



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}



*First Sunday After Easter*     APRIL 8, 2018

**REFLECTION**

“Relax and remain with God wherever you find yourself.”  
- Richard Hays

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - EPHESIANS 1:16-20**

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...

**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. As we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of Christ’s ascension. Help us perceive how Christ’s presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Christ, our Lord. 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

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY (1739), MUSIC: LYRA DAVIDICA (1708)

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.

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

## CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON 1 PETER 1:3-5

Minister: Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**

Minister: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept and guarded for us by God's himself. Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Prayer concludes by saying in unison:*

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **HYMNS OF PRAISE**

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

*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*

He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

### *Chorus*

Five bleeding wounds He bears;  
received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers;  
they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

### *Chorus*

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*

*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*

# 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 - BASED ON LUKE 23:42-43

In the last moments before his death a criminal crucified next to Jesus cried out to him, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus showing his great mercy answered, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Knowing God's mercy let us also cry out to Jesus as we confess our sin together.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded others; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*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  
And I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

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 - BASED ON 1 JOHN 2:1-2

Minister: Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, we are forgiven!

Minister: 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**

*1 Corinthians 7:1-5, 10-16*

( Page 955 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 concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." <sup>2</sup> But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. <sup>3</sup> The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

<sup>10</sup> To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband <sup>11</sup> (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

<sup>12</sup> To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. <sup>13</sup> If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. <sup>15</sup> But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. <sup>16</sup> For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



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

*Marriage Questions*

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Please stand.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Here Is Love*

WORDS: WILLIAM REES, MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He will never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed the guilty world in love

Please be seated.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH - MEMBERSHIP VOWS**

Tom Cherian & Marie Keplinger with Lewis  
Hanson Cook  
John & Katie Detrich  
Joseph & Lindsay Jacobs with Gabriel, Lily and Molly  
John Michael & Kaitie Kelly  
Ben & Joyce Kwak with Ethan  
Isaac & Lydia Mahar with Alaina, Katrina, Lily, and Violet  
Sarah O'Rourke  
Don & Gilda Rickard  
Sarah Rickard  
Paul & Charity Schoerner with Madeline  
Brian Scholl

1. Do you believe that you are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
3. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
4. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
5. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
6. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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.

Please be seated .

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.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

## OFFERTORY - PSALM 24:1

Minister: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

As recipients of abundant life in Christ, we now offer our gifts to God.

Let us pray. O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

## OFFERTORY SONG

### *Doxology*

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN, MUSIC BY LOUIS BOURGEOIS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

# 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: 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.

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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 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

*In Christ Alone*

WORDS AND MUSIC: KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my Light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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

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Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Everlasting God*

WORDS AND MUSIC: 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 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.**

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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)



# Announcements & Events

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## **The Rhythms of Hospitality**

*Today, April 8, 10:10-10:50 am*

Henri Nouwen once said, "If there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality." Join us during the middle hour today for a lecture on making room in our lives to welcome neighbors, friends, and strangers into our homes and church. Pastor Adam will give us simple and practical steps for us to take, individually and collectively, in order us to cultivate a spirit of hospitality. The lecture will be held in the chapel.

## **Love Our Cities Service Day**

*Saturday, April 28, times vary by location and/or project*

Love Costa Mesa, Love Fullerton, and Love Tustin desire to bring the people, businesses, churches and agencies in our communities together with the city, school district, non-profits, and more to show Christ's love, compassion and hope to our neighbors through city-wide serve days that open doors to serve and love your round. Go to one of the following websites to Volunteer and/or donate to a specific service project:

[www.lovecostamesa.org](http://www.lovecostamesa.org)

[www.lovefullerton.org](http://www.lovefullerton.org)

[www.lovetustin.org](http://www.lovetustin.org)

## **RUF @ UCI Fundraiser**

*Saturday, May 5, 6:30 pm, Los Lomas Park in Irvine*

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Chad and Christie Brewer. Chad, the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at UC Irvine, will be sharing about the exciting growth and new opportunities God has brought to UC Irvine through RUF in the last year. They have been encouraged by the work God is doing and can't wait to share it with you. There will be presentations from RUF students and staff as you enjoy delicious tacos. Kindly RSVP to Christie Brewer, [christiebrewer8301@gmail.com](mailto:christiebrewer8301@gmail.com), if you plan to attend. *(Unfortunately, due to the size of the venue, they are not be able to accommodate children at this event.)*

# Middle Hour

*Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am*

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## LECTURES & EVENTS

*All Middle Hour talks will be held in the Chapel.*

### Mar 11 & 18 | Evangelism Talks

Speaker: Rev. Chad Brewer

Did you know that Jesus only asked for prayer once from his disciples? Jesus' prayer request was for more of his followers to share their faith with others. In this two week mini-series we will talk about WHY (week 1) and HOW (week 2) to share our faith with the people God has placed in our lives.

