

## 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}



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost : AUGUST 12, 2018

## REFLECTION

"On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return. "

— Annie Dillard

### **OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12**

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Love, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY LENT EASTER

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.

PENTECOST

# Calling

Please stand.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM ISAIAH 55

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.

Minister: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and He who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

Minister: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

People: Let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

## 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.

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.

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

Crown Him With Many Crowns How Great Thou Art (MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4) Crown Him With Many Crowns
WORDS: MATTHEW BRIDGES, MUSIC: GEORGE ELVEY

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

# How Great Thou Art WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

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

#### Chorus

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

## Chorus

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Chorus 2x

# Cleansing

Please be seated.

#### CALL TO REPENTANCE - PSALMS 40:11-13

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

Minister: As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me!

#### PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. 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 AND THE PEACE - 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11,19-20

Minister: You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.

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

People: And also with you.

## Constitution

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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**

1 Corinthians 14:26-33 (Pages 960-961 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.

<sup>26</sup> What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. <sup>27</sup> If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. <sup>28</sup> But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. <sup>29</sup> Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. <sup>30</sup> If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, <sup>32</sup> and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. <sup>33</sup> For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## Learn and Be Encouraged

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** 

Revelation Song (MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

Revelation Song
MUSIC: JENNIE LEE RIDDLE

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song
To Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows
Of living color
Flashes of lightning
Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
Strength and glory
And power be to You
The only wise King

## Chorus

Filled with wonder
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery

Chorus

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.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

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.

Please be seated for the offertory.

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

Online giving is available through our Redeemer OC app. Download at http://get.theapp. co/s75k/

## **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 for us to give him thanks and praise.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord; you ever love to show mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of the body of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his cup, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Let us now join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

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

#### **ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE**

(Congregation sings together)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
WORDS: JOSEPH HART (1759), MUSIC: WILLIAM WALKER (1835)

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

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.

#### PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of them may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Amen.

#### 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.)

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**

 $O\ the\ Deep, Deep\ Love\ of\ Jesus$  words: samuel trevor francis, music: welsh melody (adapt. thomas john williams)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to Thee!

## Please stand. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O amazing God, You come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

## Commission

Please stand. **SONG OF DEPARTURE** 

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good WORDS AND MUSIC: 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 - NUMBERS 6:24-26**

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

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 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.

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.18.

LECTURES & CLASSES – Sundays at 9am, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Classes are on break and will resume Fall 2018.

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

## A Gottman Marriage Retreat Workshop

September 28-29, 2018 - Costa Mesa | October 5-6, 2018 - Fullerton

Redeemer is excited to announce that we are hosting a marriage retreat workshop in both Costa Mesa & Fullerton designed to help couples improve their friendship and conflict management skills! See page 17 for full details and savings up to \$100.

In preparation for the Gottman Marriage Retreat Workshops in Costa Mesa (9.28-29) and Fullerton (10.5-6) we are in need of two Event Logistics Teams to help plan all the details of the workshops. Do you have planning skills, an eye for room decor and layout, hands to stuff gift bags, etc? If so, we would love to have you join one of these planning teams. Each team will meet once in August and probably twice in September. If interested please email Pastor Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org

## Ethiopia Trip 2018

Rescheduled Date November 7-17, 2018

Join Pastor Adam and other Redeemer church members for our 3rd trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to work with our global partner Ethiopia ACT and Jason Polk. Depending on the make up of our team members, we plan on running medical clinics, providing counseling, hosting children's and youth programs, leading business training seminars, and assisting in the work of the church plants in some of the poorest neighborhoods of Addis Ababa. If you have vocational or personal skills in medicine (doctors, nurses, pharmacists), business, finance, leadership and organization, children's or youth work, counseling, social work, church leadership, and/or a simple heart to serve we would love for you to join us. Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, if you are interested and/or have questions.

