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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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | SEPTEMBER 15TH, 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

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with thy righteousness on
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view. — John Newton

But all the wickedness in the world which man may do or think is no more to the mercy of God than a live coal dropped in the sea. — William Langland (14th cent.)

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - EPHESIANS 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST

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

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible
WORDS: WALTER C. SMITH; MUSIC: JOHN ROBERTS

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
But of all Thy rich graces this grace, Lord, impart
Take the veil from our faces, the vile from our heart.

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 145:1-5,8

Minister: Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Minister: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever
People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Minister: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts
People: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Minister: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
People: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

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)

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

WORDS: JOHN NEWTON; MUSIC: LAURA TAYLOR

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's fl ame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fi ll the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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 our Israel free
For all their sin and sorrow
For all their sin and sorrow

Please be seated

EPISTLE READING

Luke 14:12-24
(Page 874 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.

12 He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or
a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich
neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you
give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be
blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection
of the just."

15 When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said
to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" 16 But he
said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the
time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited,
'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses.
The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please
have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go
to examine them. Please have me excused.' 20 And another said, 'I have married
a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So the servant came and reported these
things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to
his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the
poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you
commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the
servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that
my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall
taste my banquet.'"

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.

MUSCIAL 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

Minister: We are Jonah. Like him we run from God. May we see this truth about ourselves, but may we also know that God runs too. He runs after us in love to rescue us. In the confidence of this wonderful truth, may we stop running now and confess our sin with depth and honesty.

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

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.

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 - EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Minister: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

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

Jonah 1:1-16

(Page 774 in the red Bible.)

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go
to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before
me." 3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went
down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went
down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

4 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest
on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. 5 Then the mariners were
afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship
into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of
the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came and said to
him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god
will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

7 And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on
whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on
Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon
us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country?
And of what people are you?" 9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the
LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men
were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the
men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had
told them.

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down
for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 He said to them, "Pick
me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it
is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." 13 Nevertheless, the
men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more
and more tempestuous against them. 14 Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O
LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for
you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." 15 So they picked up Jonah and hurled
him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the
LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

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 Mercy

SONG OF RESPONSE

Please stand.

What Wondrous Love Is This

(MUSIC ON PAGE 9)

What Wondrous Love Is This

WORDS AND MUSIC: AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am";
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

The creed is a concise summary of biblical teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2nd century, and originally used as a baptismal confession.
**Means continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death until the third day.*
***Means the true, universal church of all times and places.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell*.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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.

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 Ensemble

Communion

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right 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 13.)

Communion *(i.e. the Lord's Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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

When and how to come forward for communion:
Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

A Word to Parents:
Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor 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

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER, 1827 (VERSES); ZAC HICKS, 2006 (ADD'L TEXT); MUSIC: ZAC HICKS, 2006

Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead

Look on the heart by sorrow broken
Look on the tears by sinners shed
And be Thy feast to us the token
That by Thy grace our souls are fed

Have mercy, have mercy
Have mercy on us

Here is mercy, here is mercy
Here is mercy for us

So let us come to the feast of Jesus
Let us eat of the Bread of Life
Let us drink of the wine, His blood
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ

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 newborn king. Amen.

Commission

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good
DAVID HLEBO

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

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

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.

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

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. 20

SMALL GROUPS – Beyond Sundays, the most important way 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. 18-19

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

Kid-Check
Began Sunday, September 1

At Redeemer, nothing is more important to us than the safety and security of your children and students which is why we have chosen Kid-Check as our new children's check-in solution. Please download the Kid-Check Mobile App from the App Store or Google Play Store to create, manage, and update your account right on your mobile device. Part of this new procedure requires parents of preschool/kindergarten students to come and pick up their child from the classroom area and present their Guardian Tag to the teacher at the conclusion of sermon time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Amanda Knox, amandak@redeemeroc.org

Welcome Lunch
Sunday, September 22 | 12:00pm

Newcomers to Redeemer are invited to lunch with Pastors Josh & Adam, Sunday, September 22nd, following the worship service. Josh and Melissa Hahne will be hosting the lunch at their home in Newport Beach. Whether you just starting visiting Redeemer last week or you have been coming for several months, we would love to see you there. Bring your family and enjoy lunch and a time to get to learn more about Redeemer. If you are interested or would like to RSVP please contact Danielle Smith, *danielles@redeemeroc.org*

Redeemer 101 Seminar
Saturday, September 28th | 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 Sundays, the most important way 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
remylamons@gmail.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 & Karina 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 & Karina 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 Philippians by Melissa Kruger)
When: Tuesday Evenings, 7-9PM
Regularity: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
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 Familes / *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

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 being 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.

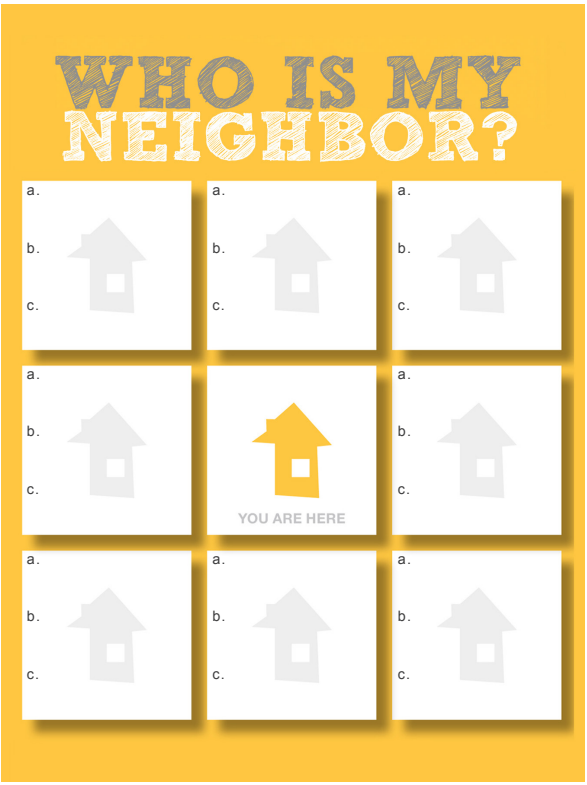
The Aoyagi family is seeing God work through their roles in the community. Seima's position as PTA chair has allowed him to make connections through which people have come to know about Grace Harbor. Naoko's involvement with Parakaleo Japan helps provide a care-network for wives in ministry.

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 wtih 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
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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 19

Sunday
Evening: Psalms 8, 84 / John 11:45-47

Monday
Morning: Psalms 56, 57, 58 / 1 Kings 21:1-16 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Evening: Psalms 64, 65 / Matthew 4:1-11

Tuesday
Morning: Psalms 61, 62 / 1 Kings 21:17-29 / 1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Evening: Psalm 68 / Matthew 4:12-17

Wednesday
Morning: Psalm 72 / 1 Kings 22:1-28 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Evening: Psalm 119:73-96 / Matthew 4:18-25

Thursday
Morning: Psalms 70, 71 / 1 Kings 22:29-45 / 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15
Evening: Psalm 74 / Matthew 5:1-10

Friday
Morning: Psalm 69 / 2 Kings 1:2-17 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Evening: Psalm 73 / Matthew 5:11-16

Saturday
Morning: Psalms 75, 76 / 2 Kings 2:1-18 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Evening: Psalms 23, 27 / Matthew 5:17-20

Sunday
Morning: Psalms 93, 96 / 2 Kings 4:8-37 / Acts 9:10-31

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.

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Name:_____

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

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☐ Day ☐ Evening

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

Prayer of Belief

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

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

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and 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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Spouse: _____

Children: _____

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Address: _____

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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

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