



REDEEMER

ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



# WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us for worship!

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

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

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

## To our Families with Children

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

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

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

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

## About our Worship Service

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

The main movements are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent : MARCH 19TH, 2023

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

**WELCOME**

**REFLECTION**

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, as I live forever, if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and will repay those who hate me. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh—with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired heads of the enemy.’

“Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and takes vengeance on his adversaries. He repays those who hate him and cleanses his people’s land.”.

— *The Word of the Lord in the Song of Moses, Deuteronomy 32*

CALENDAR

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

# Calling

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Please stand.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON THE SONG OF MOSES IN EXODUS 15

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

Minister: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him.**

Minister: The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

**People: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?**

Minister: You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

**People: The peoples have heard; they tremble; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.**

Minister: Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm. You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode...

**People: The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

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

## PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Prayer concludes by praying in unison:*

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

## OPENING SONG

### *O For A Thousand Tongues*

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC: CARL GLAZER

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*Lord Have Mercy*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STEVE MERKEL

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

Please stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

## PASSING THE PEACE & COLLECTION

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

**People:** And also with you.

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

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

To donate online, scan the QR code.



## SONG OF PRAISE

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY; ARRANGEMENT: FERNANDO ORTEGA

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

### *Chorus*

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

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

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

### *Chorus*

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

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

### *Chorus*

# Constitution

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Please be seated

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This creed is a concise summary of apostolic teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2nd century, and originally used as a baptismal confession of basic Christian beliefs. By “he descended into hades,” which some versions of the creed translate “hell,” we mean Jesus descended to the dead, that he died and was buried in a grave (1 Corinthians 15:3-5). The word “catholic” literally means “universal” and refers to the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2).

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hades. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there 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 life everlasting.  
Amen.



## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL - DURING THE LAST STANZA OF THE SONG OF PREPARATION

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

Please stand

### SONG OF PREPARATION

#### *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

WORDS: SAMUEL STENNETT; MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

#### *Chorus*

*I am bound I am bound  
I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound I am bound  
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness sorrow pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more

#### *Chorus*

When shall I see that happy place  
And be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest

*Chorus x 3*

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



## SCRIPTURE READING

### *Joshua 5:13-6:27*

<sup>13</sup> When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" <sup>14</sup> And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" <sup>15</sup> And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

<sup>1</sup> Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. <sup>3</sup> You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. <sup>4</sup> Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him." <sup>6</sup> So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." <sup>7</sup> And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

<sup>8</sup> And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. <sup>9</sup> The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. <sup>10</sup> But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." <sup>11</sup> So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

<sup>12</sup> Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. <sup>13</sup> And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. <sup>14</sup> And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days. <sup>15</sup> On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. <sup>16</sup> And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. <sup>17</sup> And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

<sup>18</sup> But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. <sup>19</sup> But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.” <sup>20</sup> So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. <sup>21</sup> Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

<sup>22</sup> But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her.” <sup>23</sup> So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. <sup>25</sup> But Rahab the prostitute and her father’s household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

<sup>26</sup> Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, “Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho.

“At the cost of his firstborn shall he  
lay its foundation,  
and at the cost of his youngest son  
shall he set up its gates.”

<sup>27</sup> So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

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

*The Battle of Jericho*

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

Please stand.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*Stand Up, O God, Be Present Now*

WORDS: MICHAEL SAWARD; MUSIC: DAVID G. WILSON

Stand up, O God, be present now,  
and all who hate you, let them run like driven smoke,  
like melting wax, bound for destruction, doomed to die.  
But let the righteous sing and dance,  
yes, sing and dance and shout for joy,  
for he who rides upon the clouds is coming, as he came of old.  
His justice vindicates the oppressed,  
he frees the pris'ner, brings him home.

### *Chorus*

*Stand up, O God, be present now,  
and we will sing and shout for joy.*

Stand up, O God, be present now,  
as once on Sinai you were heard  
by those who left the prison's chain,  
who crossed the sea and faced the sand.  
They ate the manna, drank from springs  
provided by your gracious love.  
They watched as mighty armies fled,  
and so they gained the promised land.  
Now, marching on to Zion's mount,  
we see the heav'nly hosts descend.

### *Chorus*

Stand up, O God, be present now,  
and we, your people, will rejoice,  
for you have saved us from the pit,  
for you have brought us back from death.  
So, to your holy place, we come  
with choirs and music, young and old.  
Rebuke the godless, cast them down  
till humbled, they for mercy call;  
then men shall listen for your voice  
as riding through the heav'ns you come.

