

REDEEMER



ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }

Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to me after our worship.

Grace and Peace,

David Juelfs

Senior Pastor

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

{Following Christ In The Renewal Of All Things}



REDEEMER
ORANGE COUNTY

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost : NOVEMBER 4, 2018

REFLECTION

“It is not the being seen of men that is wrong, but doing these things for the purpose of being seen of men.” – Augustine

“When it comes to prayer, the church prayer meeting ought to be the tip of the iceberg.” – William Still

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - LAMENTATIONS 3:22

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

“Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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” (John
EASTER	14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security
PENTECOST	in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

Calling

Please stand.

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 - FROM PSALM 95:6-7

Minister: Come, let us all worship and bow down together,

People: let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.

Minister: For he is our God,

People: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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

*To God Be The Glory
Satisfied*

(MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)

To God Be The Glory

WORDS: FANNY JANE CROSBY AND TOMMY WALKER, MUSIC: WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE AND TOMMY WALKER

To God be the glory great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gates that all may go in

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To ev'ry believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He hath taught us
Great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Chorus

Satisfied

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS, 1875; MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS, 1997

All my life I have panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Refrain

*Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,
Till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Cleansing

Please be seated.

The call to repentance invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Leader: 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

Almighty and Gracious Father, who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity, and passes over transgression? Your mercy is greater than our sin, and your compassion stronger than our shame. Forgive us and cleanse our hearts. Free us from our enslaving sin and self-righteousness. Grant us willing spirits, that love what you love and hate what you hate. Make us a gracious presence in an ungracious world longing for peace and joy. May we be faithful vessels who carry Jesus.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Lord Have Mercy

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STEVE MERKEL

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

I have built an altar
Where I've worshiped things of man
I have taken journeys
That have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning
To Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again

Please stand.

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - FROM 1 PETER 2:24

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

People: And also with you.

Constitution

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children 2 years through Kindergarten need to be signed into their class prior to the service or at dismissal and signed out following the sermon or after the service.)

READING GOD'S WORD

Matthew 6:5-8

(Page 811 in the red Bible.)

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

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN

How Not To Pray (A Prologue to Praying the Lord's Prayer)

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

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone
(MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

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
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

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

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

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You hear us calling, you hear us calling, Abba Father

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

We pray to you, O Lord; you hear our voice in the morning.

God of compassion,
we remember the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, the prisoners
and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all who suffer
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us calling, you hear us calling, Abba Father

O Lord of providence, who holds the destiny of the nations in your hand,
we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders
that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness,
that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us calling, you hear us calling, Abba Father

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.
Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide us;
increase in us the recognition that we are all your creatures, made in your image.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us calling, you hear us calling, Abba Father

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.
Have mercy on our weakness, bring an end to divisions, and scatter our fears. Watch
over the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire
its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hear us calling, you hear us calling, Abba Father

O Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining the great chorus
of those who, too, sing your praise and depend on you alone.
We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace, and praise your
name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus,
in whose mighty name we pray. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy (2x)

Please remain seated for the offertory.

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

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OFFERTORY – JAMES 1:17

Leader: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

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

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

OFFERTORY SONG

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 for us to give him thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: Most gracious and eternal God, the helper of the helpless, the comforter of the comfortless, the hope of the afflicted, the bread of the hungry, the drink of the thirsty, and the savior of all those that wait upon you; we bless and glorify your name, and adore your goodness, and delight in your love, that you have once more given us the opportunity of receiving the greatest favor which we can receive in this world, even the body and blood of our savior, Jesus Christ, your son. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

Sursum Corda is Latin for “lift up your hearts.” One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly minded and summons us into the Lord’s presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2000 years of worshipping Christians who have gone before.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

(Congregation sings together)

Holy, Holy, Holy

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER; MUSIC: JOHN DYKES

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!

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(If this is your first time with us please see the communion guidelines on page 12, particularly regarding wine, gluten-free options, and children taking communion.)

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Directions for taking communion:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord’s Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us.

Note about the communion elements:

Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

When and how to come forward for communion:

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

A Word to Parents:

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

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

**Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Commission

Please stand.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited for refreshments and conversation.

To listen to sermons, view our daily morning and evening prayers, learn about upcoming events, and give online, download our Redeemer OC app at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>

Redeemer at a Glance

{ FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS }

Thank you for joining us. We hope you are encouraged and empowered. A church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. The rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

- WORSHIP } Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.
- NURTURE } Learning how to live the kingdom life together. Community groups, classes and workshops, men's and women's ministry, family ministry, and simply having a good time together.
- MISSION } Making Jesus known among our neighbors and working to heal our neighborhoods. Get involved with your neighborhood parish.
- CULTURE } Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful.

JOIN US



NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 18.



