



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.

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.

You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus Christ, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of the historic Christian gospel.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful. It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

We are glad you are with us.
So let us explore. Let us worship.



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Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work on Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We desire to create a safe space and welcome people to ask questions and think differently
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Ask. Explore.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent ∴ MARCH 31, 2019

Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation. You are invited to use the Reflection, Opening Words of Scripture, and/or the Prayer of Preparation as part of your individual preparation for worship.

REFLECTION

“It is impossible for one’s soul to accomplish anything good, or to have power over its own passions or to escape the great subtlety of the devil’s snare if the soul is not fortified by the grace of the Holy Spirit and has Christ himself within it....Christ promises nothing less than that he will be present and will help those who believe on him through the Spirit, even though he ascends into the heavens after his resurrection from the dead.”

- Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on the Gospel of John

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - ACTS 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

“Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” - The Book of Common Worship

CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST

“A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the ‘bright sadness’ of Lent, we see – far, far away – the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom.” (Alexander Schmemmann) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and 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

Abide With Me

WORDS: HENRY FRANCIS LYTE, MUSIC: WILLIAM HENRY MONK

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

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.

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord fills the world.

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Minister: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Minister: When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
When you take away their breath, they return to their dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works! Amen.

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

(MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)

Come, Holy Ghost

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS (CIRCA 800 A.D.), 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

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight
WORDS: ANNE STEELE; MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT

Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines
But in Thy sacred Word
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord

Tis here, when'er my comforts droop
And sin and sorrow rise
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies,
My fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain,
Oh and I again complain

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

Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above,
They are only known above

Cleansing

Please be seated.

The call to repentance invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON JOHN 14:15-17, 21

Minister: Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and manifest myself to him.” Knowing that God the Father has given us another Helper, while also knowing our sin and struggle to obey God commands, let us confess our sin before the face of God and in the presence of the people of God.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Lord Have Mercy

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STEVE MERKEL

I have built an altar
Where I've worshiped things of man
I have taken journeys
That have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning
To Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

Please stand.

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 –EZEKIEL 36:26

Minister: The Lord God said: “A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh”

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 a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children 2 years through Kindergarten need to be signed into their class prior to the service or at dismissal and signed out following the sermon or after the service.)

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principal and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

READING GOD'S WORD

John 16:5-15

(Page 902 in the red Bible.)

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. CHRIS STRATTON

The Farewell Discourse: The Holy Spirit

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

God the Spirit
(MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

God the Spirit

WORDS: SAMUEL J. STONE (1866), MUSIC: MATT BOSWELL (2010)

Holy Fount of inspiration
By whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation
Marvelous and manifold

Chorus

*God the Spirit we adore Thee
In the Triune Godhead One
One in love and power and glory
With the Father and the Son*

Author of the new creation
Giver of the second birth
May thy ceaseless renovation
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth

Chorus

When we wander Lord direct us
Keep us in the Master's way
Let Thy strong swift sword protect us
Warring in the evil day

Shall the church now faint or fear
When the Comforter is near

Chorus

Please stand

PROFESSION OF FAITH – HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 53

The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg in 1563 by Zacharius Ursinus to teach Reformed Christianity in Germany. For close to four centuries it has remained one of the most widely used and loved catechism of the Reformation. It has been praised for its warmth and personal nature

Leader: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

People: First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.

Second, he is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all his benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.

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.

OFFERTORY - HEBREWS 13:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Let us pray.

Generous God, in your abundant love you give all things, let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to you.

OFFERTORY SONG

Instrumental

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: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In this Lenten season of preparation and repentance as we anticipate Good Friday and Easter, let us remember that Jesus took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and, though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. 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 worshipping Christians who have gone before.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

(Congregation sings together)

Sanctus

WORDS: TRADITIONAL, MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (2012)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Creator God, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we and your entire church may be called out and made whole through this supper. Show us that your mercy is greater than our sin. 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!

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 Adam. 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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion
SANDRA MCCRAKEN AND JOSHUA MOORE

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Chorus

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Heavenly Father, you have given us a share in the one bread
and the one cup and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this in Christ, our Lord, by power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Commission

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

The Solid Rock

WORDS: EDWARD MOTE; MUSIC: WILLIAM BRADBURY

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

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

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

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE DISMISSAL

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.

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

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. 18.



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



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.

Announcements & Events

Lent Resources

To help you purposefully journey through the season of Lent, scan the QR code below or open the Redeemer App for a list of resources.



