



Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, welcome. We are glad you are here. We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes in the margins that will help you participate and that offer some explanations. Redeemer is a safe place to ask questions and think differently, so feel free to ask the pastors and leaders anything that might be helpful for you, and please offer your feedback.

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, sometimes called a liturgy. This is because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship, not for a lecture, a conference, or a concert; not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scripture thousands of years ago. God speaks and we respond.

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to worship him. Cleansing - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children. Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the scripture. Communion - God draws us forward, as children to the father's table, to eat a covenant meal with him. Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

Participating in this alternating pattern of God's words and our responses each week not only provides help for today, but shapes our faith over time to highlight the tenacity and graciousness of God's covenantal love.

We are glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to me after our worship.

Grace and Peace.

David Juelfs Senior Pastor

Redeemer Presbyterian Church {Following Christ In The Renewal Of All Things}



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REFLECTION

The unplanned, inefficient detours of our lives are planned by God. They are common for disciples, and they commonly don't make sense in the moment. But God's ways are not our ways because our lives are about him, not about us. He is orchestrating far more than we know in every unexpected event and delay... take heart, hold tight, and trust God's navigation. Jon Bloom

WELCOME

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion. which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem. so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalms 125:1–2)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your word, a heart to love you, a life to proclaim you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT EASTER PENTECOST

We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the world. Throughout the season we focus on the ministry of Jesus: the calling of the disciples, the teachings of Christ, his miracles, and finally his transfiguration. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah. Epiphany calls us to live God's mission, announcing the good news of Christ's arrival to every 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**

O Worship The King words: robert grant, alt. Chris tomlin, music: Johann Haydn, Chris tomlin

> O worship the King all glorious above O gratefully sing His wonderful love Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

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

Chorus

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love While angels delight to worship above Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

Chorus

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Chorus

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 - FROM LUKE 1, THE MAGNIFICAT

Minister: My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

People: For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.

Minister: And His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him.

People: He has given help to Israel His servant, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

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 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Mercy, My God (MUSIC ON PAGE 4)

THY MERCY, MY GOD

WORDS: JOHN STOCKER (1776), MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN (2001)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; Sin would reduce me to utter despair; But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine. All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Cleansing

Please be seated.

CALL TO REPENTANCE -BASED ON ROMANS 5:8; HEBREWS 4:16

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.

While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Almighty and merciful Father, 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. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, 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 hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

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

Please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - FROM ROMANS 5:1-2

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.

Minister: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

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

People: And also with you.

Constitution

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

(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.)

READING GOD'S WORD

Luke 1:5-38 (Selected Verses)

(Page 460 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.

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah... and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth... ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God... ¹¹ there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord... ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end…"

³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. DAVID JUELFS

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.

Trust, Wait, Watch

Please stand SONG OF RESPONSE

His Love Can Never Fail
WORDS AND MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER, E.S. HALL, AND EDWIN OTHELLO EXCELL

I do not ask to see the way
My feet will have to tread
But only that my soul may feed
Upon the living Bread
'Tis better far that I should walk
By faith close to His side
I may not know the way I go
But oh I know my Guide

His love can never fail
His love can never fail
My soul is satisfied
to know His love can never fail
My soul is satisfied
to know His love can never fail

And if my feet would go astray
They cannot for I know
That Jesus guides my faltering steps
As joyfully I go
And though I may not see His face
My faith is strong and clear
That in each hour of sore distress
My Savior will be near

His love can never fail
His love can never fail
My soul is satisfied
to know His love can never fail
My soul is satisfied
to know His love can never fail

Please be seated. PROFESSION OF FAITH

Ken & Amy Beyer with Sophie and Cole Greg & Betty Chalfant with Ethan and Miriam Dan & Karen Lenz Sarah Stratton with Wendell, Eliot, and Evelyn Craig A. & Jolee White Matthew & Katherine Wyble

- 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?

Please stand. **SONG OF UNION**

Doxology
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN, MUSIC BY LOUIS BOURGEOIS

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

OFFERTORY - MATTHEW 6:19-20

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.

Minister: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Minister: Let us pray. Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

Satisfied

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

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 imagine, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell in 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 parables and miracles. 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)

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight
WORDS: ANNE STEELE (1760), MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT (1998)

Jesus my Lord my life my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away
Won't You chase my fears away

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: By the power of your Holy Spirit let us taste and see your graciousness. Let us feed on you by faith and thereby grow up into the people that you intended us to be and that we long to become. Make us ever mindful of your great kindness and love towards us, and may you make us loving and kind towards our neighbors.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Directions for taking communion are on page 12.)

Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Directions for taking communion:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

When and how to come forward for communion: Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

A Word to Parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor David. Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.

* Gluten-free crackers contain organic brown and white rice flour only.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

(Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.)

