



REDEEMER

ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us for worship!

We hope that today will be a day that you will meet with God. We want to invite you to join with us in experiencing joy, beauty, and awe as we encounter God in the reading & preaching of the Scriptures, the offering of prayers, the singing of his praises, the sacraments of baptism & the Lord's Supper, and the fellowship of the church community.

We want you to know that Redeemer is a safe place for you to be in process. You are free to explore, voice objections, be real, and find community. We have people from diverse backgrounds and recognize that everyone is in a different place in their Spiritual journey.

As you are leaving stop by our Welcome Table in the Narthex to pick up a complimentary coffee mug. There are also Connect Cards where you can leave your contact information and be included in our Friday email newsletter. We would also love to get to know you and there is box to check if you are interested in meeting for conversation over a coffee.

To our Families with Children

We want to be a good church to your family by helping your little ones learn to worship. A few things we do to serve families...

Nursery for ages 0-3 years old. Feel free to use the nursery as needed (if kids get too restless) or throughout the service.

Children's Bulletins to help young children in church. We know that this takes time and promise not be bothered by an occasional squeal, laugh, or tear.

Sermon Time Class is an age-appropriate lesson for children 3 years old to 5th grade (use at your discretion). Note: All children need to be checked in using KidCheck prior to the service or at the children's dismissal. Nursery – kindergarten children need to be checked out directly with a nursery worker or their child's teacher following the sermon.

About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e. worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people.

The main movements are as follows:

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship him.

Cleansing - God forgives us and reminds us of his great love in Christ.

Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the Scriptures.

Communion - God draws near to us and invites us to partake of his grace in the sacrament.

Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

We realize that the flow and content of the service may be new so we've included a few notes in the margins that offer some explanations. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Again, we are glad that you have joined us today. Let us worship!

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

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Palm Sunday ∴ APRIL 2ND, 2023

Before the service, there is a time for prayer and reflection. Please remember to silence cell phones.

WELCOME

REFLECTION

Light, the prime work of God, to me is extinct,
And all her various objects of delight
Annulled, which might in part my grief have eased,
Inferior to the vilest now become
Of man or worm; the vilest here excel me,
They creep, yet see; I, dark...

Samson hath quit himself
Like Samson, and heroically hath finished
A life heroic...

... To Israel
Honor hath left, and freedom...
To himself fad his father's house eternal fame;
And, which is best and happiest yet, all this
With God not parted from him, as was feared,
But favoring and assisting to the end..

— *Excerpts from John Milton's poem Samson Agonistes, consider the loss of Samson's eyes and his death.*

CALENDAR

- ADVENT "A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see
- CHRISTMAS - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom."
- EPIPHANY - Alexander Schmemmann. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel,
- LENT** and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season
- EASTER of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare
- PENTECOST for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

Calling

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 85

In the call to worship God begins the dialogue that occurs in worship and graciously invites his people to draw near to him.

Minister: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

People: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, that your people may rejoice in you.

Minister: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

People: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him.

Minister: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

People: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Bold text is read together by the congregation.
Plain text is read by the leader.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

Prayer concludes by praying 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.

OPENING SONG

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

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

Chorus

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

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

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

Chorus

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

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

Chorus

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

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

Chorus

Cleansing

Please be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

In the prayer of
repentance we
speak honestly
with God about
ourselves by
confessing our
sins and
shortcomings
and seeking
forgiveness in
Christ.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei

MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Grant us peace

Please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Having been
forgiven by
God, we greet
one another
with joy and
speak peace to
each other.

Minister: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

PASSING THE PEACE & COLLECTION

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

People: And also with you.

Collection: In response to God's grace, we worship him and seek to honor him with our lives. One way that we do so is by giving financially to Christ and the work of his Church. We invite all who are a part of this church to continue their worship in this way (Philippians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 6:24). If you are visiting with us today please do not feel any pressure to contribute.

You may leave offerings in the collection box located on the back glass wall of the worship area. You may also take the time to give electronically. To donate through our church APP, download the APP on your smartphone and set up a Subsplash account.

To donate online, scan the QR code.



SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY; ARRANGEMENT: FERNANDO ORTEGA

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Chorus

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all

Chorus

View Him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude.

Chorus

Constitution

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand

CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL & SONG OF PRAISE

(All preschool and elementary age children are welcome to take part in the palm processional. Please meet in the Narthex at the beginning of the Announcements)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

WORDS: JENNETTE THRELFALL (1873); TUNE: NETTLETON

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Prayer Requests? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on our church app or website by scanning the QR Code.



CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children nursery age - kindergarten need to be checked in using KidCheck prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 13:1-5, 24-25; 15:14-20; 16:4-31

¹ And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

² There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. ³ And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, ⁵ for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

²⁴ And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. ²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

¹⁴ When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. ¹⁵ And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men. ¹⁶ And Samson said, "With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, with the jawbone of a donkey have I struck down a thousand men."

¹⁷ As soon as he had finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand. And that place was called Ramath-lehi.

¹⁸ And he was very thirsty, and he called upon the LORD and said, "You have granted this great salvation by the hand of your servant, and shall I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?" ¹⁹ And God split open the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out from it. And when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore the name of it was called En-hakkore; it is at Lehi to this day. ²⁰ And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

⁴ After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ⁵ And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver." ⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you."

⁷ Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man." ⁸ Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she bound him with them. ⁹ Now she had men lying in ambush in an inner chamber. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the bowstrings, as a thread of flax snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

¹⁰ Then Delilah said to Samson, “Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you might be bound.” ¹¹ And he said to her, “If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ¹² So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And the men lying in ambush were in an inner chamber. But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread.

¹³ Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me how you might be bound.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and fasten it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man.” ¹⁴ So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web. And she made them tight with the pin and said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.

¹⁵ And she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies.” ¹⁶ And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death. ¹⁷ And he told her all his heart, and said to her, “A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man.”

¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up again, for he has told me all his heart.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. ¹⁹ She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. ²⁰ And she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” And he awoke from his sleep and said, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him. ²¹ And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison. ²² But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

²³ Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, “Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.” ²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, “Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.” ²⁵ And when their hearts were merry, they said, “Call Samson, that he may entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶ And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, “Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them.” ²⁷ Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

²⁸ Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.” ²⁹ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. ³⁰ And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life. ³¹ Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Spirit uses
the reading and
preaching of God's
Word to impart
new Spiritual life as
well as to nourish
and comfort God's
people in their faith.

Samson

Questions? After
the service, our
pastors and elders
will be taking
your questions
and engaging in
a fifteen-minute
impromptu
discussion on the
previous week's
Scripture readings.
We'll give you a
few minutes to grab
a cup of coffee and
join us in the front
of the sanctuary.

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

All Glory Be To Christ

WORDS & ARRANGEMENT: DUSTIN KENSURUE

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

Communion

Our communion liturgy is adapted from Scripture as well as the earliest traditions of the church. The liturgy begins with *The Sursum Corda* which is Latin for “lift up your hearts,” and calls us to be heavenly minded in the Lord’s presence (cf. Psalm 25:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:16).

The Sanctus is a prayer that has been used by the church since the first century to respond to the mystery of Christ’s presence in the sacrament (cf. Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8).

The Memorial Acclamation is a triumphant declaration of the gospel of Christ as portrayed in this holy meal (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; 1 Timothy 3:16).

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

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 to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord God almighty. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name; saying together:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Communion (i.e. the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a holy meal in which we remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In the sacrament, God comes near to his church and we experience his grace anew.

Who should participate? We invite all Christians—those who confess Christ and have been baptized into his church—to join with us in this sacred meal. If this does not describe you, instead of partaking, we encourage you to consider the things you have seen and heard today, including the love of God, as portrayed in this meal. You may come forward to receive prayer (simply cross your arms over your chest as you pass the servers) or, if you prefer, simply remain in your seat.

Parents: If your children are not yet participating, please instruct them to cross their arms over their chest. As soon as they understand the meaning of this meal in an age-appropriate way and are ready to confess their faith, our leaders would love to meet with them and admit them to the table.

How should I participate? Starting with the front rows, come forward. As you are served, partake of the bread and wine then return to your seat.

Note: We use bread and red wine, but gluten free wafers (containing organic brown and white rice flour only) and white grape juice are also available.

Please stand.

COMMUNION SONG

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER, 1827 (VERSES); ZAC HICKS, 2006 (ADD'L TEXT); MUSIC: ZAC HICKS, 2006

Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By whom the words of life were spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead

Chorus

*Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us
Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us*

*Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us
Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us*

So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ

Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed

Chorus

So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commission

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Everlasting God

BRENTON BROWN & KEN RILEY

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

Our God You reign forever
Our hope our strong deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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

BLESSING - NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

People: Thanks be to God.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded by scanning the QR code.