Holy Week Services at Redeemer | April 14 - 21, 2019

Palm Sunday Service | Morgan Chapel, Sunday, April 14, 10:00am

On this day we celebrate the King who rode a donkey, yet acknowledge the pain to come. The service is created to help us enter into Holy Week and prepare for the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Maundy Thursday Service | Morgan Chapel, Thursday, April 18, 8:00PM

This is a beautiful and solemn service that will focus your mind and grip your heart. After singing, silence, and a short meditation on a passage of scripture, we take the Lord's Supper, prayerfully and seated at tables. For many this is one of the most powerful and rich communion experiences. At the conclusion of the service the communion tables are ceremonially stripped and we leave in silence and darkness. Symbolically this darkness and silence is broken with the shout of "He is risen!" at the opening of our Easter worship the following Sunday.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org

Easter Sunday Service & Celebration | The Sanctuary, Sunday, April 21, 10:00AM

Our Easter service is a rich celebration of joy, where the despair of death feels before the bursting forth of new life. It is the climax of the Church Calendar and great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship and celebrate with us! This service will be held in the Sanctuary at Temple Bat Yahm. After the service all are invited to enjoy some light refreshments in the chapel hall and there will be an Easter egg hunt, bounce houses, and activities for the children on the lawn.

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org

Pastoral Search Committee Information and Updates

Keep up to date with all Pastoral Search Committee Announcements and updates by clicking on the QR code or by visiting the Redeemer website



Community Life

Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

DOWNLOAD OUR APP FOR ALL THE LATEST IN COMMUNITY LIFE

Go to <http://get.theapp.co/s/75k/> or scan the QR code to find out the latest news & details for our Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. We have four parishes: Beach Cities, North County, Central County and South County. 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. Download our app to find out more about upcoming gatherings in your neighborhood or go to www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/ Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH DINNERS

Attend and invite your neighbors to a Parish Dinner near you. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors. Host your own regular dinner and we will promote it! Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org

North County Dinners

Fullerton

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Community Life

Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

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. We have Community Groups that meet across Orange County on a weekly, every other week, or twice a month basis. **If you are interested in attending, leading or hosting a group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org**

MID-WEEK STUDIES & GROUPS

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together.

Men's AM Group

Morning Prayer & Coffee
Redeemer Church Office
4540 Campus Drive, Suite 117
Newport Beach
1st & 3rd Thursdays
7:00-8:00 am
Leader/Contact:
Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Men's AM Group

Morning Prayer & Breakfast
Fullerton
Fullerton Community Center
1st & 3rd Fridays
6:30-7:15 am
Leader/Contact:
Andrew Evans
andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com

Men's Mere Christianity Book Study

Feichtmann Home
Costa Mesa
2nd Monday of the Month
8:00 - 9:30 pm
Leader/Contact:
Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Women's AM Study

1 & 2 Peter and Jude Study
Newport Beach
Weekly Fridays
9:30-11:00 am
(Limited Childcare available)
Contact: Ashley Moore
ashley.moore05@gmail.com

Women's PM Study

Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)
Fullerton
Every other Wednesday
Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm
(No Childcare available)
Contact: Stacey Duncan
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Women's Prayer Group

Costa Mesa
Every other Tuesday
7:00 - 8:30 pm
(No Childcare available)
Contact: Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com

High School

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:30 pm
In & Out Burger
3211 Harbor Blvd
Costa Mesa
Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl
brians@redeemeroc.org

Jr. High School

Thursdays
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Halecrest Park Back Clubhouse
Off of College Avenue
Costa Mesa
Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl
brians@redeemeroc.org

Global Partnership

Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA ACT

Ethiopia ACT is an organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that works to reconcile people to God through Jesus Christ, and to reconcile them to themselves, others and creation—all resulting in the planting, growing and maturing of churches that in turn transform lives and communities through faithful witnesses to the Gospel. They began as a ministry to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on extremely poor families, but have grown to include other public health strategies that serve the wider community, as well as educational and psychological support for vulnerable children. Church planting and renewal is central to all their activities and a primary goal for their team.

Jason Polk, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Liz and their three children, is the family that we directly support, as he oversees the spiritual care for Ethiopia ACT and its work to grow a gospel-centered church planting movement among the poor communities of Addis Ababa.

Update

Although the current state of emergency instated in Ethiopia has presented challenges, Ethiopia ACT continues to move forward in serving the local communities in Addis Ababa. Over the coming months, ACT will be adding 100 non-HIV families to their program, further extending their efforts in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors.

A previous prayer request was for members of the Suki community who were facing the destruction of their homes. Because government focus has been shifted elsewhere, the tearing down of these homes has been put on hold, and it does not appear that it will move forward. Praise God that those residents have not been displaced, and please pray for their continued wellbeing and provision.

