



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 is 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.

*To learn more about our church please check the following pages in the back of this Order of Worship*

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*First Sunday after Christmas* ∴ DECEMBER 30, 2018

**REFLECTION**

“What must we do, then, to be saved? To find God we must repent of the things we have done wrong, but if that is all you do, you may remain just an elder brother. To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right. Pharisees only repent of their sins, but Christians repent for the very roots of their righteousness, too. We must learn how to repent of the sin under all our other sins and under all our righteousness—the sin of seeking to be our own Savior and Lord” –*Tim Keller, The Prodigal God, 86–87*

Like the city that nurtured my greed and my pride  
I stretch my arms into the sky  
I cry Babel! Babel! Look at me now  
Then the walls of my town, they come crumbling down  
You ask where will we stand in the winds that will howl  
As all we see will slip into the cloud  
So come down from your mountain and stand where we’ve been  
You know our breath is weak and our body thin  
– *Mumford and Sons, “Babel”*

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - JOHN 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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CALENDAR

- ADVENT Rejoice! Advent, the season of waiting, has given birth to the joy of Christmas. Christmas is not a single day
- CHRISTMAS but a season of twelve days. Twelve days to linger over the mysterious and shocking reality that God has come,
- EPIPHANY but not as we would have expected. The incarnation, that the eternal Son of God has come in humility as a
- LENT baby, is at the heart of Christmas. Jesus was born, given to us as a gift, the gift of his life to save our own. Jesus,
- EASTER fully God and fully man, will forever have a body like ours. May we never doubt God’s commitment to rescue
- PENTECOST his creation. Rejoice!

# Calling

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

JOHN W. WORK JR.

*Chorus*

*Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

*Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

*Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

*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.

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 - LUKE 2:14 & PSALM 95:6-7

**Minister:** Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

**People:** For unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Minister:** Come, let us all worship and bow down together,

**People:** let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.

**Minister:** For he is our God,

**People:** and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## 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

*How Great Thou Art*  
*Joy To The World* (MUSIC ON PAGES 3 & 4)

*How Great Thou Art*

STUART HINE

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

*Chorus*

*Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art*

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

*Chorus*

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

*Chorus*

*Joy To The World*

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS; MUSIC: GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders and wonders of His love

# Cleansing

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*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**

Minister: This first Sunday after Christmas we once again celebrate that Jesus, our Lord, came to earth as a man, just like us but without sin. He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin. With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came, let us confess our sins together.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**Generous God, you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for the casual way we treat your gift of love, for the way we have failed to praise your Son's birth, and how we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our sin and our doubt.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## **SONG OF COMFORT**

*God Rest Ye, Merry Gentleman*  
WORDS AND MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

*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 - FROM ISAIAH 9:6**

Minister: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

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

**People: And also with you.**

# Constitution

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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**

*Genesis 11:1-9*

*( Page 8 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



*Making or Receiving a Name?*

*The Spirit makes  
the reading and  
preaching of  
God's Word a  
powerful means  
of nourishing and  
comforting God's  
people,  
and awakening  
people to new  
faith.*

Please stand.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

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*Be Thou My Vision*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

*Be Thou My Vision*

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom  
And Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
First in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven  
My victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heav'n's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

The creed is a concise summary of biblical teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2nd century, and originally used as a baptismal confession. \*Means continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death until the third day. \*\*Means the true, universal church of all times and places.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

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

*Please be seated for the offertory.*

## OFFERTORY - ACTS 20:35

Minister: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

*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.*

Father, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you - ourselves, our time, and our possessions - that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

## OFFERTORY SONG

*Instrumental*

# Communion

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## 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, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection 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. In Jesus we have been brought out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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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 )

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

WORDS AND MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his final advent. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that we may offer our very selves to you with thanksgiving to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

## 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. )

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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. 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

*Jesus, I Come*

WORDS: WILLIAM SLEEPER. MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Loving God,  
We thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
in your eternal kingdom.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen**

# Commission

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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

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

It is appropriate  
to lift our heads  
as a symbol that  
through Christ  
God graciously  
lifts our head,  
and we hold our  
our hands palms  
up to symbolize  
our need and  
eagerness to  
receive God's  
blessing.

## **BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **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](http://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

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## **Congregational Survey**

The Pastoral Search Committee will need to hear your voice to understand the current needs, values, and priorities of our church. Please take the time to thoughtfully and prayerfully complete the survey. To access and complete the survey click on the QR code.