### Mar 25 | Men's Retreat

Middle Hour classes will not meet due to the men's retreat.

### Apr 1 | Easter Celebration

Join us Easter Sunday for a time of fellowship and refreshments as the children enjoy an Easter egg hunt, crafts, and bounce houses!

### Apr 8 | The Rhythms of Hospitality

Speaker: Rev. Adam Feichtmann

Henri Nouwen once said, "If there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality." Join us for a lecture on making room in our lives to welcome neighbors, friends, and strangers into our homes and church.

### Apr 15 | Stories of Renewal & Prayer

We are excited to hear a story of renewal from one of our own church members. Pastor David will lead a Q&A so we can hear how God has been working his plan to "renew all things" through this individual story. Following the Q&A there will be a guided time of prayer for mission and renewal in our lives and the lives of our neighbors.

### Middle Hour Prayer

Join us weekly during the Middle Hour as we pray for our church, neighborhoods, and world. If you have a specific prayer request, come and be prayed over. We will not meet on Sundays when there is no Middle Hour Lectures or Events.

## YOUTH SMALL GROUPS & BREAKFASTS

### Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grades)

Location: Outdoor tables near Chapel Hall  
Leaders: Josh Cooper & team of volunteer youth leaders

We invite our youth join us for fun and relationally-based small groups for jr. high girls, jr. high boys, high school girls, and high school boys. Each group will have dedicated youth leaders and will focus on studying the Bible and practical youth topics. We will also host monthly youth breakfasts for a time of fun and fellowship.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Early Childhood - Kinder (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 outside the chapel.

Available during worship and middle hour.

# Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

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## 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.

### North County

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### Central County

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adamf@redeemeroc.org  
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### South County

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### North County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 4-6:30pm (every other week)  
Duncan Home, Fullerton  
Contact: Stacey Duncan  
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

### Central County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm (monthly)  
Wormald Home, Irvine  
Contact: Larry Wormald  
lawormald@gmail.com

## 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.

### Newport-Mesa

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

### Irvine & Aliso Viejo

Brewer & Moore Homes  
Sundays, 5:00-6:45 pm  
Contact: Christie Brewer  
christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

### Irvine & Costa Mesa

Kornu & Yanaga Homes  
Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Christine Kornu  
kornufamily@gmail.com

### Costa Mesa

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

### Newport - Men's Group

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina  
1st & 3rd Wed, 8:00-9:00 am  
Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse  
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Contact: Josh Cooper  
joshc@redeemeroc.org

### High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Contact: Josh Cooper  
joshc@redeemeroc.org

## MID-WEEK STUDIES

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 Study

*Seven Deadly Sins*  
Costa Mesa  
Greenleaf on 17th St.  
Monthly, 4th Tuesday  
7:30-9:00 pm  
Leader/Contact:  
Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Women's PM Study

*Gospel of John*  
Costa Mesa  
Scanlon Home  
Every other Tuesday  
7:00-8:45 pm  
Leader/Contact:  
Stephanie Handley  
srhandley@gmail.com

### Women's AM Study

*Gospel of John*  
Newport Beach  
Hodson Home  
Weekly Wednesdays  
9:15-11:00 am  
(Childcare available)  
Contact: Ashley Moore  
ashley.moore05@gmail.com

### Newcomer Study

*Gospel in Life - Keller*  
Location TBD  
Day/Time determined by  
interest.  
Leader: David Juelfs  
Contact: Kem Erskine  
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# 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

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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.

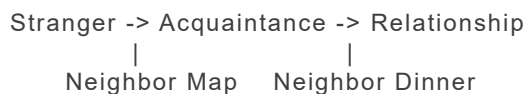
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear?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



# 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**

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](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.



# 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 Easter**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalms 111, 112, 113 / John 14:1-7

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 1, 2, 3 / Exodus 14:21-31 / 1 Peter 1:1-12

Evening: Psalms 4, 7 / John 14:1-17

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 5, 6 / Exodus 15:1-21 / 1 Peter 1:13-25

Evening: Psalms 10, 11 / John 14:18-31

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 119:1-24 / Exodus 15:22-16:10 / 1 Peter 2:1-10

Evening: Psalms 12, 13, 14 / John 15:1-11

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 18:1-20 / Exodus 16:10-22 / 1 Peter 2:11-25

Evening: Psalms 18:21-50 / John 15:12-27

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 16, 17 / Exodus 16:23-36 / 1 Peter 3:13-4:6

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / John 16:1-15

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 20, 21 / Exodus 17:1-16 / 1 Peter 4:7-19

Evening: Psalms 110, 116, 117 / John 16:16-33

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Exodus 18:1-12 / 1 John 2:7-17

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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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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Day  Evening

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

### *Prayer of Belief*

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

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

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

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

*We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

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

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Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Repeat Visitor

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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](http://redeemeroc.org/response-card)



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