



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}



Fourth Sunday in Lent ⋮ MARCH 15, 2015

Reflection

“We now live in a world where information is potentially unlimited. Information is cheap, but meaning is expensive. Where is the meaning?”

- George Dyson

“As prophet [Jesus] meets the problem of man’s ignorance, supplying him with knowledge. As priest he meets the problem of man’s guilt, supplying him with righteousness. As king he meets the problem of man’s weakness and dependence, supplying him with power and protection.”

- J.B. Green

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
LENT	The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and
EASTER	Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and
PENTECOST	repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare 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

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision
(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 - FROM LUKE 4

Leader: Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read and said,

People: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

Leader: "He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind."

People: "To set at liberty those who are oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

Prayer concludes by saying in unison:

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Hail To The Lord's Anointed
Your Great Name
(MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

BE THOU MY VISION

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision
O Lord of my heart
Nought 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
And I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not
Nor 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

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

WORDS: JAMES MONTGOMERY (1821) MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN (2012)

Chorus

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression
To set the captives free
To take away transgression
And rule in equity

He comes with comfort speedy
To those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong

Chorus

To give them songs for sighing
Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls condemned and dying
Were precious in His sight

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers
Spring in his path to birth

Chorus

Kings shall fall down before him
And gold and incense bring
All nations shall adore him
His praise all people sing

The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove
His name shall stand forever
His name to us is Love

Chorus

YOUR GREAT NAME

MUSIC: KRISSY NORDHOFF | MICHAEL NEALE

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name
Your great Name
Your great Name*

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 HEBREWS 4:14, 16

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Eternal and merciful God,

**You have loved us with a steadfast love beyond our understanding,
and through the words of your prophets**

you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Yet we have strayed from your way.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
both through what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**As we remember your lavish gift of grace in sending your son to save us,
O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.**

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,

**and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. 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

Please stand.

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: To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

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

Acts 3:17-24 (ESV)

(Page 911 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.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. ²² Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’ ²⁴ And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

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

Jesus the Prophet: Finally, Words We Can Trust

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.

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Speak O Lord

(MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

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.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth! (Psalms 96:8–9)

With joy let us offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

Let us pray. All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. Receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost

(MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

SPEAK O LORD

WORDS AND MUSIC: KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

COME, HOLY GHOST

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS, MUSIC: BRUCE BENEDICT AND RAY MILLS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

Chorus

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Chorus

Communion

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: God and father, we praise and thank you that you were pleased, in your eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, your only begotten Son, to be the mediator between your holiness and your sinful people. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. You gave to him, from all eternity, a people that by him, in time, would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself has fully satisfied your justice. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him. 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

{ Congregation sings together }

How Great Thou Art

WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of them may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. 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.

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

Please stand.

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.**

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

Everlasting God

(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 - BASED ON PHILIPPIANS 2:8

May Jesus Christ,
the great prophet, priest and king,
who was obedient to death,
even death on a cross,
guide, encourage, and protect you.

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

EVERLASTING GOD

WORDS AND MUSIC: BRENTON BROWN & KEN RILEY

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our hope our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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Our God You reign forever
Our hope our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Winter Session 2: Sundays, February 15 - March 22, 9:00 - 9:50am

ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

We are offering two classes during this second winter session:

Readings in Malachi

*Instructor: Pastor David Juelfs
Location: MPR Area, Room 10*

Join Pastor David for a five-week workshop on the Old Testament's last book, Malachi. This will not be a lecture, but a guided engagement with Malachi especially focused on how its message speaks to us today. Pastor David will be preaching a post-Easter sermon series on Malachi and your questions and insights into this important book will help shape his sermon series.

Lenten Reflections & Practices

*Instructor: Pastor Adam Feichtmann
Location: MPR Area, Room 9*

Lent is an old English word that means springtime. Over the centuries Christians have used this time of year before Easter to say, "I need a springtime in my soul." You are invited to join Pastor Adam for a journey to the cross of Christ through weekly Lenten reflections and suggested spiritual practices.

Spring Class Schedule

See our spring session dates below. Class offerings for the spring sessions will be announced at a later date.

Spring Session 1: 4/12 - 5/3

Spring Session 2: 5/17 - 6/7

**Classes and workshops will not meet on 3/1 due to the men's retreat nor on 5/10 in observance of Mother's Day.*

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: Jeff & Emily Patterson
Location: MPR Area, Room 3*

*Lower Elementary (1st - 3rd grades)
Teachers: Jason & Anna Tester
Location: MPR Area, Room 5*

*Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades)
Teachers: 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 each parish neighborhood listed below.

Beach Cities

Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

Central County

Santa Ana, Irvine, Tustin, Orange
Contact: Shawn Monterastelli
smonterastelli@hotmail.com

North County

Anaheim, Fullerton, North Orange, LA County
Contact: Drew Duncan
aduncan@waxie.com
714.614.7953

South County

Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
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 - Next Meeting, 3/22
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

Women's Bible Study

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm, Dinner and Study

Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm, Study

It's not too late to join our women's bible study on *Judges: The Flawed and the Flawless* by Tim Keller. The Monday evening group is at the Tester home in Newport Beach and will begin with dinner followed by the study. Our Thursday night group is at the Knox home and will be the study only. Study guides are available for purchase at the Redeemer book table. Contact Stephanie Handley, srhandley@gmail.com, with questions.

Redeemer at a Glance

{ FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS }

Thank you for joining us. We hope you are encouraged and empowered. A church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. The rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

WORSHIP } Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.

NURTURE } Learning how to live the kingdom life together. Community groups, classes and workshops, men's and women's ministry, family ministry, and simply having a good time together.

MISSION } Making Jesus known among our neighbors and working to heal our neighborhoods. Get involved with your neighborhood parish.

CULTURE } Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful.

JOIN US



NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 19.



COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.19.



CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Details on page 18.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Yearly retreats and regular gatherings to deepen our relationships and support each other.



FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.



MEMBERSHIP – Membership is our commitment to live our kingdom life together.

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

Daily Scripture Readings

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

Week 4 of Lent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 19, 46 / Mark 8:11-21

Monday

Morning: Psalms 89:1-18 / Jeremiah 16:10-21 / Romans 7:1-12

Evening: Psalms 89:19-52 / John 6:1-15

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 97, 99, 100 / Jeremiah 17:19-27 / Romans 7:13-25

Evening: Psalms 94, 95 / John 6:16-27

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 101, 109:1-30 / Jeremiah 18:1-11 / Romans 8:1-11

Evening: Psalms 119:121-144 / John 6:27-40

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 69:1-38 / Jeremiah 22:13-23 / Romans 8:12-27

Evening: Psalms 73 / John 6:41-51

Friday

Morning: Psalms 95, 102 / Jeremiah 23:1-8 / Romans 8:28-39

Evening: Psalms 107:1-32 / John 6:52-59

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-13 / Jeremiah 23:9-15 / Romans 9:1-18

Evening: Psalms 33 / John 6:60-71

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 118 / Jeremiah 23:16-32 / 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

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

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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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Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

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