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



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

Youth Events

High School Gathering - Tuesday 11/6 at 7pm | *Vitaly at the Camp, Costa Mesa*
Jr. High Gathering - Thursday, 11/8 at 6:30pm | *Halecrest Park (Back Clubhouse), Costa Mesa*

Prayer Before the Worship Service

Every Sunday 9:15-9:45AM
Location: Room across from the women's restroom

Join Redeemer leaders every Sunday to pray for our church, our neighbors, and our world before we gather for worship. We desire to be a congregation intentionally rooted in prayer and this gathering is an opportunity that we offer for our community to pray together. If you would like be specifically prayed over on a Sunday morning, please stick around after the worship service and ask one of the pastors or church leaders.

Community Life

Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups, Studies, & Life Explored Dinners

DOWNLOAD OUR APP FOR ALL THE LATEST IN COMMUNITY LIFE

Go to <http://get.theapp.co/s/75k/> or scan the QR code to find out the latest news & details for our Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies.



NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. We have four parishes: Beach Cities, North County, Central County and South County. Parishes are designed to help us connect with the Redeemer people we live close to and to empower our local Redeemer communities to contribute to the health of our cities. Download our app to find out more about upcoming gatherings in your neighborhood or go to www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/ Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH DINNERS

Attend and invite your neighbors to a Parish Dinner near you. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors. Host your own regular dinner and we will promote it! Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org

North County Dinners

Fullerton

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Community Life

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. **Below are some of the Community Groups for Fall 2018. If you are interested in leading or hosting a group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org**

Irvine & Aliso Viejo

* Group is at capacity
Sundays
5:00 - 6:45 pm
Brewer & Moore Homes
Leader: Chad Brewer
Contact: Christie Brewer
christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

Costa Mesa

Sundays
4:00 - 6:00 pm Bible study
6:00 - 7:00 pm Pot Luck
Riley Home
Leader: Greg Riley
Contact: Kim Riley
kimsmailbox@sbcglobal.net

Costa Mesa

Wednesdays
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Cooper Home
Leader/Contact: Jeremy McCaslin
jomccaslin@gmail.com

High School

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Vitaly Cafe at The Camp
2937 Bristol St, Suite B100-B103
Costa Mesa
Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl
brians@redeemeroc.org

Jr. High School

Thursdays
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Halecrest Park Back Clubhouse
Off of College Avenue
Costa Mesa
Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl
brians@redeemeroc.org

MID-WEEK STUDIES & GROUPS

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together.

Men's AM Group

Morning Prayer & Coffee
Newport Beach
Honor Coffee, Lido Marina
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00-9:00 am
Leader/Contact:
Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Men's PM Group

Evening Prayer Dinner/Drinks
Costa Mesa
Greenleaf on 17th St.
2nd & 4th Thursdays
7:30-9:00 pm
Leader/Contact:
Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org

Men's AM Group

Morning Prayer & Breakfast
Fullerton
Fullerton Community Center
1st & 3rd Fridays
6:30-7:15 am
Leader/Contact:
Andrew Evans
andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com

Women's AM Study

Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)
Newport Beach
Weekly Fridays
9:30-11:00 am
(Limited Childcare available)
Contact: Ashley Moore
ashley.moore05@gmail.com

Women's PM Study

Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)
Fullerton
Every other Wednesday
Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm
(No Childcare available)
Contact: Stacey Duncan
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

Women's Prayer Group

Costa Mesa
Every other Tuesday
7:00 - 8:30 pm
(No Childcare available)
Contact: Stephanie Handley
srhandley@gmail.com

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

Praise God that the country is recovering from its state of emergency and that Ethiopia ACT is continuing to move forward in serving the local community in Addis Ababa. They are currently in the process of adding 100 non-HIV families to their programs in an effort to extend their efforts and meet 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.

Prayer Requests

- They are currently surveying potential locations for new church plants which would hopefully begin in the next 12-18 months. They have done initial visits to the Furi and Qoye Fetche neighborhoods; pray for discernment on whether these might be future church plant sites.
- Jason led a full ministry team of 20 people in a “Sonship for Africa” week at the end of July. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would continue to work in their hearts and minds
- They just finished their Rainy Season VBS in the Suki community and had around 200 kids in attendance. Pray that the lessons and Scriptures from the week would enter their hearts and minds.
- They are praising God that after many months of “go-around” with various government offices, God has reopened the door for them to host short-term medical teams in Addis. We are very thankful for this provision!

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

Grace Harbor continues to reach many in Tokyo with the gospel and love of Christ. With the addition of a new staff member, Seita Sakaguchi, they have been able to start a new church plant in Toyosu which is in the waterfront area of Tokyo. Yuki, who became a Christian a year ago after serving as a musician at Grace Harbor for 2 years, reached out with a desire to use her musical gifts to share the joy of the gospel with others. This desire led to a Jazz and Gospel Concert in Tsukishima, a prospective site for a new worship location. The event brought 180 people many of whom had never been to church before. Grace Harbor held their Christmas Eve service in Tsukishima bringing many to a Christian worship service for the first time through personal friendships with Seima and others in the congregation. Several missions teams from the US came to help with community outreach over the past year including 2 Kids English Camps, an English communication program at a local elementary school (who wants them to come back!), and a Christian ballet company with a performance about Jesus' passion story at the city hall in Toyosu.

