



REDEEMER  
ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



# WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us for worship!

We hope that today will be a day that you will meet with God. We want to invite you to join with us in experiencing joy, beauty, and awe as we encounter God in the reading & preaching of the Scriptures, the offering of prayers, the singing of his praises, the sacraments of baptism & the Lord's Supper, and the fellowship of the church community.

We want you to know that Redeemer is a safe place for you to be in process. You are free to explore, voice objections, be real, and find community. We have people from diverse backgrounds and recognize that everyone is in a different place in their Spiritual journey.

As you are leaving stop by our Welcome Table in the Narthex to pick up a complimentary coffee mug. There are also Connect Cards where you can leave your contact information and be included in our Friday email newsletter. We would also love to get to know you and there is box to check if you are interested in meeting for conversation over a coffee.

## To our Families with Children

We want to be a good church to your family by helping your little ones learn to worship. A few things we do to serve families...

*Nursery* for ages 0-3 years old. Feel free to use the nursery as needed (if kids get too restless) or throughout the service.

*Children's Bulletins* to help young children in church. We know that this takes time and promise not be bothered by an occasional squeal, laugh, or tear.

*Sermon Time Class* is an age-appropriate lesson for children 3 years old to 5th grade (use at your discretion). Note: All children need to be checked in using our Children's Check-In system or on the Church Center APP prior to the service or at the children's dismissal. Nursery – kindergarten children need to be checked out directly with a nursery worker or their child's teacher following the sermon.

## About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e. worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people.

The main movements are as follows:

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

**Cleansing** - God forgives us and reminds us of his great love in Christ.

**Constitution** - God builds us up and nourishes us through the Scriptures.

**Communion** - God draws near to us and invites us to partake of his grace in the sacrament.

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

We realize that the flow and content of the service may be new so we've included a few notes in the margins that offer some explanations. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Again, we are glad that you have joined us today. Let us worship!

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

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*Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost* ∴ NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

Before the service, there is a time for prayer and reflection. Please remember to silence cell phones.

**WELCOME**

**REFLECTION**

To enter the symbolic world of the gospel is to undergo a conversion of the imagination, to see all values transformed by the foolish and weak death of Jesus on the cross.

— *Richard Hays*

Full-orbed Christianity stands opposed to the fundamental values of a fallen, sinful world but provides the necessary antidote to the self-centered factionalism of the Corinthians.

— *Craig Blomberg*

In Paul’s theology the cross is more than (but not less than) a remedy and atonement for past sins. It provides the basis for Christian identity and has transformative power to reshape Christian existence in the present and the future.

— *Anthony Thiselton*

CALENDAR

ADVENT	The word ‘Pentecost’ comes from the Greek meaning simply ‘fiftieth’. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of
CHRISTMAS	Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the
EPIPHANY	empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light
LENT	of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending “another counselor” (John
EASTER	14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security
<b>PENTECOST</b>	in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

# Calling

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 34:1-4, 8**

In the call to worship God begins the dialogue that occurs in worship and graciously invites his people to draw near to him.

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.**

Bold text is read together by the congregation.  
Plain text is read by the leader.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION**

*Prayer concludes by praying 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.**

## OPENING SONG

### *Hail To The Lord's Anointed*

WORDS: JAMES MONTGOMERY (1821) MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN (2012)

#### *Chorus*

*Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression  
To set the captives free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong

#### *Chorus*

To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying  
Were precious in His sight

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers  
Spring in his path to birth

#### *Chorus*

Kings shall fall down before him  
And gold and incense bring  
All nations shall adore him  
His praise all people sing

The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove  
His name shall stand forever  
His name to us is Love

#### *Chorus*

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

In the prayer of  
repentance we  
speak honestly  
with God about  
ourselves by  
confessing our  
sins and  
shortcomings  
and seeking  
forgiveness in  
Christ.

