

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.

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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Twenty Seventh Sunday After Pentecost : NOVEMBER 25, 2018

REFLECTION

“When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”— G. K. Chesterton

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - PSALM 107:1

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT	The word ‘Pentecost’ comes from the Greek meaning simply ‘fiftieth’. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending “another counselor” (John 14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.
CHRISTMAS	
EPIPHANY	
LENT	
EASTER	
PENTECOST	

Calling

Please stand.

The call
to worship
establishes
the lines of
communication
in worship. God
always comes
to us before we
come to God.
Biblical worship
is a response to
God's gracious
revelation of
himself to his
people.

CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

People: there is no end to his greatness.

Minister: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

People: All your works praise you, Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

Minister: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

People: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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

*We Have Come
Praise To The Lord The Almighty
(MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)*

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.

We Have Come

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS, 1707 (VERSES); ZAC HICKS, 2008 (CHORUS & BRIDGE)

MUSIC: ZAC HICKS, 2008

Chorus

*We have come to give You praise
Almighty God, lift up our gaze
Lord, we long to see Your face
Won't You come and fill this place?
Won't You come and fill this place?*

Come, we that love the Lord
And let our joys be known
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne
We now surround the throne

Our God, He rules on high
And thunders when He please
He rides upon the stormy sky
And manages the seas
He manages the seas

This awesome God is ours
Our Father and our love
He will send down His heavenly powers
To carry us above
He carries us above

So let our songs abound
And every tear be dry
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high
We long to be on high

Chorus

We're marching up to the gates of Zion
The city of God, where the Most High dwells
Where streams make glad our fainting spirits
We now surround the throne
And worship You alone

Hallelujah to the Father
Hallelujah to the Son
Hallelujah to the Spirit
'Round the throne we have come

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

WORDS: JOACHIM NEANDER, MUSIC: STRALSUND GESANGBUCH

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

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

Leader: Jesus said, Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Let us now confess our sin before the face of God and in the presence of the people of God.

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

Lord Have Mercy

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STEVE MERKEL

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

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

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 - COLOSSIANS 2:13-14

Leader: When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Leader: 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.)

READING GOD'S WORD

Exodus 3:1-15

(Page 46 in the red Bible.)

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.

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. CHAD BREWER

God Is

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Please stand.

Lead On, O King Eternal
(MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

Lead On, O King Eternal

WORDS BY ERNEST W. SHURLEFF, MUSIC BY HENRY SMART

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King, lead on, O King
Lead on, O King, lead on

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead on, O King, lead on, O King
Lead on, O King, lead on

PROFESSION OF FAITH - HEIDELBERG CATECHISM LORD'S DAY 1

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.

Please be seated for the 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.

Online giving is available through our Redeemer OC app. Download at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

OFFERTORY – PSALM 96:8-9

Leader: 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!

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.

OFFERTORY SONG

Now Thank We All Our God
NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was is now
And shall be evermore

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)

Holy, Holy, Holy

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER; MUSIC: JOHN DYKES

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

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: 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!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(If this is your first time with us please see the communion guidelines on page 12, particularly regarding wine, gluten-free options, and children taking communion.)

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

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.

Note about the communion elements:

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

Sing to Jesus

WORDS AND MUSIC BY FERNANDO ORTEGA

Come and see
Look on this mystery
The Lord of the Universe
Nailed to a tree

Christ our God
Spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish,
His sacred head

Sing to Jesus
Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus
Honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness
Pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary
And He will give you rest
Come you who mourn
Lay on his breast

Christ who died
Risen in paradise
Giver of mercy
Giver of life

Sing to Jesus
His is the throne
Now and forever
He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus
We are His own
Now and forever
Sing for the love
Our God has shown

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

DAVID HLEBO

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

BLESSING

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited for refreshments and conversation.
To listen to sermons, view our daily morning and evening prayers, learn about upcoming events, and give online,
download our Redeemer OC app at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>