## **Summer Neighborhood Parish Gatherings**

As a missionary people, formed by love to love, this summer we want to intentionally gather together around tables, backyards, restaurants, the beach, and at cultural events across Orange County AND purposefully plan to invite our friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join us! For more information about hosting or attending a summer gathering in your neighborhood, go to redeemeroc.org/summer-gatherings.

## **Prison Ministry Bible Drive**

Sundays, June 24 - September 2

Our children are invited to participate in raising funds to provide bibles for the OC jails. We will be partnering with Gary and Lisa Cram, founders of the Prelude Foundation, to distribute the bibles to inmates throughout Orange County. Children are encouraged to bring their change for the collection jar by our prison ministry mailbox at the Redeemer book table. Join us in sharing God's word with those who need His message of redemption.

# A Gottman Marriage Retreat Workshop

#### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The Seven Principles Workshop for couples is a two day marriage retreat workshop based on the internationally acclaimed research of Dr. John Gottman as presented in his New York Times bestselling book—*The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. This workshop is offered across the US and internationally, and has reached thousands of couples wishing to strengthen their relationship. It is designed to help couples improve their friendship and conflict management skills.

The workshop includes lectures, demonstrations, videos and private couples exercises. The activities are fun, insightful and informative. And there is no need to worry, participants will not share their personal problems in front of others.

Friday evening is specifically created to be a Date Night in a venue that you would want to go out to. Beyond the workshop itself, drinks and desserts will be provided in two of Orange County's premier event venues. We have purposefully chosen venues to cultivate date night environments.

Couples will learn and practice research-proven tools to:

- Make conflict work for your relationship
- · Deepen intimacy and build trust
- Identify your solvable vs. perpetual issues
- Strengthen your foundation of friendship
- Collaborate more effectively to solve problems
- Communicate clearly and effectively (...and get more of what you want and need as a result!)

**Presenter:** Laura Heck, LMFT, MA, A Certified Gottman Therapist, and Former Director of Professional Development at The Gottman Institue

## **DATES & LOCATIONS**

Costa Mesa Workshop: Friday September 28th - Saturday September 29th at Westside Museum Fullerton Workshop: Friday October 5th - Saturday October 6th at FLDWRK *The workshop will be identical in both locations.* 

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is \$225 (save up to \$100 on discounted tickets) per couple and includes:

- The book The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work
- Two Seven Principles workbooks
- Dessert and drinks on Friday night
- Morning coffee & tea on Saturday morning
- Lunch on Saturday

## Three ways to get discounted tickets:

- 1. Share on social media that you are attending the workshop and receive a \$25 discount.
- 2. Buy Early Bird Tickets by August 15th and save \$25.
- 3. Receive a \$50 promo code by visiting Redeemer Presbyterian Church on a Sunday morning. [REDEEMER PROMO CODE: "REDEEMER"]

# Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

## **PARISH**

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. Parishes are designed to help us connect with the Redeemer people we live close to and to empower our local Redeemer communities to contribute to the health of our cities. See information for each parish neighborhood listed below.

## **North County**

Contact: Amber Fox mrsamberfox@me.com 310.463.8177

## **Beach Cities**

Contact: Clint Knox clint@komarinvestments.com 949.903.4769

## **Central County**

Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

## South County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

## **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Community Groups are on break for the summer. Details below are subject to change for Fall 2018.

### Newport-Mesa

Feichtmann Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org

## Newport - Men's Group

Honor Coffee Lido Marina 1st & 3rd Wed, 8:00-9:00 am Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org

## Irvine & Aliso Viejo

Brewer & Moore Homes Sundays, 5:00-6:45 pm Contact: Christie Brewer christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

## Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse Contact: Josh Cooper joshc@redeemeroc.org

## Irvine & Costa Mesa

Kornu & Yanaga Homes Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm Contact: Christine Kornu kornufamily@gmail.com

## Costa Mesa Pringle Home

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm Contact: Stephanie Handley srhandley@gmail.com

## High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm Contact: Josh Cooper joshc@redeemeroc.org

### MID-WEEK STUDIES

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together. Studies are on break for the summer. Details below are for 2017-18. Information for 2018-19 will be announced later in the summer.

