

# 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. Confession - 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}



Palm Sunday MARCH 29, 2015

# Reflection

"With Jesus, it's easy to be complicated and hard to be simple. Part of the difficulty is that Jesus was and is much, much more than people imagine."

— N. T. Wright

"A king would ride into town publicly and be hailed by cheering crowds. But Jesus deliberately departed from the script and did something very different. He didn't ride in on a powerful war horse the way a king would; he was mounted on a polos, that is, a colt or a small donkey. Here was Jesus Christ, the King of authoritative, miraculous power, riding into town on a steed fit for a child or a hobbit. This odd juxtaposition demonstrates that Jesus was King, but that he didn't fit into the world's categories of kingship."

Timothy Keller

#### CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY "A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the 'bright sadness' of Lent, we see - far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom."

- Alexander Schmemann

**LENT**EASTER

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and

PENTECOST

repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

# Calling

Please stand.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

O Worship the King ( MUSIC ON PAGE 3 )

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.

#### WELCOME

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he;

People: humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

#### 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**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) (MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

Bold text is read together by the

congregation.

by the leader.

Responsive

Plain text is read

readings remind

us that during corporate worship God

speaks to his people and we

respond together as a community.

#### O WORSHIP THE KING

WORDS: ROBERT GRANT, ALT. CHRIS TOMLIN, MUSIC: JOHANN HAYDN, CHRIS TOMLIN

O worship the King all glorious above O gratefully sing His wonderful love Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace Whose robe is the light and canopy space His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love While angels delight to worship above Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

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#### ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

WORDS: EDWARD PERRONET. ADAPTED BY JOHN RIPPON. MUSIC: OLIVER HOLDEN

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord, and crown him Lord
And crown him Lord of all

# 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

WORDS AND MUSIC: JONAS MYRIN AND MATT REDMAN

Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

#### Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

# Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

#### Chorus

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

# Cleansing

#### **CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON HEBREWS 4:14, 16**

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.

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

#### PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

We are like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced:

"Crucify him, "Crucify him,"

We are a fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior,
a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ.
In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

#### SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei
MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Grant us peace

Please stand.

# **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE**

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.

Leader:

"Let those who fear the LORD say,

'His steadfast love endures forever.'

Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

the LORD answered me and set me free."

"The LORD is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation."

(Psalms 118:4-5,14 ESV)

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

People: And also with you.

# Constitution

#### LIVING THE REDEEMER VISION

Please be seated.

(See announcements on page 20.)

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

The Word of God is the chief and final means through which God speaks to us; the principle and most direct way we hear from God in worship.

# Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

(Page 826 in the red Bible.)

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

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

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

( At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to Sermon time class or remain in the service. Children will return to the worship service at the end of the sermon. )

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE REV. DAVID JUELFS

Jesus the King

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

Jesus Everlasting King (MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

#### **OFFERTORY**

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

renewal

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! (Psalms 96:8–9)

With joy let us offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

Let us pray. All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. Receive these offerings, our tangible expressions of love and gratitude. Amen.

Come, Holy Ghost
(MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

#### **JESUS EVERLASTING KING**

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS (1707) AND MATTHEW SMITH (2003), MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH (2003)

#### Chorus

Jesus, everlasting King Accept the tribute which we bring Accept the well-deserved renown And wear our praises as Your crown

O send Your Spirit to impart Rest and repentance to our hearts, Like the dear hour when from above We first received Your pledge of love.

#### Chorus

The gladness of redemption's day, Our hearts would wish it long to stay, Nor let our faith forsake its hold, Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

#### Chorus

May every time of worship see Your grace revealed more rich and free, Till we are raised to sing Your name At the great supper of the Lamb.

#### Chorus

O that the months would roll away And bring the coronation day; The King of Grace shall fill the throne With all His Father's glories on.

#### Chorus

# **COME, HOLY GHOST**

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS (CIRCA 800 A.D.), MUSIC: BRUCE BENEDICT AND RAY MILLS (2005)

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

# 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

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In this Lenten season of preparation and repentance as we anticipate Good Friday and Easter, let us remember that Jesus took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and, though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. 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

Creator God, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we and your entire church may be called out and made whole through this supper. Show us that your mercy is greater than our sin. Show us that your grace is greater than our division. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of your Son may be united in him. And may we all remain faithful in love and hope until we feast joyfully with Christ at the coming of the kingdom.

#### 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!

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.

Directions for taking communion are on page 15.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**COMMUNION SONG** 

Let All Mortal Flesh
WORDS: ST. JAMES. 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: PICARDY. FRENCH CAROL MELODY

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood; He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six wingèd seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia. Lord Most High!

# 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.

#### 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 tht 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.

# Commission

Please stand.

#### SONG OF DEPARTURE

How Great Is Our God (MUSIC ON PAGE 17)

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 PHILIPPIANS 2:8**

May Jesus Christ, the great prophet, priest and king, who was obedient to death, even death on a cross, guide, encourage, and protect you.

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

#### **HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

CHRIS TOMLIN | ED CASH | JESSE REEVES

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

Chorus
How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

#### Chorus

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

# Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Spring Class Dates: Sundays, April 12 - June 7, 9:00 - 9:50am

#### **ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

Classes will be on break for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will resume classes on Sunday, April 12th. See a description of our spring class offering below:

#### For The Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles

Teachers: Pastor David Juelfs & Friends

Location: MPR Area, Room 9

For the Life of the World is an entertaining film series that explores the deeper meaning of Salvation. Have you ever wondered, "What is my Salvation actually FOR?" Is it only about personal atonement, about getting to heaven, or something that comes later? Is it just to have a "friend in Jesus?"