### *Chorus*

# Communion

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

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

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

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

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

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

## PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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

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

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

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

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

Please stand.

## COMMUNION SONG

### *In Christ Alone*

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  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every 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 power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll 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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## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Lead on O King Eternal*

WORDS BY ERNEST W. SHURLEFF; MUSIC BY HENRY SMART

Lead on, O King eternal,  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

*So Lead on, O King, lead on,  
O King, lead on, O King, lead on*

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

## BLESSING - NUMBERS 6:24-26

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

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

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





# Announcements & Events

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

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

*March 15th - April 15th, 2023*

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



## **Donation Drive for Project Hope Alliance**

*Sunday, March 12th and 19th*

Redeemer's youth ministry will be supporting fellow Redeemer member, Madelyn (Maddie) Runcie, in the work she does with Project Hope Alliance - a non-profit organization with a target audience of Orange County youth experiencing homelessness. Our students will be collecting, organizing, and boxing self-care items for "Boxes of Hope". Redeemer will be doing a churchwide donation drive to collect self-care products on Sunday, March 12th and 19th. We will have a clearly-marked barrel for you to place your donations in. For more information please contact Maddie Runcie, [madelyn.r@projecthopealliance.org](mailto:madelyn.r@projecthopealliance.org) or Ellie Holt, [ellieh@redeemeroc.org](mailto:ellieh@redeemeroc.org)