Redeemer at a Glance

Our rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

- WORSHIP } is the primary activity of our church. It is the rationale for creation and the goal of redemption. We believe that a day is coming when our present fallen world will be engulfed by the New Heavens and the New Earth, where shalom will abound, where all things will be to the praise of God's glory.
 - FORMATION } occurs as people are transformed by the gospel. It begins as we first believe and continues throughout our life of faith as we seek to love God with heart, soul, mind & strength as well as our neighbors as ourselves. Spiritual formation takes place in community where God is present and active through Scripture, prayer, sacraments, and fellowship of the church.
 - MISSION } is the story of Scripture in which God is at work to redeem the world. This story culminates in Jesus Christ, who was lovingly sent by God the Father to seek and to save the lost. In his life, death, and resurrection, God has been victorious. And now, the church is sent into the world—into Orange County & beyond—with the Spirit, to continue the work of redemption.
 - CULTURE } takes place as individual Christians are sent into the world to be faithful and present in their communities. Through their families, friendships, and ordinary vocations Christians love their neighbors by contributing to and celebrating truth, goodness, and beauty.
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Get involved in our regular ministries:



SMALL GROUPS – Prayer Groups, Study Groups, Community Groups and Interest Groups



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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place for your family.



RUF - Reformed University Fellowship is our Ministry to the college campus.



LOCAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - Love and serve Orange County.

Announcements & Events

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

Nomination Period for New Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses is Open

March 15th - April 15th, 2023

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses is open! Redeemer is committed to developing men and women as new leaders of our congregation for our growth and maturity in years to come. For more information on how to nominate an individual(s), the process and qualifications for nominees, and other relevant information please scan the QR Code below or email Joshh@redeemeroc.org or adamf@redeemeroc.org



Volunteers Needed for Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Sunday Brunch

We still have several volunteer opportunities for the Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 6th and Easter Sunday on April 9th. We need many hands to put these events together, so we are asking for your help! We would love for you (or your youth-age children) to assist us in one or more of the following ways:

Maundy Thursday Service: Sanctuary & communion set up & tear down and women to be part of the communion during the service. Please contact our Church Administrator Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org for more information.

Children's Ministry - Egg hiding, craft and activity assistance on Easter Sunday. Please contact our Children's Ministry Director Nem Malabuyo, nemm@redeemeroc.org to sign up.



Easter Sunday Brunch - Serving table set up & decoration, food preparation before the service and serving during brunch, clean up after brunch. Click the QR code to sign up or contact our Church Administrator Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org for more information.



Holy Week and Easter

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

Holy Week and Easter Services at Redeemer | Sunday, April 2nd - April 9th

Palm Sunday Service

Today, Sunday, April 2nd, 10:00am | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary

On this day we celebrate the King who rode a donkey, yet acknowledged the pain to come. The service is created to help us enter into Holy Week and prepare for the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a joy for our children to participate in our annual Children's Palm Processional after the Gospel reading and prior sermon.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6th, 7:00pm | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary

This is a beautiful and solemn service that will focus your mind and grip your heart. After singing, silence, and a short meditation on a passage of scripture, we take the Lord's Supper, prayerfully and seated at tables. For many, this is one of the most powerful and rich communion experiences of the year. At the conclusion of the service the communion tables are ceremonially stripped and we leave in silence and darkness. Symbolically this darkness and silence is broken with the shout of "He is risen!" at the opening of our Easter worship the following Sunday. Like our Ash Wednesday service, we are excited to have this service be a joint worship service with Trinity OC and New Life Irvine. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org
**There will be no childcare available for this service.*

Good Friday

Friday, April 7th, 7:00pm | New Life Irvine at Beacon Park School, 200 Cultivate Irvine, CA 92618

Good Friday is the day in which the Church commemorates the crucifixion, suffering, death, and burial of Jesus. The service will be a time of both somber reflection as well as preparation for the celebration of Easter morning. There will be readings of the passion narrative, songs, a brief homily, and times of prayer. Like Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, this service will be a joint worship service with Trinity OC and New Life Irvine. **There will be no childcare available for this service.*

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9th, 10:00am | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary

Our Easter service is a rich celebration of joy, where the despair of death feels before the bursting forth of new life. It is the climax of the Church Calendar and a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship and celebrate with us! After the service all are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and there will be an Easter Egg hunt and activities for the children on the lawn. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org

Process for becoming an Elder, Deacon, Deaconess

NOMINATION

Every year during the month of March members submit nominations for elder, deacons, and deaconesses. At Redeemer, elders lead in governance by implementing vision, making key decisions, and overseeing the church. Whereas deacons and deaconesses serve the church in a ministry support role. Elders, deacons, and deaconesses also work together on ministry teams which care for the Spiritual and physical needs of the church. The positions of elder and deacon are open to men and position of deaconess open to women.