## **Nominations for Pastoral Search Committee**

On January 13, 2019 the congregation will elect a Pastoral Search Committee to find our next Senior Pastor. Between today and January 6th, we need your help to nominate candidates to serve on the committee. Committee members will serve for about 9 – 18 months and help create a job description for the new Senior Pastor, identify and evaluate candidates, and craft the final job offer and call package.

Please submit the name of the person you are nominating to [pastoralsearch@redeemeroc.org](mailto:pastoralsearch@redeemeroc.org) before January 6, 2019.

## **Congregational Meeting**

*Sunday, January 13th, 2019 - directly after the Worship Service*

Join us following the worship service to participate in the vote to help elect members who will serve on the Pastoral Search Committee.

If you have any questions please email: [pastoralsearch@redeemeroc.org](mailto:pastoralsearch@redeemeroc.org) or visit the Redeemer website for more information and updates <https://redeemeroc.org/pastoral-search>

## **Epiphany Celebration**

*Sunday, January 6th, 2019*

Come and celebrate Epiphany with us immediately following the worship service as we gather for a time of fellowship and enjoy some Three Kings Cake in the chapel hall.

## **Welcome Lunch**

*Sunday, January 20th, 2019 at 12:00pm*

Newcomers to Redeemer are invited to lunch with Pastor Adam on Sunday, January 20th following worship. Adam and Karina Feichtmann will be hosting the lunch at their home in Costa Mesa. Whether this is your first Sunday at Redeemer or you have been coming for several months, we would love to see you there. Bring your family and enjoy lunch and a time to get to learn more about Redeemer church. Contact Danielle Smith, [contact@redeemeroc.org](mailto:contact@redeemeroc.org), with questions and to RSVP.

# Announcements & Events

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## **Tween Prep Sundays**

*Beginning this Sunday, December 30th*

This year we are going to begin helping our 4th and 5th grade students transition into remaining in the service, which our 5th graders will begin doing at the beginning of the summer. So on four specific Tween Prep Sundays we will invite the 4th and 5th graders to remain in the chapel when the other children are dismissed. They are welcome to sit with their families or together as a class. The first date is December 30, and the remaining dates are **February 17, March 31 and May 26**. Thank you and we look forward to worshipping together with you!

## **Neighborhood Parish Service Opportunity: 2nd Harvest Food Bank**

*Saturday, January 5th, 12:30 - 3:30PM*

Josh and Hallie Cooper are organizing a Neighborhood Parish service event at 2nd Harvest's food distribution center. This event is for ages 14+. Individuals will volunteer in either the Grocery Rescue, Volunteer Hub, or Sort Line. The food that volunteers will assist with will get distributed to one of 2nd Harvest's community partner organizations who are able to give the food to individuals who are at risk of hunger. If you are interested in volunteering please talk to the event host Hallie Cooper - [halliecooper@gmail.com](mailto:halliecooper@gmail.com)

Registration is required, please sign up by clicking on the QR code



Minors 14-17 must complete the liability form. Fill out the form by clicking the QR code



Lastly, if you would like to host your own Neighborhood Parish Service Event to love and show mercy to our neighbors in Orange County, please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann ([adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)) and we will help promote your event.

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## **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/](http://www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/) Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto: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](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **North County Dinners**

*Fullerton*

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

[stacey.duncan@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey.duncan@hotmail.com)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## 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*

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## **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](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)

# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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## **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](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com), [www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://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

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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

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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 2 of Christmas**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalm 34 / Matthew 1:18-25

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalm 46 / Isaiah 26:1-9 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2

Evening: Psalm 48 / John 8:12-19

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalm 103 / Genesis 17:1-12, 15-16 / Colossians 2:6-12

Evening: Psalm 148 / John 16:23-30

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalm 34 / Genesis 12:1-7 / Hebrews 11:1-12

Evening: Psalm 33 / John 6:35-42, 48-51

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalm 68 / Genesis 28:10-22 / Hebrews 11:13-22

Evening: Psalm 72 / John 10:7-17

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 85, 87 / Exodus 3:1-12 / Hebrews 11:23-31

Evening: Psalm 89:1-29 / John 14:6-14

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalm 2 / Joshua 1:1-9 / Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Evening: Psalm 110 / John 15:1-16

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 46, 97 / Isaiah 52:7-10 / Revelation 21:22-27

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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/](http://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.

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

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*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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