



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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REFLECTION

“Virtue is what happens when someone has made a thousand small choices requiring effort and concentration to do something which is good and right, but which doesn’t come naturally. And then, on the thousand and first time, when it really matters, they find that they do what’s required automatically. Virtue is what happens when wise and courageous choices become second nature.”
- N. T. Wright

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - COLOSSIANS 2:12

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we may celebrate this Easter season of the Lord’s resurrection with joy. Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CALENDAR

- ADVENT The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration
- CHRISTMAS that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word pentekoste means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let
- EPIPHANY the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living
- LENT to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—
- EASTER** the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the
- PENTECOST absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation (from Seeking God’s Face by Philip Reinders).

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Arise, My Soul, Arise

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY, MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT

Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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 - BASED ON ISAIAH 60

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Minister: Let us praise the Lord together.

People: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

Minister: for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

People: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

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

*Come, Holy Ghost
Thou Lovely Source of True Delight
(MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)*

COME, HOLY GHOST

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS (CIRCA 800 A.D.), MUSIC: BRUCE BENEDICT AND RAY MILLS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

Chorus

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,
Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed,
That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Chorus

THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT

WORDS: ANNE STEELE (1760), MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT (1998)

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

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

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

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

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 - PSALM 37: 4-7

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act... Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him. Let us confess our sins together.

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

Be Thou My Vision

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision	Be Thou my Wisdom
O Lord of my heart	And Thou my true Word
Nought be all else to me	I ever with Thee
Save that Thou art	And Thou with me Lord
Thou my best thought	Thou my great Father
By day or by night	And I Thy true son
Waking or sleeping	Thou in me dwelling
Thy presence my light	And I with Thee one

Please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - 1THESSALONIANS 3:11-13, 5:24

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another.

Minister: Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus... make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints... He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

People: And also with you.

Constitution

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children 2 years through Kindergarten need to be signed into their class prior to the service or at dismissal and signed out following the sermon or after the service.)

READING GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 6:4-12, 20-21

(Page 151 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.

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰ "And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

²⁰ "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?' ²¹ then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shaped by Generosity: Taste and See

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

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good

WORDS AND MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

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

Please stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 17

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.

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

OFFERTORY - BASED ON DEUTERONOMY 8:18

Minister: Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Let us pray. O God, help us to remember that all we have is from you. Convince us that you are our loving father who provides and cares for us. Would that make us confident and generous. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

Please be seated for the offertory.

OFFERTORY SONG

All we have is given to us by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependence and our commitment to join God in his work of renewal.

To God Be the Glory

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Communion

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give him thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this season of resurrection. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. 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)

How Great Thou Art

WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

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.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: We praise you that as we break bread in faith, through the work of the Spirit, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

People: Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Directions for taking communion are on page 12.)

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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 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

Jesus, I Come

WORDS: WILLIAM SLEEPER (1887), MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON (2000)

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

**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

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Lead On, O King Eternal

WORDS: ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF, ALT. JEFF PARDO, MUSIC: JEFF PARDO

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

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

BLESSING - BASED ON HEBREWS 13:20-21

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.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation.
Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons

Announcements & Events

Faith & Culture Lecture - Monk Habits for Everyday People by Dr. Dennis Okholm

Sunday, May 21, Middle Hour 10:10-10:50 am

Join us for our upcoming spring Faith & Culture Lecture next Sunday. Dr. Okholm, Professor of Theology at Azusa Pacific University, will lecture on Monk Habits for Everyday People from his popular book with the same title. Dr. Okholm will show us that monk habits are not just for Roman Catholics who live in monasteries, but can also be practiced by everyday people in Presbyterian churches like ours. These habits and practices, like hospitality, silence, and daily offices, are not only good for our spiritual health, but also formative for who God is shaping us to become.

Congregational Meeting for Deacon Election

Sunday, May 28, Middle Hour, 10:10-10:50 am

The Session of Redeemer is excited to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting to elect Mr. Andrew Evans and Mr. Larry Wormald as Deacons. According to the rules set forth in the Book of Church Order of the Presbyterian Church in America, Mr. Evans and Mr. Wormald have been formally nominated by the congregation, have gone through extensive training, have passed their examinations with the Session, and are unanimously being recommended to stand for election by the Session. Redeemer members please plan to attend the meeting. All are welcome, but only communing members of Redeemer may participate in the vote. Nursery childcare will be available. Please see the bios for Mr. Evans and Mr. Wormald below:

Andrew Evans

Andrew Evans currently lives in Anaheim with his wife, Kim, daughter Logan (2), and a new baby due to arrive in June. Andrew was born in Houston, TX, but has spent most of his life in Southern California between LA and Orange County. He currently runs a financial planning practice based in Irvine, CA.

