



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}



First Sunday after Easter ⋮ APRIL 27, 2014

Reflection

“Are you not thirsty?’ said the Lion.
‘I’m *dying* of thirst,’ said Jill
‘Then drink,’ said the Lion...
‘Will you promise not to—do anything to me, if I do come?’ said Jill.
‘I make no promise,’ said the Lion.
‘Do you eat girls?’ she said.
‘I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms,’ said the Lion. It didn’t say this as if it were boasting, nor as if it were sorry, nor as if it were angry. It just said it.
‘I daren’t come and drink,’ said Jill.
‘Then you will die of thirst,’ said the Lion.
‘Oh dear!’ said Jill, coming another step nearer. ‘I suppose I must go and look for another stream then.’
‘There is no other stream,’ said the Lion.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Silver Chair*

Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation (from *Seeking God’s Face* by Philip Reinders).

Calling

WELCOME

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
(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.

CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON 1 PETER 1:3-5

Minister: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Minister: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

My Jesus I Love Thee
Friend of Sinners
(MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CHARLES WESLEY

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

My Jesus I Love Thee

WORDS: WILLIAM FEATHERSTON, MUSIC: ADONIRAM GORDON

My Jesus I love Thee
I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies
Of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer
My Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because
Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon
On Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing
The thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory
And endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee
In heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering
Crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now

Friend of Sinners

WORDS: AUGUSTUS M. TOPLADY, MUSIC: JEFF KOONCE AND BRIAN T. MURPHY

Redeemer whither should I flee
Or how escape the wrath to come?
The weary sinner flies to Thee
For shelter from impending doom
Smile on me gracious Lord
And show Thyself a friend of sinners now
Smile on me gracious Lord
And show Thyself a friend of sinners now

Beneath the shadow of Thy cross
The heavy laden soul finds rest
I would esteem the world but dross
So I might be of Christ possessed
I'd seek my every joy in Thee
Be thou both life and light to me
I'd seek my every joy in Thee
Be Thou both life and light to me

There fastened to the rugged wood
By holy love's resistless chain
And life deriving from Thy blood
Never to wander wide again
There may I bow my suppliant knee
And own no other Lord but Thee
There may I bow my suppliant knee
And own no other Lord but Thee

Smile on me gracious Lord
And show Thyself a friend of sinners now
Smile on me gracious Lord
And show Thyself a friend of sinners now

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 ROMANS 8:39

Minister: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

People: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei
MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Grant us 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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE

Minister: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:54-57, NRSV).

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

Profession of Faith & Baptism

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Josh & Kate, Karis, and Emily Couch
Randy Gibeaut
Blake & Danielle and June Kimzey
Jeff & Carmen, Elise and Olivia Mercer

1. Do you believe that you are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
3. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
4. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
5. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
6. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR THE PARENTS OF JUNE ALYS KIMZEY

1. Do you believe that June is made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you acknowledge June's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you claim and trust in God's covenant promises on June's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
4. Do you now unreservedly dedicate June to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
5. To the Congregation: Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting Blake and Danielle in the Christian nurture of June?

BAPTISM OF JUNE ALYS KIMZEY

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

The creed is a concise summary of biblical teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2nd century, and originally used as a baptismal confession.

*means continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death until the third day.

**"catholic church" means the true, universal church of all times and places.

Recite in unison:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell*;
the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church**,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Constitution

Please be seated.

LIVING THE REDEEMER VISION

(See announcements on page 20.)

SCRIPTURE READING

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.

John 7:37-44 (ESV)

(Page 893 in the red Bible.)

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(At the parents' discretion, children ages 3-9 may go to Sermon Time groups or remain in the service. Children will return to the worship service at the end of the sermon.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

MESSAGE

The End of Thirst

REV. DAVID JUELFs

SONG OF RESPONSE

Please stand.

Satisfied
(MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

OFFERTORY

If you are our
guest today
please feel under
no compulsion to
give. Please place
the tear-off card
from the back
of the Order of
Worship in the
offering plate.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
(MUSIC ON PAGE 12)

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1)

Satisfied

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS (1875), MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (1997)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus

*Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Chorus

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Chorus

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Chorus

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

WORDS AND MUSIC: BRENTON BROWN | PAUL BALOCHE

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
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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

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this day of resurrection. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

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

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

(The congregation sings together)

Holy, Holy, Holy

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER; MUSIC: JOHN DYKES

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

We praise you that as we break bread in faith, through the work of the Spirit, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints. Spirit, set our hearts aflame and open our eyes so that we may see in his sufferings all that the prophets foretold and recognize him at this table as the Christ, now entered into his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, forever and ever. 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!

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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Directions for
taking
communion
are on page 16.

And Can It Be

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY, MUSIC: THOMAS CAMPBELL

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

Chorus

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

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Father, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.
Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness
to touch an ordinary everyday world
with the promise of your holiness. 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

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Please stand.

Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

WORDS AND MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

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

BLESSING - BASED ON HEBREWS 13:20-21

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

May the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ
to whom be glory forever and ever.

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 fellowship hall for refreshments and conversation.

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons

Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Sundays, January 19 - June 8, 9:00 - 9:45am

ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Redeemer Marriage Workshop

April 27 - June 8 (6 weeks)*

Instructor: Rev. David Juelfs

Downton Abbey's Dowager Countess on marriage: "People like us are never unhappily married."

Lord Grantham: "What if they are?"

Dowager Countess: "Well in that case the couple is unfortunately unable to see as much of each other as they would like."

Marriage is difficult. Yes, it is also wonderful, but it is difficult. God created marriage as a beautiful gift for his people with the potential to bring joy and thriving to our lives, to the lives of our children, our neighbors, and our whole society. In this marriage workshop we will explore the biblical vision for marriage (you might be surprised) and develop practical tools (very, very practical) to make your marriage thrive.

