus

*Morn of morns, it comes at last
All the gloom of ages past
For the day of days the brightest
She is waiting, waiting here*

For the coming of the Bridegroom
Whom though yet unseen we love
For the King of saints returning
In His glory from above
For the shout that shakes the prison
For the trumpet loud and clear
For the voice of the archangel
She is waiting, waiting here

Chorus

For the light beyond the darkness
When the reign of sin is done
When the storm has ceased its raging
And the haven has been won
For the joy beyond the sorrow
Joy of the eternal year
For the resurrection splendor
She is waiting, waiting here

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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949.423.8692

COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Times and locations 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 - Meets today, 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

Today, January 25, following worship

There will be a congregational meeting following worship today to vote to elect Cameron as a Ruling Elder. Members of Redeemer are encouraged to remain after worship to participate in the vote.

Dessert Night with Seima Aoyagi

Saturday, January 31, 7:30 PM

You are invited to enjoy a free dessert night and talk from Seima Aoyagi of Grace Harbor Church in Japan, one of Redeemer's new global partners. Seima will be sharing about the work of his church plant in Tokyo. We will meet at the home of Randy and Debbie Yanaga in Costa Mesa.

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.

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



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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 3 of Epiphany

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 103 / John 5:2-18

Monday

Morning: Psalms 41, 52 / Isaiah 48:1-11 / Galatians 1:1-17

Evening: Psalms 44 / Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 45 / Isaiah 48:12-21 / Galatians 1:18-2:10

Evening: Psalms 47, 48 / Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:49-72 / Isaiah 49:1-12 / Galatians 2:11-21

Evening: Psalms 49, 53 / Mark 6:13-29

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 50 / Isaiah 49:13-23 / Galatians 3:1-14

Evening: Psalms 59, 60, 118 / Mark 6:30-46

Friday

Morning: Psalms 40, 54 / Isaiah 50:1-11 / Galatians 3:15-22

Evening: Psalms 51 / Mark 6:47-56

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 55 / Isaiah 51:1-8 / Galatians 3:23-29

Evening: Psalms 138, 139:1-23 / Mark 7:1-23

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Isaiah 51:9-16 / Hebrews 11:8-16

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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