Andrew was raised in a Christian home and was blessed to be surrounded by godly parents during his upbringing. As a young man, time at Biola University challenged Andrew to further understand and study the meaning of following Christ and what it means to be living in communion with Him. Redeemer has been an incredible blessing to his family and Andrew humbly looks forward to serving and loving the members of this community.

Larry Wormald

Larry Wormald lives in Irvine with his wife Binky and step daughter Kassandra. He has two grown sons, Ryan James and Christopher Steven. He was born in Pasadena and grew up in Laguna Beach. Larry spent twenty years in the Lake Arrowhead area working at a Christian retreat center and later moved to Orange County to work with Calvary Chapel facilities, serving as an HVAC tech and building maintenance.

He became a Christian when he was 18 years old. He started going to Redeemer around 2001. He has been actively involved in community groups, and was a community group leader in the South OC area. He is also a member of the sound team, working closely with elder Carl Messenger. Larry is looking forward to serving in the additional capacity of a deacon, to be able to help out the church and its members in a more personal way.

Middle Hour

Lectures & Classes

SPRING SCHEDULE

May 14 - No classes & lectures in observance of Mother's Day

May 28 - Deacon Election, Nursery and Children's Classes in Session

UPCOMING LECTURES & EVENTS

Middle hour classes and lectures are currently on break for Easter. Please see a list of upcoming lectures and events below.

Apr 23 - Dr. Kyle Strobel
Jesus' Path to Power

Apr 30 - Redeemer Spring Brunch

May 7 - Safe Families Presentation by Brewer Family

May 21 - Dr. Dennis Okholm
Monk Habits for Everyday People

June 4 - Dr. Darian Lockett
Bible Translation

June 18 - Ethiopia ACT Presentation by Jason Polk

Redeemer 101 Class

Dates: May 7, 24, and June 4

Teacher: Pastor Adam Feichtmann

Location: MPR Area, Room 10

YOUTH BREAKFASTS

Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grade)

Location: Patio outside the chapel hall

Leaders: Josh Cooper & Joey LeSuer

We invite our youth to join us for our Spring Youth Breakfasts on April 23, May 7, 21, and June 4 during the Middle Hour. Enjoy a homemade meal with friends and leaders as you discuss life and the Bible.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-K)

Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st-3rd grades)

Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th-5th grades)

Location: MPR Area, Room 8

These classes teach children Bible truths through simple questions and answers, promoting memorization using Bible teaching, music, & activities. Children will learn that they are made for God's glory and enjoyment in him and how to apply that truth to their lives. We will be using the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum.

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years

Location: Room directly outside the chapel.

Available during worship and middle hour.

Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Bible Studies

PARISH

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. Parishes are designed to help us connect with the Redeemer people we live close to and to empower our local Redeemer communities to contribute to the health of our cities. See information for each parish neighborhood listed below.

Beach Cities

Contact: Clint Knox
clint@komarinvestments.com
949.903.4769

Central County

Contact: Shawn Monterastelli
smonterastelli@hotmail.com
949.933.0085

North County

Contact: Amber Fox
mrsamberfox@me.com
310.463.8177

South County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Community Groups times and locations are listed below.

Newport-Mesa

Feichtmann Home
Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949-423-8692

Newport Beach

Port Street Homes
Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm
Contact: Erik Rannala
rannala.erik@gmail.com
415-309-5109

University Hills (UCI)

Reinkensmeyer Home
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm
Contact: Dave Reinkensmeyer
dreinken@uci.edu
949-856-1976

Irvine

Kornu & Moore Homes
Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm
Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu
kornufamily@gmail.com
949-559-5502

Costa Mesa

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

Fullerton

Duncan Home
Every other Sunday, 4:00-6:30 pm
Contact: Drew & Stacey Duncan
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com
714-869-3077

Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Joey LeSuer
joey.joseph.m.lesuer@biola.edu

High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
Contact: Josh Cooper
joshc@redeemeroc.org
949-784-9853

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

During the week we offer bible studies for men and women to study scripture and pray together. The study this fall is on the book of Deuteronomy. See details below on our study times and locations:

Men's Bible Study

Church Office, Newport Beach
Thursdays, 6-7:15 am
Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Women's Evening Bible Study

Scanlon Home, Costa Mesa
Every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Contact: Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com

Women's Morning Bible Study

Hodson Home, Newport Beach
Thursdays, 9:15 am
(Childcare available)
Contact: Kerry Maxwell
michael.maxwell3@gmail.com

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. 17.



COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.17.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 16.