Redeemer 101 Class

April 27 - May 25 (4 weeks)*

Instructor: Rev. Adam Feichtmann

This class is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 5 years, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The class will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities.

**Classes will not meet on May 11th in recognition of Mother's Day.*

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Leaders: Josh and Hallie Cooper

Location: Reception Area in the Temple

We invite our youth to join us for a fun, creative, and relationally-based workshop, initially focused on studying the Bible and the catechisms. (Main curriculum resource: www.newcitycatechism.com.)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2-5 yrs)

Teachers: Jamie Pickavance

Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st - 3rd grades)

Teachers: Jason Tester and Caleb Austin

Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades)

Teacher: Maureen Messenger

Location: MPR Area, Room 8

This class teaches 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 use a combination of the following curriculums: *Show Me Jesus*, *Jesus Storybook Bible*, and *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*.)

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 3 years

Location: in the 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. More information to be announced.

Beach Cities

Sunday, April 27, 12-2pm
Newport Back Bay
Muth Interpretive Center
(Lunch Included)
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

Central County

Sunday, May 18, 4-6pm
Picnic at Heritage Park
2350 Kinsman Circle, Tustin
Contact: Shawn Monterastelli
smonterastelli@hotmail.com

North County

Saturday, May 17
Fullerton, location TBA
City-wide Serve Day
Contact: Drew Duncan
aduncan@waxie.com
714.614.7953

South County

TBD
Contact: Jon & Jill Nelson
jon@enelsons.com
jill@enelsons.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. This winter/spring we will dig deep into the Psalms using a bible study approach. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. See Community Group times and locations below:

Beach Cities Groups

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

Costa Mesa/Norling Home
Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm
Contact: Bob & Karen Norling
karennorling@sbcglobal.net
bobnorling@sbcglobal.net, 714-434-0887

Costa Mesa/Juelfs Home
Wednesdays, 7:15-9:00 pm
Contact: Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com
619-665-7952

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

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

Laguna Woods/Birch Home
Fridays, 7:15-9:15 pm
Contact: Larry & Binky Wormald
lawormald@gmail.com, 714-747-1188

Jr High & High School Group

Newport-Mesa/YMCA
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Announcements & Events

Women's Study - Location Change this Monday

Monday, April 28, 7:00 pm

Our weekly women's study will be meeting at the home of Kerry Maxwell in Irvine this week. Dinner will begin at 7pm as usual followed by the study at 7:30pm. Please refer to your email from the women's ministry team for the address and details, or contact Emily Patterson, emilywpatterson@gmail.com, with questions.

Redeemer Spring Lunch

Sunday, May 4, following worship

All are invited to remain after worship on Sunday, May 4th, for our annual Spring Lunch. Enjoy a delicious taco lunch as we fellowship with one another. We will also have bouncehouses for the kids!

Women's May Gathering

Monday, May 12, 7:30 pm, hosted by Kerry Maxwell in Irvine

Ladies high school age and up are invited to join the women of Redeemer for our monthly fellowship gathering. We had so much interest in our Blessing Bags for the homeless last year that we are gathering to make them again. We will be assembling large ziplock bags filled with essential items that you can keep in your car and give to the homeless when you're out and about. The women's ministry will provide the supplies - just bring yourself and a friend to enjoy fellowship while we think about what it means to serve the vulnerable in our communities. Watch for an evite coming soon and please RSVP! Questions? Contact emailwomensministry@redeemeroc.org.

Redeemer at a Glance

{*Following Christ in the Renewal of All Things*}

Thank you for joining us in worship. We hope you are encouraged and empowered. However, a church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. Redeemer is a community following Christ in the renewal of all things. The rhythm of our life together follows the pattern below:

Worship – Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.

Weekly worship at 10 a.m.

Nurture – Learning how to live the kingdom life together.

Community groups, classes and workshops, men’s and women’s ministry, family ministry, and simply spending time together having a good time.

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. See page 19 for details.

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. See page 19 for details.

Classes and Workshops – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Have you taken all the Redeemer Foundation classes? See page 18 for details.

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 – A church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. Membership is our commitment to live this kingdom life together.

The Real Presence of Christ

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

Daily Scripture Readings

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

Week 2 of Easter

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 111, 112, 113 / John 14:1-7

Monday

Morning: Psalms 1, 2, 3 / Exodus 14:21-31 / 1 Peter 1:1-12

Evening: Psalms 4, 7 / John 14:8-17

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 5, 6 / Exodus 15:1-21 / 1 Peter 1:13-25

Evening: Psalms 10, 11 / John 14:18-31

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:1-24 / Exodus 15:22-16:10 / 1 Peter 2:1-10

Evening: Psalms 12, 13, 14 / John 15:1-11

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 18:1-20 / Exodus 16:10-22 / 1 Peter 2:11-25

Evening: Psalms 18:21-50 / John 15:12-27

Friday

Morning: Psalms 16, 17 / Exodus 16:23-36 / 1 Peter 3:13-4:6

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / John 16:1-15

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 20, 21:1-14 / Exodus 17:1-16 / 1 Peter 4:7-19

Evening: Psalms 110:1-7, 116, 117 / John 16:16-33

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Exodus 18:1-12 / 1 John 2:7-17

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

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Prayer Requests, Comments, and Praises

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____
 Day Evening

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me new life.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

If you are praying this for the first time, please let a Christian friend or pastor know.



We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about Redeemer. We are here to serve you.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

Please Let Us Know If You Are:

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

Please Contact Me About:

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

The cover painting
for Easter is by
local Redeemer artist
Danielle Kimzey
www.daniellekimzey.com