

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}



*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

**REFLECTION**

“Busyness serves as a kind of existential reassurance, a hedge against emptiness. Obviously your life cannot possibly be silly or trivial or meaningless if you are so busy, completely booked, in demand every hour of the day.”  
- Tim Kreider, from his article the “The ‘Busy’ Trap” for the *New York Times*

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 11:28-30**

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

*Come, Holy Ghost*

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS (CIRCA 800 A.D.), MUSIC: BRUCE BENEDICT AND RAY MILLS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid  
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,  
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,  
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.

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 - BASED ON PSALM 91:2; ROMANS 10:9,13

Minister: Let us worship God.

**People: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."**

Minister: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Minister: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

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.

## **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**

*God the Spirit*

*Be Still My Soul*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5 )

## **GOD THE SPIRIT**

WORDS: SAMUEL J. STONE (1866), MUSIC: MATT BOSWELL (2010)

Holy Fount of inspiration  
By whose gift the great of old  
Spoke the word of revelation  
Marvelous and manifold

### *Chorus*

*God the Spirit we adore Thee  
In the Triune Godhead One  
One in love and power and glory  
With the Father and the Son*

Author of the new creation  
Giver of the second birth  
May thy ceaseless renovation  
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth

### *Chorus*

When we wander Lord direct us  
Keep us in the Master's way  
Let Thy strong swift sword protect us  
Warring in the evil day

Shall the church now faint or fear  
When the Comforter is near

### *Chorus*

## **BE STILL MY SOUL**

WORDS AND MUSIC: JANE LAURIE BORTHWICK, JEAN SIBELIUS, KATHARINA AMALIA VON SCHLEGEL

Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In every change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul, when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

# Cleansing

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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 - ISAIAH 30:15,18**

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**We are tired, Lord, weary of the long night without rest.  
We grow complaining and bitter.  
We grieve for ourselves as we grow hardened to the pain of others.  
Our silence masks our apathy and hopelessness.  
Our violent words explode into violent acts,  
bringing destruction without thought or reason.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lead us to repentance, that we may forgive and be forgiven. 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 - PSALMS 23:1-3**

Minister: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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**

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.

*Deuteronomy 5:12-15*

( Page 150 in the red Bible. )

<sup>12</sup> “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Formed by Rest*

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.

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Please stand.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Sing To Jesus*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 9 )

## **SING TO JESUS**

WORDS AND MUSIC: FERNANDO ORTEGA

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd service only,  
please be seated.

## **BAPTISM OF TUCKER RANNALA**

( 11:00 am service only. First service worship continued with the profession on page 11.)

### **BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR THE PARENTS**

1. Do you believe that Tucker is made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you acknowledge his need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you claim and trust in God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
4. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Tucker to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
5. To the Congregation: Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting Erik and Kristen in the Christian nurture of their child?

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH - TUCKER RANNALA**

1. Do you believe that you are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you believe that you are a sinner in the sight of God?
3. Do you believe in Jesus and trust in him alone for your salvation?
4. Do you want to follow Jesus, do what he says, and do you trust that the Holy Spirit will help you?
5. Do you promise to join with us in all the worship and work of the Church?
6. Do you promise to let the elders of the church teach you and guide you?

## PROFESSION OF FAITH – WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM, QUESTION 57

Completed in 1647, the Westminster Shorter Catechism's question and answer format has been used for generations to train God's people in the rich biblical theology summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Minister: Which is the fourth commandment?

**People: The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.**

Please be seated for the offertory.

### OFFERTORY

Minister: With gladness, let us present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord. Let us pray.

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.

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions - signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us - Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Instrumental Solo*

MICHAEL HIGGINS

# Communion

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## 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.

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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 )

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

WORDS: JOACHIM NEANDER; MUSIC: STRALSUND GESANGBUCH

Praise to the Lord

O let all that is in me adore Him

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him

Let the amen sound from His people again

Gladly for aye we adore Him

## **PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**

Minister: 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.