**Almighty God, you created us for life together, but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you command. We have broken our promises to you and to one another. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love, that we may faithfully serve you as your people, and live together in your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*By Thy Mercy*

WORDS: JAMES J CUMMINS; MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heav'n thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

Please stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON - EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Having been  
forgiven by  
God, we greet  
one another  
with joy and  
speak peace to  
each other.

Minister: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish

## PASSING THE PEACE & COLLECTION

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

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**Collection:** In response to God's grace, we worship him and seek to honor him with our lives. One way that we do so is by giving financially to Christ and the work of his Church. We invite all who are a part of this church to continue their worship in this way (Philippians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 6:24). If you are visiting with us today please do not feel any pressure to contribute.

You may leave offerings in the collection box located on the back glass wall of the worship area. You may also take the time to give electronically. To donate through our church APP, download the APP on your smartphone and set up a Subsplash account.

To donate online, scan the QR code.



## SONG OF PRAISE

### *O For A Thousand Tongues*

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC: CARL GLAZER

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,  
he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

# Constitution

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Please be seated

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH - NEW MEMBERS**

*Ross, Taunia, Sophia & Joanna Lambert*

1. Do you believe that you are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in God's sight, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?
3. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
4. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
5. To the best of your ability, do you promise to support the church in its worship and work?
6. Do you submit to the government and discipline of the Church, and do you promise to study its purity and peace?

### **TO THE CONGREGATION**

Having received this brother and sisters into our fellowship, do you—the members of this church—now promise to love and serve them in the Lord so as to help each other follow Christ?



## **BAPTISM INTO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

*Sophia Grace & Joanna Joy Lambert*

### **Baptismal vows**

Do you believe your children are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?

Do you acknowledge their need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim and trust in God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **To the Congregation:**

Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

As Sophia and Joanna are being committed to Christ, do you now remember and renew your own baptismal vows, believing and trusting in the cleansing work of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and rest in your union with Christ?

### **PRAYER**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **PRAYER**

First Communion marks the point when a child is welcomed to receive the sacrament of Communion as a result of them professing their faith in Jesus Christ in an age-appropriate manner, and confirming the baptismal covenant and vows made by their parent(s) at their baptism.

### **FIRST COMMUNION VOWS - EMERSON GRACE EVANS**

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

### **TO THE CONGREGATION:**

Having welcomed Emerson Evans to the Lord's table, do you—the members of this church—now promise to continue to love and serve her in the Lord so as to help each other follow Christ?

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL - DURING THE LAST STANZA OF THE SONG OF PREPARATION

*(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children nursery age - kindergarten need to be checked in prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon.)*

Please stand

### SONG OF PREPARATION

*Be Thou My Vision*

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY

Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art  
Thou my best thought  
by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father,  
I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling,  
and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not,  
or man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always;  
Thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,  
my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all

Prayer Requests? Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the Prayer Request form on our church app or website by scanning the QR Code.



Please be seated.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### *1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5*

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

<sup>1</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

The Spirit uses  
the reading and  
preaching of God's  
Word to impart  
new Spiritual life as  
well as to nourish  
and comfort God's  
people in their faith.

## **SERMON**

### *The Foolishness of the Cross*

REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN

Questions? After  
the service, our  
pastors and elders  
will be taking  
your questions  
and engaging in  
a fifteen-minute  
impromptu  
discussion on the  
previous week's  
Scripture readings.  
We'll give you a  
few minutes to grab  
a cup of coffee and  
join us in the front  
of the sanctuary.

Please stand.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### *The Wonderful Cross*

WORDS: ISSAC WATTS; MUSIC: LOWELL MASON

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

### *Chorus*

*O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all

# Communion

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Our communion liturgy is adapted from Scripture as well as the earliest traditions of the church. The liturgy begins with *The Sursum Corda* which is Latin for “lift up your hearts,” and calls us to be heavenly minded in the Lord’s presence (cf. Psalm 25:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:16).

*The Sanctus* is a prayer that has been used by the church since the first century to respond to the mystery of Christ’s presence in the sacrament (cf. Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8).

