



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.



REDEEMER  
ORANGE COUNTY

# 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*

**Redeemer at a Glance**

**Community Life**

**Announcements and Events**

**Contact Information**



*Fifth Sunday in Lent*     :     APRIL 7, 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

Christianity entered history as a new world order, or rather a new social dimension. From the very beginning Christianity was not primarily a “doctrine,” but exactly a “community.” There was not only a “Message” to be proclaimed and delivered, and “Good News” to be declared. There was precisely a New Community, distinct and peculiar, in the process of growth and formation, to which members were called and recruited. Indeed, “fellowship” (koinonia) was the basic category of Christian existence. — Georges Florovsky

If you desire a transformed life, you must be transformed within the church. If you desire to be changed people, you must change the church. If you would find your life, you must lose it within a redeemed and redemptive community that together lives the manner of abundant and exceptional life that God intended for us. —Tod E. Bolsinger

### OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - 1 CORINTHIANS 6:11

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

“Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” - The Book of Common Worship

### CALENDAR

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
**LENT**  
EASTER  
PENTECOST

“A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the ‘bright sadness’ of Lent, we see – far, far away – the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom.” (Alexander Schmemmann) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

# Calling

---

Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

### *The Lord Is King*

WORDS: JOSIAH CONDER, MUSIC NATHAN PARTAIN

The Lord is King!  
Lift up your voice,  
O earth and all  
Ye heav'ns, rejoice!  
From world to world  
The joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

### *Chorus*

*Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King!  
Who then shall dare  
Resist his will,  
distrust his care,  
Or murmur at  
His wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?

### *Chorus*

The Lord is King!  
Bow down you must;  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all his ways;  
Let every creature sing his praise.

### *Chorus*

The call  
to worship  
establishes  
the lines of  
communication  
in worship. God  
always comes  
to us before we  
come to God.  
Biblical worship  
is a response to  
God's gracious  
revelation of  
himself to his  
people.

Bold text is read  
together by the  
congregation.  
Plain text is read  
by the leader.  
Responsive  
readings remind  
us that during  
corporate  
worship God  
speaks to his  
people and  
we respond  
together as a  
community.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALMS 9 & 32**

Minister: Bless the Lord, my soul  
And bless God's holy name  
Bless the Lord, my soul  
Who leads me into life  
We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

**People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

Minister: We will be glad and exult in you;

**People: we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Minister: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

**People: you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Minister: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice.

## **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 4-5 )

### *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

*Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)*

WORDS BY MARTIN LUTHER; MUSIC BY CHRISTOPHER MINER

From depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication  
If Thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
O who shall stand before Thee  
O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace grace alone availeth  
Our works alas are all in vain  
In much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in Thy sight  
All must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy  
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit  
On Him my soul shall rest  
His word upholds my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort  
My comfort and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience  
I wait for it with patience

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth  
His helping love no limit knows  
Our utmost need it soundeth  
Our shepherd good and true is He  
Who will at last our Israel free  
For all their sin and sorrow  
For all their sin and sorrow



# Cleansing

---

Please be seated.

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON HEBREWS 4:14,16

Minister: Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us together confess our sins to God.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*Lord Have Mercy*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY STEVE MERKEL

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

Please stand.

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

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

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

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



# Constitution

---

Please be seated.

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

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

## READING GOD'S WORD

*John 17:1-26*

*( Page 903 in the red Bible. )*

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

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PREACHING GOD'S WORD

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.

*The Farewell Discourse: Christian Unity*

Please stand.

---

### SONG OF RESPONSE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 9 )

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
WORDS AND MUSIC: AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

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

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

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

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

Please be seated

We regularly  
pray for  
needs in our  
community, our  
city, and the  
world as an act  
of obedience  
and love, and  
to align our  
concerns with  
the Lord's.

If you have  
children with  
you, please feel  
free to use this  
time to teach  
them to pray  
with us.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Here the leader will lead the congregation in intercessory prayers for our church and our world. When the leader prays "Lord, in your mercy," may we respond with all our heart and with all our mind by saying, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

## OFFERTORY - HEBREWS 13:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Let us pray.

Generous God, in your abundant love you give all things, let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to you.

## OFFERTORY SONG

*Instrumental*

# Communion

---

## INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

### SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right for us to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In this Lenten season of preparation and repentance as we anticipate Good Friday and Easter, let us remember that Jesus took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and, though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

---

Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

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

## ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

( Congregation sings together )

*Sanctus*

WORDS: TRADITIONAL, MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (2012)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Creator God, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we and your entire church may be called out and made whole through this supper. Show us that your mercy is greater than our sin. Amen

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

( Directions for taking communion are on page 12. )

.....