## **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**

( Directions for taking communion are on page 14. )

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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. 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

*Here Is Love*

WORDS: WILLIAM REES, MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He will never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed the guilty world in love

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Commission

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Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

WORDS: ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF, ALT. JEFF PARDO, MUSIC: JEFF PARDO

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

Lead on, O King, lead on, O King  
Lead on, O King, lead on

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.**

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## 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](http://www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons)

# Announcements & Events

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## **Sunday Middle Hour Studies**

*Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am*

Join us on Sundays during middle hour as we engage in a variety of subjects that matter to our faith and culture. We have several classes for adults throughout the fall as well as studies for our youth and children. See details on page 18.

## **Community Life this Fall**

Get involved this fall by engaging in a mid-week study, joining a community group, or participating in a parish dinner.

**Mid-Week Studies** are weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly studies on a specific topic or book of the bible to help each other learn how to live live the kingdom life together.

**Community Groups** are weekly or bi-weekly meetings of 6-12 people for common life, common tables, and common prayer and reading of scripture.

**Parish Dinners** provide an opportunity to get together for a meal with others who live near you. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors.

See details on our fall community life opportunities on page 19. Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org, if you are interested in leading or hosting a study, community group, or parish dinner.

## **Middle Hour Study Reading Schedules**

Each Middle Hour study's discussion will revolve around a section or chapter of a book. Reading is not mandatory for attendance, but would be beneficial. If you plan on engaging with the book, please have the following sections/chapters read prior to each gathering.

### **The Tech-Wise Family**

Book: *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch  
09/24 - Foreword - Ten Tech-Wise Commitments  
10/01 - Part 1  
10/08 - *No Gathering - Women's Retreat*  
10/15 - Part 2  
10/22 - Part 3

### **Hospitality**

Book: *Making Room* by Christine Pohl  
09/24 - Chapter 1  
10/01 - Chapters 2 & 3  
10/08 - *No Gathering - Women's Retreat*  
10/15 - Chapter 4  
10/22 - Chapter 5  
10/29 - Chapter 6  
11/05 - Chapter 7  
11/12 - Chapter 8  
11/19 - Chapter 9

# Middle Hour

Lectures & Studies

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## FALL SCHEDULE

Sundays, Sept 10-Nov 19, 10:10-10:50 am

Sept 10: Fall Kick-Off Brunch

Oct 8: Women's Retreat Weekend, Middle Hour studies will not meet.

## LECTURES & STUDIES

### Lectio Divina:

#### The Ancient Art of Praying Scripture

Teacher: Rev. Adam Feichtmann

Dates: Sept 17

A lecture exploring a technique of reading/praying scripture from a devotional and contemplative perspective.

### Hospitality

Facilitator: Rebekah Harris

Dates: Sept 24 – Nov 19

A study in recovering the historic Christian skill, gift, and practice of welcoming strangers and friends into our homes and church.

### The Tech-Wise Family

Facilitators: The Strattons and Pickavances

Dates: Sept 24 – Oct 22

A study for families to learn practical and theological everyday steps for putting technology in its proper place.

### Redeemer 101

Teacher: Rev. Adam Feichtmann

Dates: Sept 24 – Oct 22

A class to explore the identity, beliefs, ministries, and membership of Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

### Anxiety

Facilitators: Christie Brewer & Stephanie Handley

Dates: Oct 29 – Nov 19

A study on how to overcome anxiety and offer relief for worried people.

### Prayer

Teacher: Rev. Adam Feichtmann

Dates: Oct 29 – Nov 19

A study on connecting with God in prayer through scripture, common worship, friendships, and silence.

## YOUTH SMALL GROUPS & BREAKFASTS

### Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grade)

Location: Outdoor tables near the Chapel Hall  
Leaders: Josh Cooper, Demi Richardson, and the team of lay youth leaders

We invite our youth join us for fun and relationally-based small groups for jr. high girls, jr. high boys, high school girls, and high school boys. Each group will have dedicated youth leaders and will focus on studying the Bible and practical youth topics. We will also host youth breakfasts on average every 6 weeks for a time of fun and fellowship.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-K)

Location: MPR Area, Room 3

### Lower Elementary (1st-3rd grades)

Location: MPR Area, Room 5

### Upper Elementary (4th-5th grades)

Location: MPR Area, Room 8

These classes teach children Bible truths through simple questions and answers, promoting memorization using Bible teaching, music, & activities. Children will learn that they are made for God's glory and enjoyment in him and how to apply that truth to their lives. We will be using the *Show Me Jesus* curriculum.

## NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years

Location: Room directly outside the chapel.  
Available during worship and middle hour.

# Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

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## 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  
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### North County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 4-6:30pm (every other week)  
Duncan Home, Fullerton  
Contact: Stacey Duncan  
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

### Central County Parish Dinners

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm (monthly)  
Wormald Home, Irvine  
Contact: Larry Wormald  
lawormald@gmail.com

## 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 times and locations are listed below.

### Newport-Mesa

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

### Irvine & Aliso Viejo

Brewer & Moore Homes  
Sundays, 5:00-6:45 pm  
Contact: Christie Brewer  
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### Irvine & Costa Mesa

Kornu & Yanaga Homes  
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Contact: Christine Kornu  
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### High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home  
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Contact: Josh Cooper  
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### Costa Mesa

Pringle Home  
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm  
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### Newport Beach-Costa Mesa

Location TBD  
1st & 3rd Tues, 7:30-9:00 pm  
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### Newport - Men's Group

Honor Coffee, Lido Marina  
1st & 3rd Wed, 8:00-9:00 am  
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### Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse  
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
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## 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. See details below on our fall study times and locations:

### Men's Study

*Seven Deadly Sins*  
Costa Mesa  
Greenleaf on 17th St.  
Monthly, 4th Tuesday  
7:30-9:00 pm  
Leader/Contact:  
Adam Feichtmann  
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### Women's PM Study

*Gospel of John*  
Costa Mesa  
Scanlon Home  
Every other Tuesday  
7:00-8:45 pm  
Leader/Contact:  
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### Women's AM Study

*Gospel of John*  
Newport Beach  
Hodson Home  
Weekly Wednesdays  
9:15-11:00 am  
(Childcare available)  
Contact: Ashley Moore  
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### Newcomer Study

*Gospel in Life - Keller*  
Location TBD  
Day/Time determined by interest.  
Leader: David Juelfs  
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# 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. 19.



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.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p.18.



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.

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

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a: Write the names of the people who live in the house represented by the box. If you can give first and last names, that's great. If it's only first names, that's fine too.

b: Write down some relevant information about each person, some data or facts about him or her that you couldn't see just by standing in your driveway, things you might know if you've spoken to the person once or twice. We don't mean drives a red car or has yellow roses by the sidewalk, because you could see that from your driveway. We mean information you've gathered from actually speaking to a neighbor, such as grew up in Idaho, is a lawyer, plays golf, is from Ethiopia, had a father in World War II.

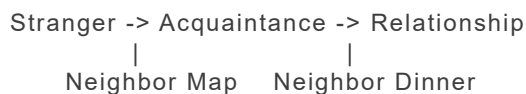
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear? What are their spiritual beliefs and practices? Write down anything meaningful that you've learned through interacting with them.

*"The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors."*

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

*"God is already working in your neighborhood. Being a good neighbor simply means slowing down and being aware of what he is designing. By developing real relationships, you'll find out how God is already moving in a person's life."*

- Dave Runyon



# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

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## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

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

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

## **Update**

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

A previous prayer request was for members of the Suki community who were facing the destruction of their homes. Because government focus has been shifted elsewhere, the tearing down of these homes has been put on hold, and it does not appear that it will move forward. Praise God that those residents have not been displaced, and please pray for their continued wellbeing and provision.

The Polk family continues to do well, but as always, continue to lift them up in prayer as they labor and pour themselves out for the city of Addis Ababa.

Finally, ACT is in the process of registering with the Ethiopian government and asks for prayer that the process progresses smoothly.

## **Prayer Requests**

- For sustained strength, energy and safety for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff in Addis Ababa.
- For the current state of emergency in the country due to regional protests, and for peaceful resolution.
- That visiting teams being delayed or unable to travel would not have a negative impact on medical clinics or other services ACT provides.
- For a smooth process registering Ethiopia ACT with the government.
- For ACT to be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the new families being added to the program.

**Website:** [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)



# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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## **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](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com), [www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://www.graceharborchurch.jp)

# Daily Scripture Readings

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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: Psalms 68 / Matthew 4:12-17

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

Morning: Psalms 69 / 2 Kings 1:2-17 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Evening: Psalms 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

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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/](http://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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*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.

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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](http://redeemeroc.org/response-card)



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