



REDEEMER
ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grace and Peace,

David Juelfs
Senior Pastor

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
{Following Christ In The Renewal Of All Things}



First Sunday of Lent FEBRUARY 18, 2018

REFLECTION

“God is neither hardhearted nor soft-minded. He is toughminded enough to transcend the world; he is tenderhearted enough to live in it. He does not leave us alone in our agonies and struggles. He seeks us in dark places and suffers with us and for us in our tragic prodigality.”
- Martin Luther King Jr

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - LUKE 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy and loving God, as we worship you today, we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us, to help us become more holy and more loving. In a world that does not understand repentance, we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT	“A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the ‘bright sadness’ of Lent, we see -
CHRISTMAS	far, far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom.”
EPIPHANY	(Alexander Schmemmann) The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel,
LENT	and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of
EASTER	preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for
PENTECOST	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

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.

How Long?

WORDS AND MUSIC BY ISAAC WARDELL

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain?
Jesus, give us hope again!

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 34:1-4,8

Minister: Let us bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in our mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Minister: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Minister: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

People: happy are those who take refuge in him.

Please remain
standing.

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)

The Solid Rock

WORDS: EDWARD MOTE (1836), MUSIC: WILLIAM BRADBURY (1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

Wisdom and Grace

WORDS AND MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN

Chorus

*Teach us to number our days
That we may apply our hearts to Your ways
Teach us to number our days
with wisdom and grace.*

You've been our home and our dwelling
Our place in all generations.
Before the earth or the mountains were formed,
Lord, You were God.

Chorus

Now the span of our life it is made,
Of sorrow and labor
As the days pass away like the grass
How soon we are gone.

Chorus

Let the work of our hands bring you praise
Set Your favor upon us.
O establish the work of our hands,
May Your kingdom come!

Chorus

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 PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Minister: God invites us to build and enjoy the relationships we long for with these words, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

With honesty about how far we stray from this path of love let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei

MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Grant us peace

Please stand.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - MATTHEW 11:28-30

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

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.)

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.

READING GOD'S WORD

Psalm 139:1-16, 23-24

(Page 955 in the red Bible.)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD,
you know it altogether.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol,
you are there!
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.
- ¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written,
every one of them, the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
- ²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. DAVID JUELFIS

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.

Known and Loved

SONG OF RESPONSE

Please stand.

I Asked The Lord
(MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

I ASKED THE LORD

WORDS: JOHN NEWTON (1779), ALT. LAURA TAYLOR, MUSIC: LAURA TAYLOR (2004)

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me"

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

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

Minister: Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SONG

Instrumental Ensemble

Communion

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND SON

Minister: 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.

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.)

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

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Directions for taking communion:

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord’s Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

When and how to come forward for communion:

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

A Word to Parents:

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Here Is Love

WORDS: WILLIAM REES, MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY

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

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

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills, and our works,
as a continual thank-offering to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Commission

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Lead On, O King Eternal

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

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

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

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

BLESSING - 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.

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

Announcements & Events

2018 Men's Retreat

Friday-Sunday, 3/23-3/25, Malibu

Join us for our 2018 Men's Retreat! This year we will once again go to Serra Retreat Center, a beautiful sacred space nestled in the hills of Malibu. We are privileged to have Rev. Dr. Dennis Okholm, Professor of Theology at Azusa Pacific University, Anglican Pastor, and Benedictine Oblate, as our guest speaker for the weekend. Dr. Okholm will be speaking on the topic of Vices & Virtues. Register online at redeemeroc.org/ministries/mens-ministry/registration-form/ or pick up an information and registration card at the Redeemer book table.

2018 Vision & Budget Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, 2/25, Middle Hour (10:10-10:50 am)

Plan to join us during the middle hour next Sunday, February 25th, for a town hall meeting in the chapel. We will be presenting the vision and budget for 2018 with some time for questions and answers. Nursery childcare will be available during the meeting and children's Sunday School will also be in session during this time.

Hosts Needed for Japanese Students Homestay

March 7-12 (Wednesday evening through Monday morning)

For the second year in a row we have the opportunity to serve Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo by hosting a homestay group of Japanese university students in March for 5 days. Most of these students are not Christians and are simply excited to visit California. This opportunity to welcome and show the hospitality of Christ to these students allows us to be an instrument in God's hand and also to be a blessing to the ministry of Grace Harbor Church. As a host family, you would provide a room for two students, their breakfasts, some dinners, and if your schedule allows, to spend time hanging out with them. Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, if you are interested in hosting and/or have questions.