*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

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

SANDRA MCCRAKEN AND JOSHUA MOORE

### *Chorus*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

### *Chorus*

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

### *Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

### *Chorus*

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Heavenly Father, you have given us a share in the one bread  
and the one cup and made us one with Christ.  
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.  
We ask this in Christ, our Lord, by power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

# Commission

---

Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*Lead on O King Eternal*

WORDS BY ERNEST W. SHURLEFF; MUSIC BY HENRY SMART

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 - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

## THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

---

## FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation.  
Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at [www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons](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. 19



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Yearly retreats and regular gatherings to deepen our relationships and support each other.



FAMILY MINISTRY – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place to grow as a family.



MEMBERSHIP – Membership is our commitment to live our kingdom life together.

# Announcements & Events

---

## **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



## **Town Hall Meeting | April 7th, 11:30am**

Join us following the worship service today, Sunday April 7th for 2018 & 2019 financial updates from our new Church Treasurer Andrew Evans and a general church update from our elders.

## **Holy Week Services at Redeemer | April 14 - 21, 2019**

*Palm Sunday Service | Morgan Chapel, Sunday, April 14, 10:00am*

On this day we celebrate the King who rode a donkey, yet acknowledge the pain to come. The service is created to help us enter into Holy Week and prepare for the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Maundy Thursday Service | Morgan Chapel, Thursday, April 18, 8:00PM*

This is a beautiful and solemn service that will focus your mind and grip your heart. After singing, silence, and a short meditation on a passage of scripture, we take the Lord's Supper, prayerfully and seated at tables. For many this is one of the most powerful and rich communion experiences. At the conclusion of the service the communion tables are ceremonially stripped and we leave in silence and darkness. Symbolically this darkness and silence is broken with the shout of "He is risen!" at the opening of our Easter worship the following Sunday.

*Volunteers are needed.* If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

*Easter Sunday Service & Celebration | The Sanctuary, Sunday, April 21, 10:00AM*

Our Easter service is a rich celebration of joy, where the despair of death feels before the bursting forth of new life. It is the climax of the Church Calendar and great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship and celebrate with us! This service will be held in the Sanctuary at Temple Bat Yahm. After the service all are invited to enjoy some light refreshments in the chapel hall and there will be an Easter egg hunt, bounce houses, and activities for the children on the lawn.

*Volunteers are needed.* If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

---

## **DOWNLOAD OUR APP FOR ALL THE LATEST IN COMMUNITY LIFE**

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



## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES**

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

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH DINNERS**

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

## **North County Dinners**

*Fullerton*

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

[stacey.duncan@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey.duncan@hotmail.com)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

---

## 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. **If you are interested in attending, leading or hosting a 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.

### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Coffee*  
Redeemer Church Office  
4540 Campus Drive, Suite 117  
Newport Beach  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
7:00-8:00 am  
Leader/Contact:  
Adam Feichtmann  
[adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

### Men's AM Group

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

### Men's Mere Christianity Book Study

Feichtmann Home  
Costa Mesa  
2nd Monday of the Month  
8:00 - 9:30 pm  
Leader/Contact:  
Adam Feichtmann  
[adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

### Women's AM Study

*1 & 2 Peter and Jude Study*  
Newport Beach  
Weekly Fridays  
9:30-11:00 am  
(Limited Childcare available)  
Contact: Ashley Moore  
[ashley.moore05@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.moore05@gmail.com)

### Women's PM Study

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

### Women's Prayer Group

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

### High School

*Tuesdays*  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
In & Out Burger  
3211 Harbor Blvd  
Costa Mesa  
Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl  
[brians@redeemeroc.org](mailto:brians@redeemeroc.org)

### Jr. High School

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

# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

---

## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

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

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

## **Update**

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

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

---

### **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 GRUDEM

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

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

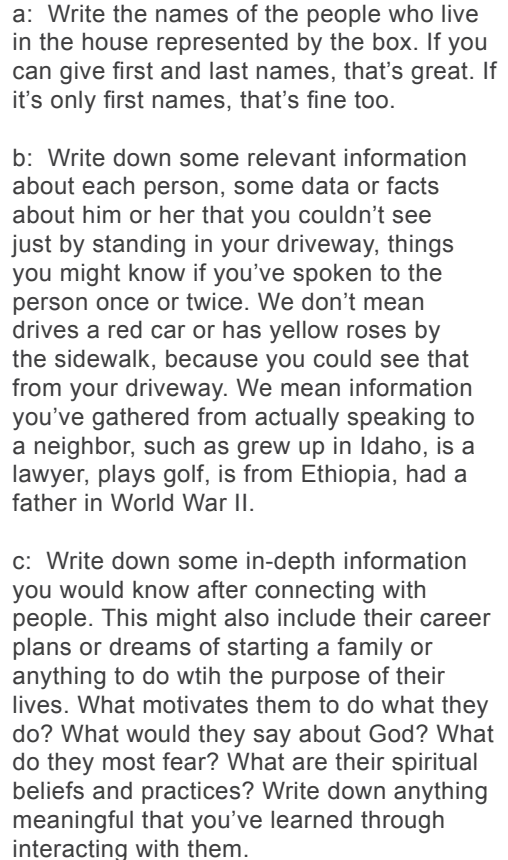
Because there is such a sharing in the body and blood of Christ (apparently meaning a sharing in the benefits of Christ's body and blood given for us), the unity of believers is beautifully exhibited at the time of the Lord's Supper. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all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

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

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

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

.....



- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

- *Dave Runyon*

Neighbor Map      Neighbor Dinner

# Daily Scripture Readings

---

Please use your Order of Worship as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

## **Week of 5 Lent**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalm 145 / Mark 8:31-9:1

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalm 31 / Jeremiah 24 / Romans 9:19-33

Evening: Psalm 35 / John 9:1-17

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123 / Jeremiah 25:8-17 / Romans 10:1-13

Evening: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127 / John 9:18-41

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalm 119:145-176 / Jeremiah 25:30-38 / Romans 10:14-21

Evening: Psalms 128, 129, 130 / John 10:1-18

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 131, 132, 133 / Jeremiah 26:1-16 / Romans 11:1-12

Evening: Psalms 140, 142 / John 10:19-42

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 22, 95 / Jeremiah 29:1, 29:4-13 / Romans 11:13-24

Evening: Psalms 141, 143 / John 11:1-27, 12:1-10

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 137, 144 / Jeremiah 31:27-34 / Romans 11:25-36

Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / John 11:28-44, 12:37-50

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Zechariah 9:9-12, 12:9-11, 13:1, 13:7-9 / 1 Timothy 6:12-16

---

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.



## CONTACT US

### Church Office Address:

4540 Campus Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

### Church Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 9708  
Newport Beach, CA 92668

### Worship Service Location:

Chapel at Temple Bat Yahm  
1011 Camelback St.  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

### Worship Time:

Sunday 10:00 AM

**Web:** [www.redeemeroc.org](http://www.redeemeroc.org)

**Email:** [contact@redeemeroc.org](mailto:contact@redeemeroc.org)

**Phone:** 949.553.2060

**Facebook:** RedeemerChurchOC

**Twitter:** @RedeemerOC

### Download Our App:

Go to <http://get.theapp.co/s/75k/>  
or scan the QR code.



*Redeemer is affiliated with the  
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)*

## Church Staff

Adam Feichtmann, Associate Pastor  
949.423.8692 / [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

Chad Brewer, RUF Campus Minister at UCI  
952.237.2738 / [cbrewer@ruf.org](mailto:cbrewer@ruf.org)

Amanda Knox, Children's Ministry Director  
714.580.2762 / [amandak@redeemeroc.org](mailto:amandak@redeemeroc.org)

Brian Scholl, Pastoral Intern & Youth  
703.472.1391 / [brians@redeemeroc.org](mailto:brians@redeemeroc.org)

Jeff Mercer, Lead Musician  
951.538.4981 / [jeffm@redeemeroc.org](mailto:jeffm@redeemeroc.org)

Danielle Smith, Church Administrator  
949.553.2060 / [danielles@redeemeroc.org](mailto:danielles@redeemeroc.org)

## CHURCH SHEPHERDING TEAM

### Session

Adam Feichtmann, Teaching Elder  
949.423.8692 / [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

Drew Duncan, Ruling Elder  
714.614.7953 / [aduncan@waxie.com](mailto:aduncan@waxie.com)

Carl Messenger, Ruling Elder  
949.472.5639 / [carl.messenger@cox.net](mailto:carl.messenger@cox.net)

Cameron Moore, Ruling Elder  
805.657.7356 / [camerondavidmoore@gmail.com](mailto:camerondavidmoore@gmail.com)

Rob Mouw, Ruling Elder  
562.587.6793 / [robmouw@hotmail.com](mailto:robmouw@hotmail.com)

### Diaconate

Andrew Evans, Deacon  
661.755.2390 / [andrewmadison.evans@gmail.com](mailto:andrewmadison.evans@gmail.com) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Maxwell, Deacon  
714.376.2900 / [michael.maxwell3@gmail.com](mailto:michael.maxwell3@gmail.com)

Larry Wormald, Deacon  
714.747.1188 / [lawormald@gmail.com](mailto:lawormald@gmail.com)

### Diaconal Assistants

Christie Brewer  
952.237.5143 / [christiebrewer8301@gmail.com](mailto:christiebrewer8301@gmail.com)

Nancy Cox  
714.726.4348 / [nancyccox@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyccox@yahoo.com)

Stephanie Handley  
619.665.7952 / [srhandley@gmail.com](mailto:srhandley@gmail.com)

Anita Regehr  
714.454.2441 / [airmail@socal.rr.com](mailto:airmail@socal.rr.com)

## PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

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

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Day ☐ Evening

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

### *Prayer of Belief*

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

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

Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.  
AMEN.

*If you are praying this for the first time, please let a Christian friend or pastor know.*

*We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about Redeemer. We are here to serve you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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)



The cover painting  
"Ash Wednesday" is by  
artist Alfonse Borysewicz.  
[www.alfonseborysewicz.com](http://www.alfonseborysewicz.com)