

REDEEMER



ORANGE COUNTY

{ order of worship }

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, welcome. We are glad you are here. We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes in the margins that will help you participate and that offer some explanations. Redeemer is a safe place to ask questions and think differently, so feel free to ask the pastors and leaders anything that might be helpful for you, and please offer your feedback.

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, sometimes called a liturgy. This is because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship, not for a lecture, a conference, or a concert; not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scripture thousands of years ago. God speaks and we respond.

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

Cleansing - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.

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

Communion - God draws us forward, as children to the father's table, to eat a covenant meal with him.

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

Participating in this alternating pattern of God's words and our responses each week not only provides help for today, but shapes our faith over time to highlight the tenacity and graciousness of God's covenantal love.

You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus Christ, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of the historic Christian gospel.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful. It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

We are glad you are with us.
So let us explore. Let us worship.



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Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We desire to create a safe space and welcome people to ask questions and think differently
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Ask. Explore.

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost OCTOBER 20TH, 2019

Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation. You are invited to use the Reflections, Opening Words of Scripture, and/or the Prayer of Preparation as part of your individual preparation for worship.

REFLECTIONS

Wrath: it is God’s personal, righteous, constant hostility to evil, His settled refusal to compromise with it, and His resolve instead to condemn it.

— John Stott

The great religious question is not: Is there God? It is rather: Which is God? Of the innumerable claimants to the predicate “God,” which makes good the claim? The notion that all gods are more or less alike, or that there could be God-in-general, is a piece of childishness born of religious provincialism. What if Molech were God? Or German Blut? Or capitalism’s Invisible Hand? Or socialism’s Dialectic of History? “The Lord” is whoever got Israel out of Egypt; what of the gods who tried to keep her there? One religion’s heaven is another religion’s hell; one community’s God is another community’s Satan. Life and death and all their meaning depend on the identity of God, and finally on nothing else.

— Robert W. Jenson

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - PSALM 90:11

Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen

CALENDAR

- ADVENT The word ‘Pentecost’ comes from the Greek meaning simply ‘fiftieth’. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of
- CHRISTMAS Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the
- EPIPHANY empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light
- LENT of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending “another counselor”
- EASTER (John 14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and
- PENTECOST security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

The Lord Is King

WORDS: JOSIAH CONDER, MUSIC NATHAN PARTAIN

The Lord is King!
Lift up your voice,
O earth and all
Ye heav'ns, rejoice!
From world to world
The joy shall ring,
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

Chorus

*Sing his praise, sing his praise,
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;
Sing his praise, sing his praise,
All your days, all your days.*

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 - PSALM 5:1-7

Minister: Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.

People: Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.

Minister: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

People: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

Minister: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

People: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

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)

How Great Thou Art

STUART HINE

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

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!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

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.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Holy, Holy, Holy

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER; MUSIC: JOHN DYKES

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Please be seated

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

(Page 831 in the red Bible.)

It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the Bible read during worship.

We do this because we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's Word.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Cleansing

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 PSALM 139:23-24

Minister: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God to lead us by our own transparent confession.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Heavenly Father, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are exposed to your eyes and ours. Forgive us, Father, and cover us in Christ. Let us hear your voice, saying, His blood is our peace, his death is our freedom, his Spirit our power, his smiting our safety. And let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON; MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it to Thy courts above

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 - BASED ON PSALM 145 & ROMANS 8

Minister: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Hear the good news:

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Constitution

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(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.)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nahum 1

(Page 782 in the red Bible.)

¹ An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

God's Wrath Against Nineveh

- ² The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;
the LORD is avenging and wrathful;
the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries
and keeps wrath for his enemies.
- ³ The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty.
His way is in whirlwind and storm,
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.
- ⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;
he dries up all the rivers;
Bashan and Carmel wither;
the bloom of Lebanon withers.
- ⁵ The mountains quake before him;
the hills melt;
the earth heaves before him,
the world and all who dwell in it.
- ⁶ Who can stand before his indignation?
Who can endure the heat of his anger?
His wrath is poured out like fire,
and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.
- ⁷ The LORD is good,
a stronghold in the day of trouble;
he knows those who take refuge in him.
- ⁸ But with an overflowing flood
he will make a complete end of the adversaries,
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

Old Testament
Reading
continued.

