

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. Confession - 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}



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Reflection

"If there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality."

- Henri Nouwen

"If there is room in the heart, there is room in the house."

- Danish Proverb

"By definition, hospitality involves some space into which people are welcomed, a place where unless the invitation is given, the stranger would not feel free to enter."

- Christine Pohl

CALENDAR

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY "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 Schmemann

resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

LENT

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and

EASTER PENTECOST 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'

Calling

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

My Jesus I Love Thee (MUSIC ON PAGE 3)

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.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON EXODUS 15:26; ISAIAH 6:10

Leader: God invites us into his healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, who heals you."

People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for health that only God can provide.

Leader: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

People: We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

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.

Bold text is read

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

Arise My Soul Be Still My Soul (MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5)

MY JESUS I LOVE THEE

WORDS: WILLIAM FEATHERSTON, MUSIC: ADONIRAM GORDON

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine For Thee all the follies Of sin I resign My gracious Redeemer My Savior art Thou If ever I loved Thee My Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because
Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon
On Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing
The thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory
And endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee
In heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering
Crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee
My Jesus 'tis now

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY, MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above,
for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Chorus

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Chorus

BE STILL MY SOUL

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

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

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

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

Cleansing

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CALL TO REPENTANCE - ISAIAH 30:15, 18

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.

In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
he rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

We are tired, Lord,
weary of the long night without rest.
We grow complaining and bitter.
We grieve for ourselves
as we grow hardened to the pain of others.
Another death leaves us unmoved.
A widow's tears fall unnoticed.
Our children know only the bitterness
already possessing their parents.
Our violent words explode into violent acts,
bringing destruction without thought or reason.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lead us to repentance,
that we may forgive and be forgiven. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Agnus Dei
MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us

Grant us peace

Please stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE

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. Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (From Matthew 11:28-29)

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

People: And also with you.

Constitution

LIVING THE REDEEMER VISION

Please be seated.

(See announcements on page 20.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:12-24 (ESV)

(Page 874 in the red Bible.)

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

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" 16 But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited. 'Come, for everything is now ready.' 18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' 19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' 20 And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' 21 So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' 22 And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet."

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

CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to Sermon time class or remain in the service. Children will return to the worship service at the end of the sermon.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN

Hospitality

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Please stand.

All we have is given to us

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken (MUSIC ON PAGE 10)

OFFERTORY

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

As recipients of abundant life in Christ, we now offer our gifts to God.

Let us pray. O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

Satisfied (MUSIC ON PAGE 11)

by God. Our offerings express this joyful dependance and our commitment to join God in his work of

renewal.

BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER (1827), ZAC HICKS (2006), MUSIC: ZAC HICKS (2006)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed
By Whom the words of life were spoken
And in Whose death our sins are dead

Look on the heart by sorrow broken Look on the tears by sinners shed And be Thy feast to us the token That by Thy grace our souls are fed

> Have mercy, have mercy Have mercy on us

Here is mercy, here is mercy Here is mercy for us

So let us come to the feast of Jesus Let us eat of the Bread of Life Let us drink of the wine, His blood To talk and dine with Jesus Christ

SATISFIED

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS (1875), MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (1997)

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus

Hallelujah! He has found me
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me, Till my strength was almost gone, Longed my soul for something better, Only still to hunger on.

Chorus

Poor I was, and sought for riches, Something that would satisfy, But the dust I gathered round me Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Chorus

Well of water, ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free, Untold wealth that never faileth, My Redeemer is to me.

Chorus

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: God and father, we praise and thank you that you were pleased, in your eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, your only begotten Son, to be the mediator between your holiness and your sinful people. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. You gave to him, from all eternity, a people that by him, in time, would be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself has fully satisfied your justice. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him. 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 }

How Great Thou Art
WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

for taking communion are on page 15.

Directions

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus I Come
WORDS: WILLIAM SLEEPER (1887), MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON (2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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 tht 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.

Commission

Please stand SONG OF DEPARTURE

All Must Be Well (MUSIC ON PAGE 17)

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

BLESSING - FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation.

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons

ALL MUST BE WELL

WORDS: MARY BOWLEY-PETERS (1847), ALT. MATTHEW SMITH; MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH (2007)

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

Classes, Workshops, & Sunday School

Winter Session 2: Sundays, February 15 - March 22, 9:00 - 9:50am

ADULT CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

We are offering two classes during this second winter session:

Readings in Malachi

Instructor: Pastor David Juelfs Location: MPR Area, Room 10

Join Pastor David for a five-week workshop on the Old Testament's last book, Malachi. This will not be a lecture, but a guided engagement with Malachi especially focused on how its message speaks to us today. Pastor David will be preaching a post-Easter sermon series on Malachi and your questions and insights into this important book will help shape his sermon series.

Lenten Reflections & Practices

Instructor: Pastor Adam Feichtmann Location: MPR Area, Room 9

Lent is an old English word that means springtime. Over the centuries Christians have used this time of year before Easter to say, "I need a springtime in my soul." You are invited to join Pastor Adam for a journey to the cross of Christ through weekly Lenten reflections and suggested spiritual practices.