## **Volunteers Needed for Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Sunday Brunch**

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

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

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

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



# Process for becoming an Elder, Deacon, Deaconess

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## NOMINATION

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



## INITIAL EVALUATION

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



## CANDIDACY

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



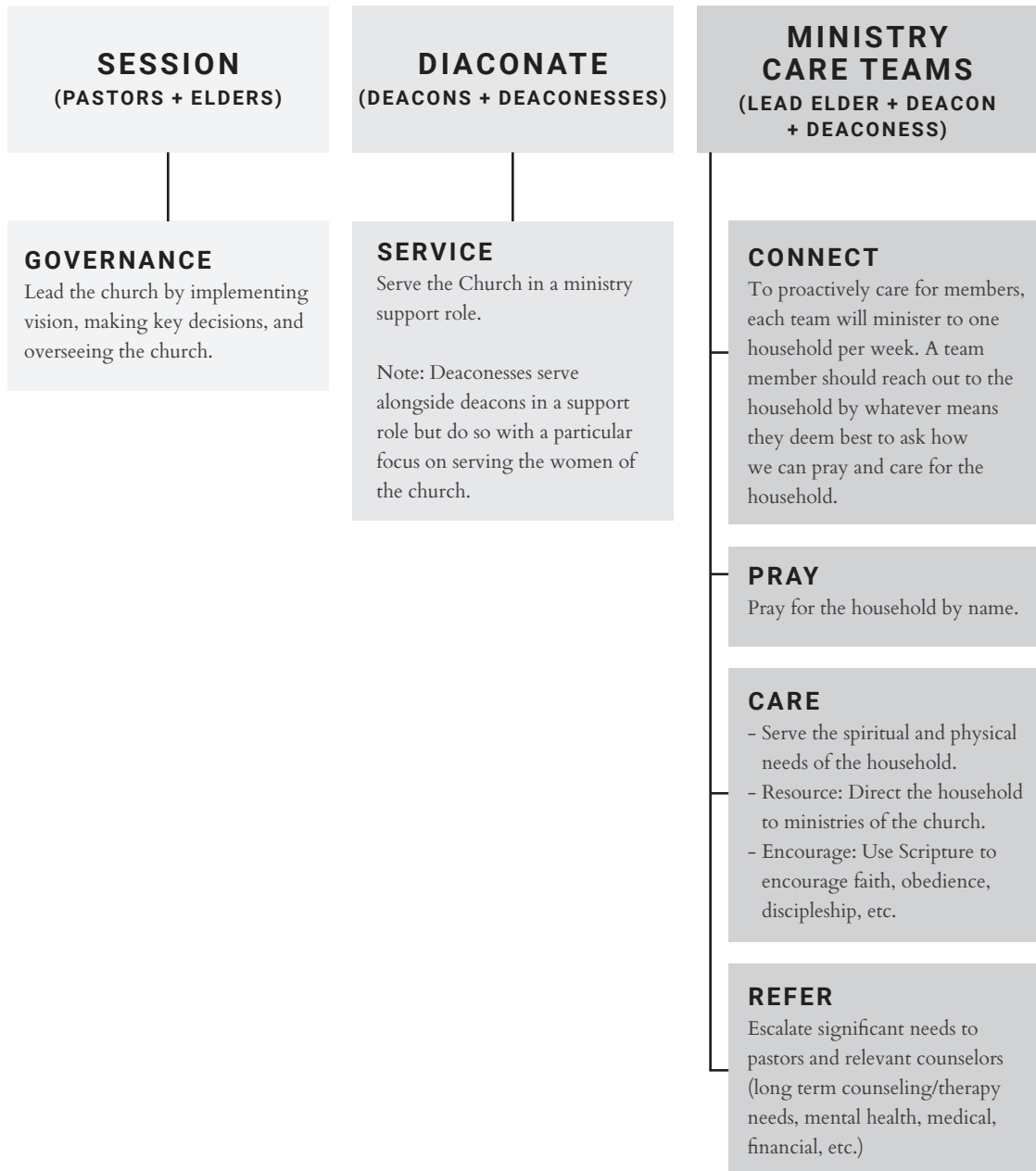
## ELECTION

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

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

# Redeemer Session & Diaconate: Structure & Responsibilities

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# Small Groups

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## SMALL GROUPS

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

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

### Newport Mesa Community Group

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

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

*Location:* Feichtmann House in Costa Mesa

*Host/Contact:* Adam Feichtmann

[adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

### North County Community Group

*When:* Sunday Afternoons

*Regularity:* Monthly

*Location:* Rotation of homes in and around Fullerton

*Contact:* Andrew Evans

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### Costa Mesa (Mesa Del Mar) Community Group

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

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

*Location:* Kim Riley home in Costa Mesa

*Contact:* Kim Riley

[kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net)

### South County Community Group

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

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

*Location:* Rotation of homes in South OC

*Host/Contact:* Sam & Renon Pepke

[sampepke@hotmail.com](mailto:sampepke@hotmail.com)

### Costa Mesa (Halecrest) Community Group

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

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

*Location:* Lamons home in Costa Mesa

*Host/Contact:* Remy Lamons

[remylamons@gmail.com](mailto:remylamons@gmail.com)

### Young Adults Community Group

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

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

*Location:* Irvine Area (location will change)

*Host/Contact:* Ellie Holt

[ellieh@redeemeroc.org](mailto:ellieh@redeemeroc.org)

### North Tustin Community Group

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

*Regularity:* Weekly

*Location:* Sebourn home in Tustin

*Host/Contact:* Jeremy Sebourn

[jsebourn@gmail.com](mailto:jsebourn@gmail.com)

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

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

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

*Location:* Rotation of homes in Costa Mesa & Irvine

*Book Study:* Prototype by Jonathan Martin

*Host/Contact:* Miranda Dupree

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### Irvine Community Group

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

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

*Location:* Johnson Home in Irvine (UCI)

*Contact:* Beckie White

[rewwhite@westmont.edu](mailto:rewwhite@westmont.edu)

# Small Groups

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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

### Women's Morning Bible Study Group

*When:* Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30am

*Curriculum:* Proverbs

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

*Location:* Stratton Home in Huntington Beach

*Contact:* Sarah Stratton

*gracekey@mac.com*

*\*Childcare: Provided, but limited.*

*Please register with Sarah Stratton\**

### Women's Evening Bible Study Group

*When:* Mondays, 7:00PM

*Curriculum:* Bible in a Year Study and Discussion

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

*Location:* Samantha Bowman home in Costa Mesa

*Contact:* Kem Erskine

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

*\*Childcare: Not available\**

## INTEREST GROUPS

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

### Men's Surfing Group

A group of men who regularly surf together

*When:* When the surf is good/decent

*Regularity:* Several times a week, normally early mornings

*Location:* Mainly across Newport Beach

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

### Pickleball League

*When:* Sundays, 12:30PM

*Regularity:* 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

*Location:* Bonita Canyon Pickleball Courts in Newport Beach

*Contact:* Beckie White

*rewhite@westmont.edu*

### Women's Ministry Local Hikes

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

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

*When:* Saturday, March 25th (previously scheduled for March 4th)

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

\$3 parking fee.

*When:* Saturday, May 13th

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

Parking location TBD

## YOUTH GROUPS

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

# Bible in a Year Daily Scripture Readings

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

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

**Monday:** Joshua 17 - 19 / Psalm 112

**Tuesday:** Joshua 20 - 21 / Psalm 42

**Wednesday:** Joshua 22 - 24 / Psalm 124

**Thursday:** Judges 1 - 3:6

**Friday:** Judges 3:7 - 5 / Psalm 83

**Saturday:** Free Day

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



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