The Polk family continues to do well, but as always, continue to lift them up in prayer as they labor and pour themselves out for the city of Addis Ababa.

Finally, ACT is in the process of registering with the Ethiopian government and asks for prayer that the process progresses smoothly.

Prayer Requests

- For sustained strength, energy and safety for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff in Addis Ababa.
- For the current state of emergency in the country due to regional protests, and for peaceful resolution.
- That visiting teams being delayed or unable to travel would not have a negative impact on medical clinics or other services ACT provides.
- For a smooth process registering Ethiopia ACT with the government.
- For ACT to be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the new families being added to the program.

Website: www.ethiopiaact.org

Global Partnership

Japan

REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN

Redeemer City to City is movement which helps local leaders start churches in global cities by providing content resources, renewable grants, local networks and comprehensive training. Within the Redeemer City to City network, we are specifically supporting the church-planting efforts of Seima Aoyagi, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Naoko and their four children, Pastor of Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo, Japan.

Grace Harbor Church is a bilingual church plant with the vision to see the Tokyo Waterfront become an area overflowing with the grace and blessings of Jesus Christ. An area where people can get a rest from the stormy world, recover, and then be sent out again on their next voyage, as salt and light, to make the Tokyo Waterfront more beautiful than ever with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Update

Last April, Grace Harbor celebrated their one year anniversary of holding weekly worship services. They now have about 60 adults and 30 children attending the weekly service each week, and are slowly but steadily growing. Grace Harbor has had 2 more baptisms this year. Yoko was introduced to Grace Harbor at a community event and began developing friendships. After attending events regularly for 2 years she confessed her faith and became a Christian. Yoko then waited patiently for 2 more years for her husband to give approval for her baptism. This year she was finally baptized and her husband even came to the service! Mr. Suzuki, the 62-year-old pub owner and manager a local baseball team, completed his baptism classes and was baptized in early December 2016.

Last summer Grace Harbor welcomed many summer missions teams. These teams are instrumental in helping them get connected to non-Christians in the community through cultivating new relationships and hosting events. Some of these events included a Hawaiian BBQ, College outreach, Kids English Camp, and a Basketball outreach.

One of the major challenges this year is the reforming of their leadership team as they transition from being a missionary-heavy church to a Japanese church. Other challenges include the health issues with Pastor Seima's hearing problems and Pastor Fukuda's stroke from which both are miraculously recovering.

The Aoyagi family is seeing God work through their roles in the community. Seima's position as PTA chair has allowed him to make connections through which people have come to know about Grace Harbor. Naoko's involvement with Parakaleo Japan helps provide a care-network for wives in ministry.

Prayer Requests

- For Seima's son Towa's continuous recovery through daily activity and rehab visit.
- For Seima's family to be dependent on the Lord more and more.
- For Grace Harbor Church as they are in the process of reformatting small groups.
- For new contacts through outreach events to develop friendships and introduce them to Jesus.
- For them to not only grow in number but also in maturity as followers of Christ
- For unity and focus in the leadership team, and for Seima to lead in a humble, godly manner.
- For more church planting happening in Tokyo, the world largest city yet with only 0.2% Christians!

Websites: www.redeemercitytocity.com, www.graceharborchurch.jp

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.

Building a Beautiful Neighborhood



a: Write the names of the people who live in the house represented by the box. If you can give first and last names, that's great. If it's only first names, that's fine too.

b: Write down some relevant information about each person, some data or facts about him or her that you couldn't see just by standing in your driveway, things you might know if you've spoken to the person once or twice. We don't mean drives a red car or has yellow roses by the sidewalk, because you could see that from your driveway. We mean information you've gathered from actually speaking to a neighbor, such as grew up in Idaho, is a lawyer, plays golf, is from Ethiopia, had a father in World War II.

c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear? What are their spiritual beliefs and practices? Write down anything meaningful that you've learned through interacting with them.

"The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors."

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

"God is already working in your neighborhood. Being a good neighbor simply means slowing down and being aware of what he is designing. By developing real relationships, you'll find out how God is already moving in a person's life."

- Dave Runyon

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map Neighbor Dinner

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 of 4 Lent

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

Thursday

Morning: Psalm 69 / Jeremiah 22:13-23 / Romans 8:12-27

Evening: Psalm 73 / John 6:41-51

Friday

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

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

Saturday

Morning: Psalm 107:33-108:13 / Jeremiah 23:9-15 / Romans 9:1-18

Evening: Psalm 33 / John 6:60-71

Sunday

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

To sign up for our daily morning and evening prayer emails with these scripture readings along with prayers and liturgy from the Order of Worship, go to redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up/ or scan the QR code.



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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.

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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