Spring Class Schedule

See our spring session dates below. Class offerings for the spring sessions will be announced at a later date.

Spring Session 1: 4/12 - 5/3 Spring Session 2: 5/17 - 6/7

*Classes and workshops will not meet on 3/1 due to the men's retreat nor on 5/10 in observance of Mother's Day.

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Instructor: Mike Maxwell Location: MPR Area, Room 2

We invite our youth to join us for a fun, creative, and relationally-based workshop, focused on studying the Bible and the catechisms.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early Childhood - Kindergarten (2yrs-Kinder)

Teachers: Jeff & Emily Patterson Location: MPR Area, Room 3

Lower Elementary (1st - 3rd grades) Teachers: Jason & Anna Tester Location: MPR Area, Room 5

Upper Elementary (4th - 5th grades) Teachers: Maureen Messenger Location: MPR Area, Room 8

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

NURSERY

Children 6 months to 2 years Location: Room directly outside the chapel. Available during Classes & Workshops, and the worship service.

Community Life

Parishes & Community Groups

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 our next parish gatherings listed below.

Beach Cities

Next gathering TBA adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

Central County

Next gathering TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Drew Duncan smonterastelli@hotmail.com

North County

Next gathering TBA aduncan@waxie.com 714.614.7953

South County

Next gathering TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org 949.423.8692

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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

Beach Cities Groups

Newport-Mesa/Feichtmann Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Costa Mesa/Pringle Home Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm Contact: Stephanie Handley srhandley@gmail.com, 619-665-7952

Newport Beach/TBY Library Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Cameron Moore camerondavidmoore@gmail.com 805-657-7356

Newport Beach/TBY Sundays, 12:15-1:30pm Meets twice/month - Meets today, 3/8 Contact: Carl Messenger carl.messenger@cox.net, 949-374-0711

North County Group

Fullerton/Duncan Home Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm Contact: Tim & Jamie Pickavance timandjamie@gmail.com, timpick@gmail.com 714-869-3077

Central County Group

Irvine/Kornu Home Sundays, 4:00-6:00 pm Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu kornufamily@gmail.com, 949-559-5502

South County Group

Lake Forest/Fusco Home Next meeting TBA Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Jr High & High School Group

Vitaly Cafe @ The Camp in Costa Mesa Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm Contact: Adam Feichtmann adamf@redeemeroc.org, 949-423-8692

Announcements & Events

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Women's Bible Study

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm, Dinner and Study Thursdays 7:30-9:00pm, Study

It's not too late to join our women's bible study on *Judges: The Flawed and the Flawless* by Tim Keller. The Monday evening group is at the Tester home in Newport Beach and will begin with dinner followed by the study. Our Thursday night group is at the Knox home and will be the study only. Study guides are available for purchase at the Redeemer book table. Contact Stephanie Handley, srhandley@gmail.com, with questions.

Ethiopia Trip

April 17 -27

Join Pastor Adam and other church members to travel to Ethiopia in April to serve our new global partner, Ethiopia ACT and Jason Polk. Our team will be joining a group from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church to serve in the medical and spiritual care sides of the project. If you have a medical background or are willing to come alongside a medical team and give spiritual care and engage with the local church plants, we invite you to join us. Contact Pastor Adam, adamf@redeemeroc.org, with questions or for more information.

Redeemer at a Glance

{ FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS }

Thank you for joining us. We hope you are encouraged and empowered. A church is not simply a Sunday morning experience, but a community of people following Jesus together. The rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:

WORSHIP } Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.

NURTURE } Learning how to live the kingdom life together. Community groups, classes and workshops, men's and women's ministry, family ministry, and simply having a good time together.

CULTURE } Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful.

JOIN US

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 19.

COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.19.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 9 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. Details on page 18.

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

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

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

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 3 of Lent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 34 / Mark 5:1-20

Monday

Morning: Psalms 80 / Jeremiah 7:1-15 / Romans 4:1-12

Evening: Psalms 77, 79 / John 7:14-36

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 78:1-39 / Jeremiah 7:21-34 / Romans 4:13-25

Evening: Psalms 78:40-72 / John 7:37-52

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:97-120 / Jeremiah 8:18-9:6 / Romans 5:1-11

Evening: Psalms 81, 82 / John 8:12-20

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 83, 42, 43 / Jeremiah 10:11-24 / Romans 5:12-21

Evening: Psalms 85, 86 / John 8:21-32

Friday

Morning: Psalms 95, 88 / Jeremiah 11:1-8,14-20 / Romans 6:1-11

Evening: Psalms 91, 92 / John 8:33-47

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 87, 90 / Jeremiah 13:1-11 / Romans 6:12-23

Evening: Psalms 136 / John 8:47-59

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 66, 67 / Jeremiah 14:1-9,17-22 / Galatians 4:21-5:1

You can follow the daily readings online at redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/

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Prayer of Belief

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

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

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

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



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