INITIAL EVALUATION

During April the pastors and elders perform a preliminary evaluation of those who have received several independent nominations. Do these nominees meet the five qualifications of calling, character, competency, compatibility and comprehension? If the session believes a nominee is ready to proceed, then he or she becomes a candidate and their candidacy is announced to the church.



CANDIDACY

From May through November candidates undergo training and testing. Training includes participating in meetings with the present leadership, beginning to do the work of the respective position under the oversight of another elder/deacon/deaconess, and growing in the ability to lead and serve the body. Testing includes interviews with the candidate and their spouse and written examinations on Scripture, theology, and The Book of Church Order.



ELECTION

If a candidate has satisfactorily completed the testing and training the session recommends him or her to the church for election to the position of elder, deacon, or deaconess during the annual congregational meeting in January. Candidates which are elected by the church begin their three year term of service upon ordination/instillation in January - February.

At the conclusion of a term, a leader may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms if he or she is re-examined and recommended to the church by the session, then re-elected by the congregation. If a leader's term concludes and they are not re-elected they cease to be an elder/deacon/deaconess at our church.

Redeemer Session & Diaconate: Structure & Responsibilities



Small Groups

SMALL GROUPS

Get involved in the life of our congregation beyond Sunday by joining a small group, where we cultivate our communion with God and friendships with others. If you would like to host and/or lead a group, please contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Join one of our Community Groups for common life, common tables, and common prayer and reading of scripture.

Newport Mesa Community Group

When: Sundays, 4:30 - 6:00PM

Regularity: Every other week, **Returns 1/22/23**

Location: Feichtmann House in Costa Mesa

Host/Contact: Adam Feichtmann

adamf@redeemeroc.org

North County Community Group

When: Sunday Afternoons

Regularity: Monthly

Location: Rotation of homes in and around Fullerton

Contact: Andrew Evans

andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com

Costa Mesa (Mesa Del Mar) Community Group

When: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:00 - 5:30PM

Regularity: Weekly, **Returns 1/15/23**

Location: Kim Riley home in Costa Mesa

Contact: Kim Riley

kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net

South County Community Group

When: Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30PM

Regularity: Every other week, **Returns 1/15/23**

Location: Rotation of homes in South OC

Host/Contact: Sam & Renon Pepke

sampepke@hotmail.com

Costa Mesa (Halecrest) Community Group

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM

Regularity: Weekly, **Returns on 1/11/23**

Location: Lamons home in Costa Mesa

Host/Contact: Remy Lamons

remylamons@gmail.com

Young Adults Community Group

When: Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM

Regularity: Every 2 Weeks, **Returns on 1/19/23**

Location: Irvine Area (location will change)

Host/Contact: Ellie Holt

ellieh@redeemeroc.org

North Tustin Community Group

When: Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM

Regularity: Weekly

Location: Sebourn home in Tustin

Host/Contact: Jeremy Sebourn

jsebourn@gmail.com

Young Adults Community Group (20's-30's) (NEW!)

When: Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00PM

Regularity: Every 2 Weeks, **Begins 1/28/23**

Location: Rotation of homes in Costa Mesa & Irvine

Book Study: Prototype by Jonathan Martin

Host/Contact: Miranda Dupree

mirandaray.4@gmail.com / (760) 221-3404

Irvine Community Group

When: Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00PM

Regularity: Weekly, **Returns on 1/15/23**

Location: Johnson Home in Irvine (UCI)

Contact: Beckie White

rewwhite@westmont.edu

YOUTH GROUPS

Check out Redeemer's online youth calendar to find out details about our Winter Studies and Youth Events. For more information please contact Ellie Holt, ellieh@redeemeroc.org or visit www.redeemeroc.org/youth

Small Groups

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Join one of our Women's Bible Study Groups as they study scripture and cultivate community

Women's Morning Bible Study Group

When: Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30am

Curriculum: Proverbs

Regularity: Weekly, **Returns 1/11/23**

Location: Stratton Home in Huntington Beach

Contact: Sarah Stratton

gracekey@mac.com

**Childcare: Provided, but limited.*

*Please register with Sarah Stratton**

Women's Evening Bible Study Group

When: Mondays, 7:00PM

Curriculum: Bible in a Year Study and Discussion

Regularity: Twice a month. 2nd and 4th Mondays, **Returns on 1/23/23**

Location: Samantha Bowman home in Costa Mesa

Contact: Kem Erskine

(949) 468-6227 / kemerskine@yahoo.com

Childcare: Not available

INTEREST GROUPS

Join one of our Interest Groups as they gather together around a specific interest.