Ethiopia 2018 Trip

NEW DATES: April 27-May 7

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

Middle Hour

Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am

LECTURES & EVENTS

Neighborhood Parish Partner Spotlights

Jan 28 | Trellis

Speaker: Ian Stevenson

Trellis is a non-profit organization in the city of Costa Mesa which actively works with leaders to mobilize people to intentionally engage in one of the greater challenges of Costa Mesa: Homelessness, Education, and Cultural Integration.

Feb 4 | Mika

Speaker: Jenna Tourje

MIKA is a non-profit organization in the city of Costa Mesa which exists to build whole relationship through Community Building, Leadership Development, and Youth Programming.

Feb 11 | RUF at UCI

Speaker: Rev. Chad Brewer

RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) is our denomination's (PCA) university ministry which goes onto college campuses with the message of Jesus Christ. We are honored to support the local ministry at the University of California, Irvine led by Rev. Chad Brewer. This presentation will highlight the exciting progress RUF at UCI has made in the past year, what is coming up for them in 2018, and how the community of Redeemer can better be engaged and supportive of this ministry.

Feb 18 | The Story of Newport Beach

Speaker: Brent Ogden

We want to be a church that knows the cities and county that we reside in, so that we can better love and serve them. This Sunday we have the honor of to host a member of the Newport Beach Historical Society as he tells the story of the city of Newport Beach within the history of Orange County.

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS & BREAKFASTS

Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grades)

Location: Outdoor tables near Chapel Hall
Leaders: Josh Cooper & team of volunteer youth leaders

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early Childhood - Kinder (2yrs-K)

Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st-3rd grades)

Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th-5th grades)

Location: MPR Area, Room 8

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

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years

Location: Room outside the chapel.

Available during worship and middle hour.

All Middle Hour talks will be held in the Chapel.

Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Studies

PARISH

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

North County

Contact: Amber Fox
mrsamberfox@me.com
310.463.8177

Beach Cities

Contact: Clint Knox
clint@komarinvestments.com
949.903.4769

Central County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

South County

Contact: Adam Feichtmann
adamf@redeemeroc.org
949.423.8692

North County Parish Dinners

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

Central County Parish Dinners

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

COMMUNITY GROUPS

A Community Group is a small gathering of people who meet weekly to discuss scripture and pray together. If you are new to studying scripture, a community group is the perfect place to learn without pressure.

Newport-Mesa

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

Irvine & Aliso Viejo

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

Irvine & Costa Mesa

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

Costa Mesa

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

Newport - Men's Group

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

Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Josh Cooper
joshc@redeemeroc.org

High School - Costa Mesa

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

MID-WEEK STUDIES

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

Men's Study

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

Women's PM Study

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

Women's AM Study

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

Newcomer Study

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

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. 17.



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.17.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 16.



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



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



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

Building a Beautiful Neighborhood



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

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

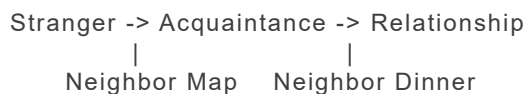
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear?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

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

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

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

- Dave Runyon



Global Partnership

Ethiopia

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

Global Partnership

Japan

REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN

Redeemer City to City is movement which helps local leaders start churches in global cities by providing content resources, renewable grants, local networks and comprehensive training. Within the Redeemer City to City network, we are specifically supporting the church-planting efforts of Seima Aoyagi, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Naoko and their four children, Pastor of Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo, Japan.

Grace Harbor Church is a bilingual church plant with the vision to see the Tokyo Waterfront become an area overflowing with the grace and blessings of Jesus Christ. An area where people can get a rest from the stormy world, recover, and then be sent out again on their next voyage, as salt and light, to make the Tokyo Waterfront more beautiful than ever with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Update

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

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

Prayer Requests

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

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

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

BY WAYNE GRUDEM

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

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

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

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

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

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

Daily Scripture Readings

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

Week 1 of Lent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 103 / John 12:44-50

Monday

Morning: Psalms 41, 52 / Genesis 37:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-19

Evening: Psalms 44 / Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 45 / Genesis 37:12-24 / 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Evening: Psalms 47, 48 / Mark 1:14-28

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:49-72 / Genesis 37:25-36 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Evening: Psalms 49, 53 / Mark 1:29-45

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 50 / Genesis 39:1-23 / 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15

Evening: Psalms 19, 46, 59, 60 / Mark 2:1-12

Friday

Morning: Psalms 40, 54, 95 / Genesis 40:1-23 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Evening: Psalms 51 / Mark 2:13-22

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 55 / Genesis 41:1-13 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

Evening: Psalms 138, 139 / Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Genesis 41:14-45 / Romans 6:3-14

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/ 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.

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____
 Day Evening

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

Prayer of Belief

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

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

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

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

We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

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

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Spouse: _____

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Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

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Spouse Cell: _____

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Please add me to the church email list.

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First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

Please Contact Me About:

Joining a Community Group

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Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

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