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

Construction in Chapel / TBY Sanctuary will be the Temporary Worship Location

Sunday November 25, December 2 and December 9th

Temple Bat Yahm is undergoing a beautification project in the Morgan Chapel which will begin the week prior to Sunday, November 25th and go through to December 14th. We will be moving our worship service to the Sanctuary on Sunday November 25, Sunday December 2 and Sunday December 9th. Coffee, the welcome table, and our children's preschool sermon time class will be in the annex to the Sanctuary. The children's nursery will be relocated to the room just outside of the Sanctuary so that the young children will be close to their parents. Please look for the chalkboard signs to direct you to the Sanctuary. If you have any questions please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org

Congregation Meeting

Sunday, November 25 - immediately following the worship service

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the sole purpose of church members voting to recommend that the South Coast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of America accept Pastor David Juelfs' resignation as the Senior Pastor of our church. If you have not read the session's communication or Pastor David's letter, please contact us at contact@redeemeroc.org and we will forward you a copy. Non-church members are welcome to join the meeting.

Angel Tree Announcement

Sundays, November 25 - December 16

Share the love of Christ with children of prisoners this Christmas by sponsoring a child from our Angel Tree. Let's make sure no child is forgotten. Sign-up at the Prison Ministry table in the chapel hall. Please turn in wrapped gifts by *Sunday, Dec. 16th*, to be delivered the week before Christmas. Contact Lauri Fusco, laurifusco@cox.net, with questions or if you want to help deliver gifts.

Advent & Christmas 2018

Mark your calendars for the following dates to celebrate Advent and Christmas at Redeemer Worship Services in Advent: Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 & 24

Sunday, 12/2 - Advent Wreath Making Event (directly after the worship service)

Sunday, 12/9 - Children's Christmas Party (directly after the worship service)

Monday, 12/10, 7:00PM - Women's Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange

Friday, 12/14, 7:00PM - Jr. High & High School Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Christmas Party

Sunday, 12/16, 5:00PM - Christmas Sing-a-long (Chapel)

Sunday, 12/23 - Discovering the 12 Days of Christmas (directly after the worship service)

Monday, 12/24, 5:00PM - Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service

Youth Events

High School Gathering - Tuesday 11/27 at 7pm | *In-N-Out, 3211 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa*

Jr. High Gathering - Thursday, 11/29 at 6:30pm | *Halecrest Park (Back Clubhouse), Costa Mesa*

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.

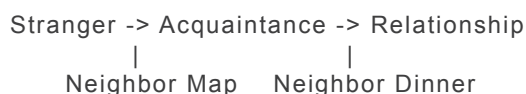
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear? 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



Community Life

Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

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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. **Below are some of the Community Groups for Fall 2018. If you are interested in leading or hosting a group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org**

Irvine & Aliso Viejo

* Group is at capacity

Sundays

5:00 - 6:45 pm

Brewer & Moore Homes

Leader: Chad Brewer

Contact: Christie Brewer

christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

Costa Mesa

Sundays

4:00 - 6:00 pm Bible study

6:00 - 7:00 pm Pot Luck

Riley Home

Leader: Greg Riley

Contact: Kim Riley

kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net

Costa Mesa

Wednesdays

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Cooper Home

Leader/Contact: Jeremy McCaslin

jomccaslin@gmail.com

High School

Tuesdays

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Vitaly Cafe at The Camp

2937 Bristol St, Suite B100-B103

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

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

Newport Beach

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

8:00-9:00 am

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

adamf@redeemeroc.org

Men's PM Group

Evening Prayer Dinner/Drinks

Costa Mesa

Greenleaf on 17th St.

2nd & 4th Thursdays

7:30-9:00 pm

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

Women's AM Study

Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)

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

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

Praise God that the country is recovering from its state of emergency and that Ethiopia ACT is continuing to move forward in serving the local community in Addis Ababa. They are currently in the process of adding 100 non-HIV families to their programs in an effort to extend their efforts and meet 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.