Join Evan Koons and his friends - Stephen Grabill, Amy Sherman, Anthony Bradley, Makoto Fujimura, John M. Perkins, Tim Royer and Dwight Gibson – as they discover a "new perspective," the BIGGER picture of what it means to be "in the world, not of it." This seven-part film series and companion Field Guide will help you, your friends, and church investigate God's Economy of All Things.

To learn more, see www.letterstotheexiles.com

Classes and workshops will not meet on 5/10 in observance of Mother's Day.

# JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Instructor: Mike Maxwell Location: MPR Area, Room 2

We invite our youth to join us for a fun, creative, and relationally-based workshop, focused on studying the Bible and the catechisms.

#### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-Kinder)

Teachers: Clint & Amanda Knox Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st - 3rd grades) Teachers: Jason & Anna Tester Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades)

Teachers: TBA

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 Classes & Workshops, and the worship service.

# Community Life

Parishes & Community Groups

#### 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**

Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

# **Central County**

Santa Ana, Irvine, Tustin, Orange Contact: Adam Feichtmann Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Drew Duncan smonterastelli@hotmail.com

# **North County**

Anaheim, Fullerton, North Orange, LA County aduncan@waxie.com 714.614.7953

### **South County**

Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch 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. Times and locations are listed below. Community groups will be on break from March 29 - April 11 for Easter. We will resume meeting the week of April 12th.

# **Beach Cities Groups**

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

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

Newport Beach/TBY Library Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Cameron Moore camerondavidmoore@gmail.com 805-657-7356

Newport Beach/TBY Sundays, 12:15-1:30pm Meets twice/month - 3/22 meeting cancelled Contact: Carl Messenger carl.messenger@cox.net, 949-374-0711

# **North County Group**

Fullerton/Duncan Home Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm Contact: Tim & Jamie Pickavance timandjamie@gmail.com, timpick@gmail.com 714-869-3077

# **Central County Group**

Irvine/Kornu Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu kornufamily@gmail.com, 949-559-5502

# **South County Group**

Lake Forest/Fusco Home Next meeting TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

# Jr High & High School Group

Vitaly Cafe @ The Camp in Costa Mesa Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

# Announcements & Events

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# **Prison Ministry Easter Heart Cards**

Bring hope and encouragement to an inmate this Easter by sending a Heart Card. Cards are available at the Prison Ministry table. This is a very easy way to touch a life and bring a lonely person the love of Christ. If you have questions, contact Lauri fusco at 949-583-7817 or laurifusco@cox.net.

# **Maundy Thursday Service**

Thursday, April 2, 8:00 pm, Chapel at Temple Bat Yahm

Maundy Thursday is a beautiful and solemn service that will focus your mind and grip your heart. After singing, silence, and a short meditation on a passage of scripture, we take the Lord's Supper, prayerfully and seated at tables. For many this is one of the most powerful and rich communion experiences. At the conclusion of the service the communion tables are ceremonially stripped and we leave in silence and darkness. Symbolically this darkness and silence is broken with the shout of "He is risen!" at the opening of our Easter worship the following Sunday.

# **Redeemer Ladies Night Out**

Friday, April 17, 7:30 pm

Whether you are new to Redeemer or have been here for years, join us at this dinner hosted by Redeemer. We will gather at The Corner Restaurant, 8961 Adams Ave., in Huntington Beach. RSVP with Kerry Maxwell, michael.maxwell@gmail.com, or respond to the invitation you received via email. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Women's Bible Study

Next Study begins the week of April 20th Mondays 7:00pm and Thursdays 7:30pm

Our women's bible study on Judges is wrapping up, but our next study on *Zechariah: God's Big Plan for Struggling Christians* will begin the week of April 20th. The Monday evening group is at the Tester home in Newport Beach and will begin with dinner followed by the study. Our Thursday night group is at the Knox home and will be the study only. Study guides are available for purchase at the Redeemer book table. Contact Stephanie Handley, srhandley@gmail.com, with guestions.

# 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.

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. 19.

COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.19.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Details on page 18.

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.

#### 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 6 of Lent

# Palm Sunday

Evening: Psalms 103 / Zechariah 12:9-11,13:1,7-9 / Matthew 21:12-17

# Monday

Morning: Psalms 51:1-20 / Jeremiah 12:1-16 / Philippians 3:1-14 Evening: Psalms 69:1-23 / John 12:9-19

# Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 6, 12 / Jeremiah 15:10-21 / Philippians 3:15-21 Evening: Psalms 94 / John 12:20-26

# Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 55 / Jeremiah 17:5-10,14-17 / Philippians 4:1-13 Evening: Psalms 74 / John 12:27-36

### Maundy Thursday

Morning: Psalms 102 / Jeremiah 20:7-11 / 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32 Evening: Psalms 142, 143 / John 17:1-26

# **Good Friday**

Morning: Psalms 95, 22 / Genesis 22:1-14 / 1 Peter 1:10-20 / John 13:36-38 Evening: Psalms 40:1-19,54 / John 11:1-27,12:1-10 / John 19:38-42

#### Saturday

Morning: Psalms 95, 88 / Job 19:21-27 / Hebrews 4:1-16 Evening: Psalms 27 / Romans 8:1-11

#### **Easter Day**

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Exodus 12:1-14 / John 1:1-18

You can follow the daily readings online at redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/

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


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

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

# Prayer of Belief

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

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

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

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



# We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

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

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