

# REDEEMER



ORANGE COUNTY

*{ order of worship }*

# Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus Christ, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of the historic Christian gospel.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful. It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

We are glad you are with us.  
So let us explore. Let us worship.



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# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work on Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We desire to create a safe space and welcome people to ask questions and think differently
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Ask. Explore.

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

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*Third Sunday after Pentecost*     JUNE 30TH, 2019

*Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation. You are invited to use the Reflection, Opening Words of Scripture, and/or the Prayer of Preparation as part of your individual preparation for worship.*

### REFLECTION

Hence that dread and amazement with which, as Scripture uniformly relates, holy men were struck and overwhelmed whenever they beheld the presence of God...Men are never duly touched and impressed with a conviction of their insignificance, until they have contrasted themselves with the majesty of God.  
— John Calvin

The Church exists to connect people at the level of their hunger for a new world. Keeping our eyes on journey's end is what we need - the place where we see at last the world that is greater than the world, the new creation that cannot be contained in present thought or social order or piety. — Rowan Williams.

### OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

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### 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"
EASTER	(John 14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and
PENTECOST	security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

# Calling

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

*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.

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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 100

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Minister: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

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

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

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.

Please stand.

## PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

*Prayer concludes by saying in unison:*

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

## HYMNS OF PRAISE

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

WORDS: HENRY LYTE, MUSIC: BILL MOORE

Jesus I my cross have taken  
All to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute despised forsaken  
Thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition  
All I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition  
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my Savior too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me  
Thou art not like them untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me  
God of wisdom love and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me  
Show Thy face and all is bright

Go then earthly fame and treasure  
Come disaster scorn and pain  
In Thy service pain is pleasure  
With Thy favor loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather  
All must work for good to me

Haste thee on from grace to glory  
Armed by faith and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee  
God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition  
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

*How Deep The Father's Love For Us*

STUART TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom



Please be seated

## EPISTLE READING

*Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*

( Pages 1001-1002 in the red Bible. )

It has been  
the practice of  
the church for  
thousands of years  
to have portions  
of the Bible read  
during worship.

We do this  
because we are  
people who need  
to be shaped by all  
of God's Word.

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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<sup>5</sup> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Musical interludes  
are included  
in our service  
in order to  
provide space for  
reflection and  
worship.

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

# Cleansing

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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 - PSALM 37:4-7

Minister: Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act... Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him. Knowing how we delight ourselves in things other than God, let us confess our sins together.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Almighty and merciful God, 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. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those 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 live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON; MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it to Thy courts above

Please stand.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 -18

Minister: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

## PASSING THE PEACE

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

**People: And also with you.**

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.



# Constitution

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Please be seated.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. )

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.

### PSALM READING

#### *PSALM 8:1-9*

( Pages 450-451 in the red Bible. )

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

REV. JOSH EBY

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.

*A Prayer of Praise*

Please stand.

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### SONG OF RESPONSE

*How Great Thou Art*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 9 )

*How Great Thou Art*

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.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

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.

When Christ shall come with shout 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!

Please stand

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 - APOSTLES CREED

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell\*.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*\*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

## OFFERTORY - MATTHEW 6:9-20

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

*Doxology*

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN, MUSIC BY LOUIS BOURGEOIS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

# 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 to give him thanks and praise.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

## 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!**

## INVITATION

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for you the People of God. Come forward now and receive them with gratitude.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

( Directions for taking communion are on page 13. )

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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 Adam. Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.

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

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

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

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

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

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION SONG

*Jesus Paid It All*

WORDS: ELVINA HALL; MUSIC: JOHN GRAPE

I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

*Chorus*

*Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

*Chorus*

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb

*Chorus*

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

*Chorus*

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

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## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*

WORDS:GEORGE MATHESON MUSIC:CHRISTOPHER MINER

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

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

## BLESSING - FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

It is appropriate  
to lift our heads  
as a symbol that  
through Christ  
God graciously  
lifts our head,  
and we hold out  
our hands palms  
up to symbolize  
our need and  
eagerness to  
receive God's  
blessing.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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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)

# 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. 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.

# Announcements & Events

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## **Summer Lunch**

*Sunday, July 14, Following Worship*

Plan to remain after worship on July 14th for a summer lunch! We'll have a delicious taco bar, desserts, bounce houses for the kids, and a photo station. Come celebrate summer with great food, fellowship with one another, and fun for all ages! If you would like to sign up to volunteer to help please contact Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

## **Prison Ministry Bible Drive**

*Sundays, June 23 - September 1*

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.

## **Ethiopia Trip 2019**

*Mid-November 2019*

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 missionary 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 assist in the work of the church plants in some of the poorest neighborhoods of Addis Ababa. Contact Pastor Adam, [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org), if you are interested and/or have questions.

## **Pastoral Search Committee Information and Updates**

Keep up to date with all Pastoral Search Committee Announcements and updates by clicking on the QR code or by visiting the Redeemer website.



# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## **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.

Summer is the perfect time to host, attend, and invite your neighbors to a dinner, picnic, beach day, service project, etc. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors. Host your own dinner or gathering and we will promote it!

Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **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. We have Community Groups that meet across Orange County on a weekly, every other week, or twice a month basis. Most of our Community Groups are on a break for the summer and will restart in the fall. If you are interested in attending, leading or hosting a summer Community Group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@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. Most of our studies and groups are on a break for the summer and will restart in the fall. We do have a few men's and women's book clubs, and a men's morning prayer group happening this summer. If you are interested in attending, leading or hosting a summer study or group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)



# 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)

## THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUEDEM

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.

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

**WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.

YOU ARE HERE

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

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map

Neighbor Dinner



# 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 8

### Sunday

Evening: Psalm 145 / Matthew 21:23-32

### Monday

Morning: Psalm 106:1-18 / 1 Samuel 10:17-27 / Acts 7:44-8:1

Evening: Psalm 106:19-48 / Luke 22:52-62

### Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123 / 1 Samuel 11 / Acts 8:1-13

Evening: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127 / Luke 22:63-71

### Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 119:145-176 / 1 Samuel 12:1-6; 12:16-25 / Acts 8:14-25

Evening: Psalms 128, 129, 130 / Luke 23:1-12

### Thursday

Morning: Psalms 131, 132, 133 / 1 Samuel 13:5-18 / Acts 8:26-40

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / Luke 23:13-25

### Friday

Morning: Psalms 140, 142 / 1 Samuel 13:19-14:15 / Acts 9:1-9

Evening: Psalms 141, 143 / Luke 23:26-31

### Saturday

Morning: Psalms 137, 144 / 1 Samuel 14:16-30 / Acts 9:10-19

Evening: Psalm 104 / Luke 23:32-43

### Sunday

Morning: Psalms 146, 147 / 1 Samuel 14:36-45 / Romans 5:1-11

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

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☐ Day ☐ Evening

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

*Prayer of Belief*

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

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

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and 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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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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