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

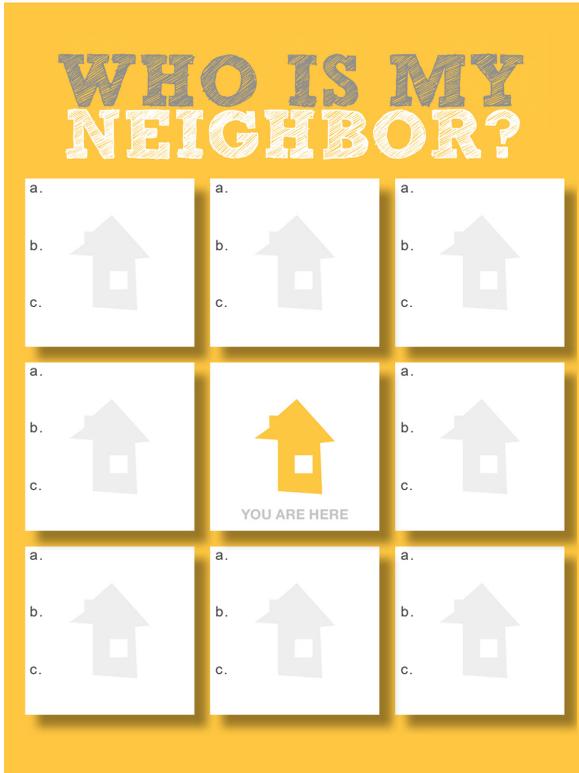


FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.



MEMBERSHIP – Membership is our commitment to live our kingdom life together.

Building a Beautiful Neighborhood



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

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

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

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

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

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

- Dave Runyon

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map Neighbor Dinner

Global Partnership

Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA ACT

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

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

Update

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

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

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

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

Prayer Requests

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

Website: www.ethiopiaact.org

Global Partnership

Japan

REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN

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

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

Update

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

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

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

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

Prayer Requests

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

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

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

The Lord's Supper is not simply an ordinary meal among human beings— it is a fellowship with Christ, in his presence and at his table. We must avoid the idea that any automatic or magical benefit comes from sharing in the Lord's Supper, whether a person participates in faith or not. But when a person participates in faith, renewing and strengthening his or her own trust in Christ for salvation, and believing that the Holy Spirit will bring spiritual blessing through such participation, then certainly additional blessing may be expected.

We must be careful here to avoid the mistake of overreacting to Roman Catholic teaching and maintaining that the Lord's Supper is merely symbolic and not a means of grace. Paul says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation (Gk. *koinonia*, "sharing," "fellowship") in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation [*koinonia*] in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

Because there is such a sharing in the body and blood of Christ (apparently meaning a sharing in the benefits of Christ's body and blood given for us), the unity of believers is beautifully exhibited at the time of the Lord's Supper. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). And since we are participants at "the table of the Lord" (1 Cor. 10:21), Paul warns the Corinthians that they cannot participate in the Lord's table and also participate in idol worship: "You cannot partake in the table of the Lord and the table of demons" (1 Cor. 10:21). There is a spiritual union among believers and with the Lord that is strengthened and solidified at the Lord's Supper, and it is not to be taken lightly.

This is why the Corinthians were experiencing judgment for their abuse of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:29-30). But if Paul says there will be judgment for wrong participation in the Lord's Supper, then certainly we should expect blessing for right participation in the Lord's Supper.

When we obey Jesus' command, "Take, eat" (Matthew 26:26), and go through the physical activity of eating and drinking at the Lord's table, our physical action pictures a corresponding spiritual nourishment, a nourishment of our soul that will occur when we participate in obedience and faith. Jesus says, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-6).

Certainly Jesus is not speaking of a literal eating of his flesh and blood. But if he is not speaking of a literal eating and drinking, then he must have in mind a spiritual participation in the benefits of the redemption he earns. The spiritual nourishment, so necessary for our souls, is both symbolized and experienced in our participation in the Lord's Supper.

Daily Scripture Readings

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

Week 5 of Easter

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 8, 84 / Matthew 7:7-14

Monday

Morning: Psalms 56, 57, 58 / Colossians 3:18-4:18

Evening: Psalms 64, 65 / Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 61, 62 / Romans 12:1-21

Evening: Psalms 68 / Luke 8:1-15

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 72 / Romans 13:1-14

Evening: Psalms 119:73-96 / Luke 8:16-25

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 70, 71 / Romans 14:1-12

Evening: Psalms 74 / Luke 8:26-39

Friday

Morning: Psalms 106:1-18 / Romans 14:13-23

Evening: Psalms 106:19-48 / Luke 8:40-56

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 75, 76 / Romans 15:1-13

Evening: Psalms 23, 27 / Luke 9:1-17

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 93, 96 / 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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



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PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____
 Day Evening

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.

I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me new life.

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

If you are praying this for the first time, please let a Christian friend or pastor know.

We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about Redeemer. We are here to serve you.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

Spouse Email: _____

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

Please Let Us Know If You Are:

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

Please Contact Me About:

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code or use the url below if you prefer to complete this form online: redeemeroc.org/response-card



The cover painting for Easter is by Redeemer artist Danielle Kimzey www.daniellekimzey.com