## Men's Study

Seven Deadly Sins Costa Mesa Greenleaf on 17th St. Monthly, 4th Tuesday 7:30-9:00 pm Leader/Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org

## Women's PM Study

Gospel of John Costa Mesa Scanlon Home Every other Tuesday 7:00-8:45 pm Leader/Contact: Stephanie Handley srhandley@gmail.com

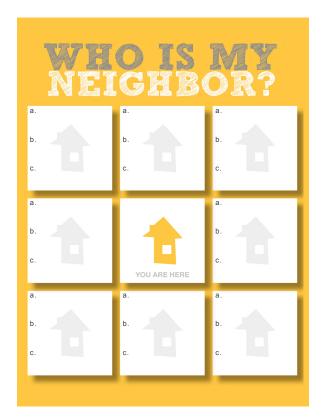
## Women's AM Study

Gospel of John **Newport Beach** Hodson Home Weekly Wednesdays 9:15-11:00 am (Childcare available) Contact: Ashley Moore ashley.moore05@gmail.com

## **Newcomer Study**

Gospel in Life - Keller Location TBD Day/Time determined by interest. Leader: David Juelfs Contact: Kem Erskine kem@redeemeroc.org

# 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

# Global Partnership

Ethiopia

#### **ETHIOPIA ACT**

Ethiopia ACT is an organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that works to reconcile people to God through Jesus Christ, and to reconcile them to themselves, others and creation—all resulting in the planting, growing and maturing of churches that in turn transform lives and communities through faithful witnesses to the Gospel. They began as a ministry to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on extremely poor families, but have grown to include other public health strategies that serve the wider community, as well as educational and psychological support for vulnerable children. Church planting and renewal is central to all their activities and a primary goal for their team.

Jason Polk, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Liz and their three children, is the family that we directly support, as he oversees the spiritual care for Ethiopia ACT and its work to grow a gospel-centered church planting movement among the poor communities of Addis Ababa.

## Update

Although the current state of emergency instated in Ethiopia has presented challenges, Ethiopia ACT continues to move forward in serving the local communities in Addis Ababa. Over the coming months, ACT will be adding 100 non-HIV families to their program, further extending their efforts in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors.

A previous prayer request was for members of the Suki community who were facing the destruction of their homes. Because government focus has 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**

- 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 will be leading a full ministry team of about 20 people in a "Sonship for Africa" week at
  the end of July. Pray this will help ground them in the gospel and prepare him for leading similar
  trainings with local pastors in the upcoming year.
- 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.

## Proper 14

## Sunday

Evening: Psalms 19, 46 / Mark 4:35-41

## Monday

Morning: Psalms 89: 1-18 / Judges 12:1-7 / Acts 5:12-26

Evening: Psalms 89: 19-52 / John 3:1-21

## Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 97, 99,100 / Judges 13:1-15 / Acts 5:27-42

Evening: Psalms 94, 95 / John 3:22-36

## Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 101, 109:1-30 / Judges 13:15-24 / Acts 6:1-15

Evening: Psalms 119:121-144 / John 4:1-26

## Thursday

Morning: Psalms 105:1-22 / Judges 14:1-19 / Acts 6:15-7:16

Evening: Psalms 105:23-45 / John 4:27-42

## Friday

Morning: Psalms 102 / Judges 14:20-15:20 / Acts 7:17-29

Evening: Psalms 107:1-32 / John 4:43-54

## Saturday

Morning: Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-13 / Judges 16:1-14 / Acts 7:30-43

Evening: Psalms 33 / John 5:1-18

## Sunday

Morning: Psalms 118 / Judges 16:15-31 / 2 Corinthians 13:1-11

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**

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