Men's Surfing Group

A group of men who regularly surf together

When: When the surf is good/decent

Regularity: Several times a week, normally early mornings

Location: Mainly across Newport Beach

Contact: Kyle Pringle (714-606-4215) to be added to the text thread

Pickleball League

When: Sundays, 12:30PM

Regularity: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Location: Bonita Canyon Pickleball Courts in Newport Beach

Contact: Beckie White

rewwhite@westmont.edu

Women's Ministry Local Hikes

Come meet new people, enjoy the outdoors, and get some exercise! Please arrive at 8:30 so we can depart around 8:45.

Contact Jill Nelson, *women@redeemeroc.org* or Samantha Bowman, *samantha.bowman@outlook.com* with any questions.

When: Saturday, April 22nd (previously scheduled for March 25th)

Location: Whiting Ranch (moderate 4-mile hike). 26701 Portola Parkway, Foothill Ranch.

\$3 parking fee.

When: Saturday, May 13th

Location: Strands beach trail in Dana Point. Moderate 3-mile loop and free parking.

Parking location TBD

Redeemer Women's "Dine around Dinners"

Join a group of 8 women for a time of food and fellowship. We hope this will be an opportunity for us to meet new people, and we encourage you to sign up for a group that includes women you'd like to know better or don't know at all. The main host and co-host will take care of the main dish and drinks, but you can contribute by bringing a salad (2 per dinner), side dish (2 per dinner) or dessert (2 per dinner). Please let us know on the sign up form if you would like to co-host the dinner with the main host.

Click on the QR code to sign up.

Dates:

Thursday, April 20th at Lauri Fusco's in Lake Forest at 6:00PM (co-host Jill Nelson)

Wednesday, April 26th at Brianna Caballero's in Tustin at 6:30PM (co-host TBD)

Saturday, May 20th (tea luncheon) at Kim Riley's in Costa Mesa at 12:00PM (co-host TBD)

Summer dinner dates are TBD



How Can I Serve?

SERVING IN OUR CHURCH

Contact Pastor Adam (adamf@redeemeroc.org) for more information or to get involved.

Service & Sound Teams – Physical set up and tear down, coffee & bagels, communion set up and clean up, and ushering needs before, during, and after church on Sundays.

Welcome Team – Welcoming members and guests at the welcome table and handing out orders of worship.

Worship Guild – Support our Sunday worship services by reading scripture, leading the prayers of the people, and serving communion.

Hospitality Team – Helping plan and create a hospitable atmosphere at our church events like Advent wreath making, the Easter celebration, Summer Lunch, and Fall Kick-Off.

Small Group Hosts and Leaders – Hosting or leading a small group.

Children’s & Youth Ministry Leaders – Volunteering in our children’s or youth ministries.

Women’s & Men’s Ministry – Help with planning of retreats, groups, and socials for our women & men.

Meals Ministry – Help provide meals for individuals (making meals or purchasing meals to be delivered) who have just had a baby, gone through a surgery, or dealing with long-term illness.

Musicians – Join our team of talented musicians to play during worship services on Sundays! If you have a skill as a vocalist or instrumentalist, we’d love to connect with you.

Elders, Deacons, & Deaconess – Reference the page titled “Process for becoming an Elder, Deacon, or Deaconess.”

SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Members of Redeemer partner with the following organizations to serve the well-being of our community (Jeremiah 29:7).

Kidworks | Santa Ana | www.kidworksoc.org

Educational programs serving children, youth & parents at learning centers in central Santa Ana.

Orange County Rescue Mission / The Village of Hope | Tustin | www.rescuemission.org

Food service, spiritual & personal development, counseling services, parenting & child enrichment, etc.

Safe Families | Orange County | www.olivecrest.org/safe-families-for-children/

Volunteer as a host family caring for a child in your home on a short-term basis.

Trellis | Costa Mesa | www.wearetrellis.com

Education, homelessness, and immigration initiatives.

Bible in a Year Daily Scripture Readings

For the year of 2023, we are reading the entire Bible together as a church! The scripture readings below are this week's part of our reading plan.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." - *Colosians 3:16a*

Monday: 1 Samuel 1 - 3 / Psalm 113

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 4 - 7

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 8 - 11

Thursday: 1 Samuel 12 - 15

Friday: 1 Samuel 16 - 18 / Psalm 7

Saturday: 1 Samuel 19 - 20 / Psalm 59

Scan the QR code to listen to audio readings, subscribe to our Daily Morning & Evening Word & Prayer emails, hear our Bible in a Year sermons, and download the whole 2023 reading plan and small group discussion questions and prayer guide.



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