*The Memorial Acclamation* is a triumphant declaration of the gospel of Christ as portrayed in this holy meal (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; 1 Timothy 3:16).

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

**Minister:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**Minister:** It is right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord God almighty. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name; saying together:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven 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 & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

**Minister:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**Minister:** These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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Communion (i.e. the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a holy meal in which we remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In the sacrament, God comes near to his church and we experience his grace anew.

*Who should participate?* We invite all Christians—those who confess Christ and have been baptized into his church—to join with us in this sacred meal. If this does not describe you, instead of partaking, we encourage you to consider the things you have seen and heard today, including the love of God, as portrayed in this meal. You may come forward to receive prayer (simply cross your arms over your chest as you pass the servers) or, if you prefer, simply remain in your seat.

*Parents:* If your children are not yet participating, please instruct them to cross their arms over their chest. As soon as they understand the meaning of this meal in an age-appropriate way and are ready to confess their faith, our leaders would love to meet with them and admit them to the table.

*How should I participate?* Starting with the front rows, come forward. As you are served, partake of the bread and wine then return to your seat.

**Note:** We use bread and red wine, but gluten free wafers (containing organic brown and white rice flour only) and white grape juice are also available.

## COMMUNION SONG

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER, 1827 (VERSES); ZAC HICKS, 2006 (ADD'L TEXT); 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

### *Chorus*

*Have mercy, have mercy  
Have mercy on us  
Have mercy, have mercy  
Have mercy on us*

*Here is mercy, here is mercy  
Here is mercy for 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

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

### *Chorus*

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

Please stand

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



# Commission

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## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*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.

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

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

## BLESSING - NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded by scanning the QR code.



# Redeemer at a Glance

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*Our rhythm of our life together follows this pattern:*

- WORSHIP } is the primary activity of our church. It is the rationale for creation and the goal of redemption. We believe that a day is coming when our present fallen world will be engulfed by the New Heavens and the New Earth, where shalom will abound, where all things will be to the praise of God's glory.
  - FORMATION } occurs as people are transformed by the gospel. It begins as we first believe and continues throughout our life of faith as we seek to love God with heart, soul, mind & strength as well as our neighbors as ourselves. Spiritual formation takes place in community where God is present and active through Scripture, prayer, sacraments, and fellowship of the church.
  - MISSION } is the story of Scripture in which God is at work to redeem the world. This story culminates in Jesus Christ, who was lovingly sent by God the Father to seek and to save the lost. In his life, death, and resurrection, God has been victorious. And now, the church is sent into the world—into Orange County & beyond—with the Spirit, to continue the work of redemption.
  - CULTURE } takes place as individual Christians are sent into the world to be faithful and present in their communities. Through their families, friendships, and ordinary vocations Christians love their neighbors by contributing to and celebrating truth, goodness, and beauty.
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*Get involved in our regular ministries:*



SMALL GROUPS – Prayer Groups, Study Groups, Community Groups and Interest Groups



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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES – Whether it's a new baby or a house full of teenagers, Redeemer is a place for your family.



RUF - Reformed University Fellowship is our Ministry to the college campus.



LOCAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - Love and serve Orange County.

# Bible in a Year Daily Scripture Readings

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For the year of 2023, we are reading the entire Bible together as a church! The scripture readings below are this week's part of our reading plan.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." - *Colosians 3:16a*

**Monday:** 2 Corinthians 5 - 7

**Tuesday:** 2 Corinthians 8 - 9

**Wednesday:** 2 Corinthians 10 - 13

**Thursday:** Galatians 1 - 3:14

**Friday:** Galatians 3:15 - 6:18

**Saturday:** Ephesians 1 - 3

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Scan the QR code to listen to audio readings, subscribe to our Daily Morning & Evening Word & Prayer emails, hear our Bible in a Year sermons, and download the whole 2023 reading plan and small group discussion questions and prayer guide.