Prayer Requests

- They are currently surveying potential locations for new church plants which would hopefully begin in the next 12-18 months. They have done initial visits to the Furi and Qoye Fetche neighborhoods; pray for discernment on whether these might be future church plant sites.
- Jason led a full ministry team of 20 people in a “Sonship for Africa” week at the end of July. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would continue to work in their hearts and minds
- They just finished their Rainy Season VBS in the Suki community and had around 200 kids in attendance. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would enter their hearts and minds.
- They are praising God that after many months of “go-around” with various government offices, God has reopened the door for them to host short-term medical teams in Addis. We are very thankful for this provision!

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

Grace Harbor continues to reach many in Tokyo with the gospel and love of Christ. With the addition of a new staff member, Seita Sakaguchi, they have been able to start a new church plant in Toyosu which is in the waterfront area of Tokyo. Yuki, who became a Christian a year ago after serving as a musician at Grace Harbor for 2 years, reached out with a desire to use her musical gifts to share the joy of the gospel with others. This desire led to a Jazz and Gospel Concert in Tsukishima, a prospective site for a new worship location. The event brought 180 people many of whom had never been to church before. Grace Harbor held their Christmas Eve service in Tsukishima bringing many to a Christian worship service for the first time through personal friendships with Seima and others in the congregation. Several missions teams from the US came to help with community outreach over the past year including 2 Kids English Camps, an English communication program at a local elementary school (who wants them to come back!), and a Christian ballet company with a performance about Jesus' passion story at the city hall in Toyosu.

While there are many good things happening, there are also some very real challenges. Several key staff members are transitioning away - 2 staff are leaving for seminary and the Pfeils family with MTW will be in the US for 7 months - which will leave Seima as a solo pastor. This transition is already causing some anxiety and concern among the members, but could be an opportunity to shift the church from staff-dependent to more volunteer-based. Pray for them as they trust in God to guide them in this transition and raise up lay leaders in the congregation. Another challenge is that financial support has been diminishing as Seima is not able to leave Grace Harbor to raise more support.

Prayer Requests

- That God raise up lay leaders among the congregation.
- That Grace Harbor Church would transition to become a more volunteer-based church.
- That Seima will not be overwhelmed while the Pfeils are away.
- That the new church plant, Toyosu Community Church, would effectively share the gospel with non-Christians in Toyosu and be a blessing to the area.
- That God will give them broader and deeper connections to the non-Christians in Tsukishima area, so that someday we could start the another worship site for our church.
- That God changes the hearts of non-Christians and call them to accept Christ as their Savior.
- That our family be united by the Spirit and be dependent on the Lord always through prayer.

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

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUEDEM

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.

Proper 29

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 145 / Matthew 21:1-13

Monday

Morning: Psalms 106:1-18 / Zechariah 10:1-12 / Galatians 6:1-10

Evening: Psalms 106:19-48 / Luke 18:15-30

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123 / Zechariah 11:4-17 / 1 Cor. 3:10-23

Evening: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127 / Luke 18:31-43

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:145-176 / Zechariah 12:1-10 / Ephesians 1:3-14

Evening: Psalms 128, 129, 130 / Luke 19:1-10

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 131, 132, 133 / Zechariah 13:1-9 / Ephesians 1:15-23

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / Luke 19:11-27

Friday

Morning: Psalms 140, 142 / Zechariah 14:1-11 / Romans 15:7-13

Evening: Psalms 107:1-32 / Luke 18:1-8

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 137:1-9, 144 / Zechariah 14:12-21 / Phil. 2:1-11

Evening: Psalm 104 / Luke 19:41-48

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 146, 147 / Isaiah 1:1-9 / 2 Peter 3:1-10

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/daily/ or scan the QR code.

To view the daily prayers, listen to sermons, learn about upcoming events, and give online, download our Redeemer OC app at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>



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

(_____) _____
☐ Day ☐ Evening

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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
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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☐ Membership at Redeemer

☐ Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

☐ Getting Involved

☐ Meeting with a Pastor

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