- ⁹ What do you plot against the LORD?
He will make a complete end;
trouble will not rise up a second time.
- ¹⁰ For they are like entangled thorns,
like drunkards as they drink;
they are consumed like stubble fully dried.
- ¹¹ From you came one
who plotted evil against the LORD,
a worthless counselor.
- ¹² Thus says the LORD,
“Though they are at full strength and many,
they will be cut down and pass away.
Though I have afflicted you,
I will afflict you no more.
- ¹³ And now I will break his yoke from off you
and will burst your bonds apart.”
- ¹⁴ The LORD has given commandment about you:
“No more shall your name be perpetuated;
from the house of your gods I will cut off
the carved image and the metal image.
I will make your grave, for you are vile.”
- ¹⁵ Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him
who brings good news,
who publishes peace!
Keep your feasts, O Judah;
fulfill your vows,
for never again shall the worthless pass through you;
he is utterly cut off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

SERMON

REV. JOSH HAHNE

A God of Vengeance

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)
(MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

WORDS BY MARTIN LUTHER; MUSIC BY CHRISTOPHER MINER

From depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee
O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight
All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest
His word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience
I wait for it with patience

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our utmost need it soundeth
Our shepherd good and true is He
Who will at last his Israel free
For all their sin and sorrow
For all their sin and sorrow

The Nicene Creed is a concise summary of biblical teaching, adopted in the 4th century, and is the most universally affirmed creed among Christian churches. "Catholic" refers to the true, universal church of all times and places.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

Minister: Let us affirm our faith together saying:

**People: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God;
Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made:
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man:
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried:
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures:
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father:
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick
and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified;
Who spake by the Prophets:
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church:
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins:
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead:
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY - MATTHEW 6:19-20

Minister: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

Instrumental

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 to give him thanks and praise.

PRAYER FOR THE SACRAMENT

Minister: God and father, we praise and thank you that you were pleased, in your eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, your only begotten Son, to be the mediator between your holiness and your sinful people. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. You gave to him, from all eternity, a people that by him, in time, would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself has fully satisfied your justice. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him.

By the power of your Holy Spirit let us taste and see your graciousness. Let us feed on you by faith and thereby grow up into the people that you intended us to be and that we long to become. Make us ever mindful of your great kindness and love towards us, and may you make us loving and kind towards our neighbors.

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 2,000 years of worshiping Christians who have gone before.

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

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Directions for taking communion are on page 14.)

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. This liturgy is adapted from passages such as 2 Thessalonians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; and 1 Timothy 3:16.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Directions for taking communion:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord’s Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

When and how to come forward for communion:

Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

A Word to Parents:

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord’s Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor Adam. Children may take the wine at their parents’ discretion.

* Gluten-free crackers contain organic brown and white rice flour only.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

(Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.)

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Sing to Jesus

WORDS AND MUSIC BY FERNANDO ORTEGA

Come and see
Look on this mystery
The Lord of the Universe
Nailed to a tree

Christ our God
Spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish,
His sacred head

Sing to Jesus
Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus
Honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness
Pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary
And He will give you rest
Come you who mourn
Lay on his breast

Christ who died
Risen in paradise
Giver of mercy
Giver of life

Sing to Jesus
His is the throne
Now and forever
He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus
We are His own
Now and forever
Sing for the love
Our God has shown

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, Jesus is the center point of history,
and his presence is our new beginning.
Center our lives on your lavish grace
that not only saves but renews us to be like Jesus.
May our godly living be a fitting testimony of thanksgiving that draws
others to the joyful reign of the king. Amen.**

Commission

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Everlasting God

BRENTON BROWN & KEN RILEY

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

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.

BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

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. Small 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. 21



SMALL GROUPS – Beyond Sunday, one of the most important ways to get involved in the life of our congregation is to join a small group, where we cultivate our communion with God and friendships with others. Details on pgs. 19-20



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



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



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

Announcements & Events

Women's Retreat

November 15-17, 2019 | Carlsbad Inn

Speaker: Karen Hodge

Karen Hodge serves as the Coordinator for CDM Women's Ministry, where she seeks to connect women and churches to one another and to sound resources. It is from the perspective of a wife, mother, leader and fellow pilgrim that she hopes to offer insights from God's Word concerning how she and they can most effectively learn to enjoy and extend God's glory. The theme of this years retreat is *Sanctification* - What it means to be transformed from a life-taker to a life giver. Based on her book *Transformed: Life-taker to life-giver*, Karen Hodge will lead us through a retreat on sanctification using Romans 11:33-36 and 12:1-2 to help us celebrate the power of the gospel to transform God's daughters into women who give life to their relationships. If you have questions please contact Ashley Moore, ashley.moore05@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to register.

The last day to register for this event is Wednesday, October 23.



Redeemer 101 Seminar

Saturday, December 7th | 8:30 - 11:30am

This seminar is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 1 year, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The seminar will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities. The seminar will be held at the Redeemer Church Office located at 3700 Campus Drive, Suite 200, Newport Beach, 92660. If you have questions or would like to RSVP please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org or scan the QR Code to register.



Small Groups

SMALL GROUPS

Beyond Sunday, one of the most important ways to get involved in the life of our congregation is to join a small group, where we cultivate our communion with God and friendships with others. Review the different formats of groups below and reach out to the contact individual to get connected.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

Newport Mesa Community Group

Begins 9/15 through 11/24

Format: Potluck Dinner concluding with Redeemer's Evening Prayer together

When: Sundays, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Regularity: Every other week

Location: Feichtmann home in Costa Mesa

Host/Contact: Adam & Karina Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Eastside Costa Mesa

Begins 9/18

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

Regularity: Weekly

Location: McCaslin Home in Costa Mesa

Leader: Remy Lamons
remy.lamons@LW.com

MORNING PRAYER GROUPS

Join one of our Morning Prayer Groups as they pray and read scripture through Redeemer's Daily Morning Prayer emails.

Men's Morning Prayer Group

Begins 9/19

When: Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00AM

Regularity: 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month

Location: Redeemer Church Office
3700 Campus Drive Ste. 200 Newport Beach, 92660

Host/Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Men's Morning Prayer Group over Zoom

Begins 9/18

When: Wednesdays, 6:40-7:00AM

Regularity: Weekly

Location: Over Zoom – Sign up and you will be given the call login details

Host/Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

BIBLE & BOOK STUDY GROUPS

Join one of our Bible or Book Study Groups as they study scripture and/or discussion a book and cultivate community.

Men's PM Study Group

Begins 9/17 through 11/26

Format: A book/bible study group that will go through Eugene Peterson's A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society. In each chapter Peterson studies a different Psalm of Ascent.

When: Tuesday Evenings, 7-8:30PM

Regularity: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Location: Norling Home in Costa Mesa

Host/Contact: Bob Norling
bcnorling@gmail.com

Small Groups

BIBLE & BOOK STUDY GROUPS CONTINUED

Women's Morning Bible Study

Begins 9/20 through 11/22

Format: Psalms: Managing our Emotions (Christianity Today)

When: Fridays, 9:30-11AM

Regularity: Weekly

Location: Hodson Home in Newport Beach

Leaders: Sarah Pringle & Sarah Stratton

Contact: Sarah Pringle

sarahbpringle@gmail.com

Childcare is limited and those interested need to register with Sarah Pringle. There is also a gate list, so anyone interested in attending needs to RSVP to Sarah Pringle.