While there are many good things happening, there are also some very real challenges. Several key staff members are transitioning away - 2 staff are leaving for seminary and the Pfeils family with MTW will be in the US for 7 months - which will leave Seima as a solo pastor. This transition is already causing some anxiety and concern among the members, but could be an opportunity to shift the church from staff-dependent to more volunteer-based. Pray for them as they trust in God to guide them in this transition and raise up lay leaders in the congregation. Another challenge is that financial support has been diminishing as Seima is not able to leave Grace Harbor to raise more support.

Prayer Requests

- That God raise up lay leaders among the congregation.
- That Grace Harbor Church would transition to become a more volunteer-based church.
- That Seima will not be overwhelmed while the Pfeils are away.
- That the new church plant, Toyosu Community Church, would effectively share the gospel with non-Christians in Toyosu and be a blessing to the area.
- That God will give them broader and deeper connections to the non-Christians in Tsukishima area, so that someday we could start the another worship site for our church.
- That God changes the hearts of non-Christians and call them to accept Christ as their Savior.
- That our family be united by the Spirit and be dependent on the Lord always through prayer.

Websites: www.redeemercitytocity.com, www.graceharborchurch.jp

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

The Lord's Supper is not simply an ordinary meal among human beings— it is a fellowship with Christ, in his presence and at his table. We must avoid the idea that any automatic or magical benefit comes from sharing in the Lord's Supper, whether a person participates in faith or not. But when a person participates in faith, renewing and strengthening his or her own trust in Christ for salvation, and believing that the Holy Spirit will bring spiritual blessing through such participation, then certainly additional blessing may be expected.

We must be careful here to avoid the mistake of overreacting to Roman Catholic teaching and maintaining that the Lord's Supper is merely symbolic and not a means of grace. Paul says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation (Gk. *koinonia*, "sharing," "fellowship") in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation [*koinonia*] in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

Because there is such a sharing in the body and blood of Christ (apparently meaning a sharing in the benefits of Christ's body and blood given for us), the unity of believers is beautifully exhibited at the time of the Lord's Supper. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). And since we are participants at "the table of the Lord" (1 Cor. 10:21), Paul warns the Corinthians that they cannot participate in the Lord's table and also participate in idol worship: "You cannot partake in the table of the Lord and the table of demons" (1 Cor. 10:21). There is a spiritual union among believers and with the Lord that is strengthened and solidified at the Lord's Supper, and it is not to be taken lightly.

This is why the Corinthians were experiencing judgment for their abuse of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:29-30). But if Paul says there will be judgment for wrong participation in the Lord's Supper, then certainly we should expect blessing for right participation in the Lord's Supper.

When we obey Jesus' command, "Take, eat" (Matthew 26:26), and go through the physical activity of eating and drinking at the Lord's table, our physical action pictures a corresponding spiritual nourishment, a nourishment of our soul that will occur when we participate in obedience and faith. Jesus says, "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:55-6).

Certainly Jesus is not speaking of a literal eating of his flesh and blood. But if he is not speaking of a literal eating and drinking, then he must have in mind a spiritual participation in the benefits of the redemption he earns. The spiritual nourishment, so necessary for our souls, is both symbolized and experienced in our participation in the Lord's Supper.

Daily Scripture Readings

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.

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Sunday

Evening: Psalms 88, 84 / Matthew 18:21-35

Monday

Morning: Psalms 56, 57, 58 / Rev. 14:1-13

Evening: Psalms 64, 65 / Luke 12:49-59

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 61, 62 / Rev. 14:14-15:8

Evening: Psalms 68 / Luke 13:1-9

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 72 / Rev. 16:1-11

Evening: Psalms 119:73-96 / Luke 13:10-17

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 70, 71 / Rev. 16:12-21

Evening: Psalms 74 / Luke 13:18-30

Friday

Morning: Psalms 69 / Rev. 17:1-18

Evening: Psalms 73 / Luke 13:31-35

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 75, 76 / Rev. 18:1-14

Evening: Psalm 23, 27 / Luke 14:1-11

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 93, 96 / 1 Cor.14:1-12

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/daily/ or scan the QR code.

To view the daily prayers, listen to sermons, learn about upcoming events, and give online, download our Redeemer OC app at <http://get.theapp.co/s75k/>





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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: _____

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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

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The cover painting
The Burning Bush is
by Danish artist
Maja Lisa Engelhardt