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated. **COMMUNION SONG**

The Great Physician
WORDS: WILLIAM HUNTER, MUSIC: J. H. STOCKTON

The Great Physician now is near
Our Lord and healer Jesus
He speaks the saddened heart to cheer
O hear the voice of Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song Sweetest name on mortal tongue Sweetest carol ever sung It's Jesus blessed Jesus

Your many sins are all forgiven
O hear the voice of Jesus
Go on your way in peace to heaven
And wear a crown with Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song Sweetest name on mortal tongue Sweetest carol ever sung It's Jesus blessed Jesus

And when to that bright world above
We rise to be with Jesus
We'll sing around the throne of love
And shout out His holy name, Jesus

Sweetest note in angels' song Sweetest name on mortal tongue Sweetest carol ever sung It's Jesus blessed Jesus

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Please stand. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.

Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Commission

Please stand

SONG OF DEPARTURE

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

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

BLESSING - NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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.**

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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

Announcements & Events

Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, January 31, following worship

Plan to remain after worship on January 31st for an update from our treasurer on our 2016 Budget. Nursery childcare will be extended for the meeting.

Women's Fellowship Night

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00pm

Ladies, join us for Taco Night! We will gather at the home Stacey Duncan in Fullerton to enjoy a taco bar with all of the fixings. Just bring yourself and a hearty appetite. See you there! Contact Stacey Duncan, stacey.duncan@hotmail.com, with questions or to RSVP.

Youth Winter Retreat

Friday-Sunday, January 29-31

Redeemer's youth are heading up into the mountains and snow for a winter retreat in Green Valley Lake (near Big Bear). Students will build relationships with one another as they enjoy the snow, play games in a warm cabin, study the Bible, and hang out with friends. This experience will not only be memorable and impactful, it will also be well supervised and SAFE with quality adult leaders. The cost is \$100 per person (checks payable to Redeemer, memo: "youth winter retreat"). Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, to register or for more information.

Men's Retreat

Fri-Sun, February 26-28

Men, save the date for our 2016 Men's Retreat. We will have the privilege of Rev. Jason Harris from Central Presbyterian Church, NYC, as our guest speaker. Jason will be teaching on the topic of "Friendship." The men will be returning to Serra Retreat Center, a beautiful sacred space nestled in the hills of Malibu with breathtaking ocean views. Registration is due by Sunday, February 7th. For more information, contact Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org.

Women's Acts Study

Every other Tuesday, Next meeting on January 19, 7:00-9:00 pm

The Redeemer women's study on the book of Acts has resumed. Join us every other week at Panera Bread at the Bluffs (MacArthur and Bison in Newport Beach). We are using John Stott's Acts: Seeing the Spirit at Work which is available for purchase at the book table in the chapel hall. Contact Stephanie Handley, srhandley@gmail.com, with questions.

Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Winter Class Dates: Sundays, January 10 - February 14, 9:00 - 9:50 am

WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1: 1/10 - 2/14

SESSION 1 ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

The Meaning of Marriage Workshop Location: MPR Area, Room 9

Join us for a six-week video study through Timothy Keller's The Meaning of Marriage. We will discuss practical wisdom from the scriptures and Keller's book that neither idealizes nor rejects the institution but points us to the relationship between God and man. The result is a vision for marriage that is refreshingly frank and unsentimental - yet hopeful, beautiful, and relevant for Christians and non-Christians, as well as those married and single. Books and study guides will be available at the book table.

Redeemer 101 Class

Location: MPR Area, Room 10 Class dates: 1/31-2/14 (3 weeks)

This class will begin on January 31st during our Session 1 winter classes. It 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.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Teacher: Josh Cooper 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: Drew & Stacey Duncan

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: Beckie White 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 adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

Central County

Irvine, Tustin, Orange, Santa Ana Contact: Adam Feichtmann Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Drew Duncan smonterastelli@hotmail.com 949.933.0085

North County

Anaheim, Fullerton, North Orange, LA County 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. Winter Community Groups times and locations 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

Newport Beach/TBY Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Mike Maxwell michael.maxwell3@gmail.com 714-376-2900

Newport Beach/Port Street Homes Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm Contact: Erik Rannala rannala.erik@gmail.com 415-309-5109 Adults only (infants welcome)

Newport Beach/TBY Every other Sunday, after worship Next Meeting: 1/10/16 Contact: Carl Messenger carl.messenger@cox.net 949-374-0711

*Costa Mesa/Erskine Home Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm Contact: Kem Erskine kemerskine@yahoo.com 949-468-6227

* New Community Group

Costa Mesa/Pringle Home Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm Contact: Stephanie Handley srhandley@gmail.com 619-665-7952

North County Group

Fullerton/Duncan Home Every other Sunday, 4:00-6:30 pm Next Meeting: 1/10/16 Contact: Tim & Jamie Pickavance timandjamie@gmail.com timpick@gmail.com 714-869-3077

Central County Group

Irvine/Kornu & Moore Homes Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu kornufamily@gmail.com 949-559-5502

Jr High & High School Group

Vitaly Cafe @ The Camp, Costa Mesa Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm Contact: Josh Cooper joshc@redeemeroc.org 949-784-9853

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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.

 ${\tt CULTURE} \hspace{0.3cm} \} \hspace{0.3cm} \hbox{Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful}.$

JOIN US

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 17.

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.17.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 16.

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

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

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

Fridav

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 / 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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Prayer of Belief

or greeter.

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.

plate as it comes by or give it to an usher

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 recieve 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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