Women's Evening Bible Study Group

Begins 9/17 through 11/26

Format: In All Things (a study on Philipians by Melissa Kruger)

When: Tuesday Evenings, 7-9PM

Regularity: Every Other Tuesday

Location: Heather Scanlon's home in Costa Mesa

Contact: Kem Erskine

kemerskine@yahoo.com

Women's North County Study Group

When: Wednesday Evenings

Regularity: Every other week

Contact: Stacey Duncan for specific details of location, time, and group details

stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Men's North County Study Group

When: Wednesday Evenings

Regularity: Every other week

Contact: Drew Duncan for specific details of location, time, and group details

aduncan@waxie.com

Book Study Group (NB, CM, & Irvine)

Format: A book discussion group who will begin by reading *Alvin Plantinga's Knowledge and Christian Belief*.

When: Mid-week evenings, probably Thursdays, Roughly 1.5 hours

Regularity: Every other week

Location: Rotation of home in Irvine, Newport Beach, and Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Joshua Norton

joshua.d.norton@gmail.com

Book Study Group (Irvine)

Format: A book discussion group on *Paul Miller's A Praying Life*.

When: Saturdays, 7-9PM

Regularity: Monthly - Starting 9/28

Location: Mahar Home in Irvine

Hosts/Contact: Isaac & Lydia Mahar

Phone: 251-751-0660; 251-459-3816

Small Groups

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH LUNCH/DINNER & SOCIAL GROUPS

Join one of our Neighborhood Parish Lunch/Dinner & Social Groups as they have no special agenda, simply a time to gather around tables (and the beach) with friends and neighbors. Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org

Fountain Valley Neighborhood Parish Lunch Group

Format: Potluck Lunch

When: Sundays 12-2PM

Regularity: First Sunday of the Month (10/6 & 11/3)

Location: Kwak Home

Hosts/Contacts: Ben & Joyce Kwak

benjamin.kwak@yahoo.com/ joleekwak@gmail.com

North County Neighborhood Parish Dinner Group

Format: Potluck Dinner

When: Sundays, 4-6pm

Regularity: TBD

Location: Duncan Home

Hosts/Contact: Stacey Duncan | *stacey.duncan@hotmail.com*

Corona Del Mar Family & Friends Beach Days

Format: Enjoy the sun, sand, and beach with Redeemer families & friends.

When: Sundays, 12:30 – 3:30PM

Regularity: Every other week – Starting 9/15

Hosts/Contacts: Stratton & Pickavance Families / *gracekey@mac.com& jamienuts@gmail.com*

The group will meet to the left of Tower 4 (looking at the ocean from the parking lot). All ages welcome!

INTEREST GROUPS

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

Men's Surfing Group

A group of men who regularly surf together

When: When the surf is good/decent

Regularity: Several times a week, normally early mornings

Location: Mainly across Newport Beach

Contact: Adam Feichtmann (949-423-8692) to be added to the text thread

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

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

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.

Proper 24

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / Luke 10:1-12; Luke 10:17-20

Monday

Morning: Psalm 25 / Jeremiah 44:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 15:30-41

Evening: Psalms 9, 15 / Matthew 11:16-24

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 26, 28 / Lamentations 1:1-12 / 1 Corinthians 15:41-50

Evening: Psalms 36, 39 / Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 38 / Lamentations 2:8-15 / 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Evening: Psalm 119:25-48 / Matthew 12:1-14

Thursday

Morning: Psalm 37:1-18 / Ezra 1 / 1 Corinthians 16:1-9

Evening: Psalm 37:19-40 / Matthew 12:15-21

Friday

Morning: Psalm 31 / Ezra 3 / 1 Corinthians 16:10-24

Evening: Psalm 35 / Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 30, 32 / Ezra 4:7, Ezra 4:11-24 / Philemon

Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / Matthew 12:33-42

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 63, 98 / Haggai 1-2:9 / Acts 18:24 - 9:7

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
The Burning Bush is
by Danish artist
Maja Lisa Engelhardt