



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!

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Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ··· NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

The wisdom of God is seen in doing his work by that which to the eye of flesh seems quite contrary. God intended to advance Joseph, and to make all his brethren’s sheaves bow to his sheaf. Now, what way does he take? First Joseph is thrown into the pit; then sold into Egypt; then after that put in prison. By his imprisonment God made way for his advancement. For God to save in an ordinary way would not so much display his wisdom. But when he goes strangely to work, and saves in that very way in which we think he will destroy, his wisdom shines forth in a most conspicuous manner.

— *Thomas Watson, A Body of Divinity*

To whom then will ye compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One’...This question rebukes wrong thoughts about God. ‘Your thoughts about God are too human’ said Luther to Erasmus. This is where most of us go astray. Our thoughts of God are not great enough; we fail to reckon with the reality of his limitless wisdom and power. Because we ourselves are limited and weak, we imagine that at some points god is too, and find it hard to believe that he is not. We think of god as too much like we are. Put this mistake right, says God; Learn to acknowledge the full majesty of your incomparable God and Savior.

— *J.I. Packer, Knowing God, 78*

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
- PENTECOST** in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission.

Calling

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 100

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Creatures of our God and King

WORDS: FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1225); TRANSLATION BY WILLIAM DRAPER (1926)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
 alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Soft silver moon that gently gleams,
 O praise Him! O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great rushing winds who are so strong,
You clouds above that sail along,
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
Fair rising morn with praise rejoice,
Stars nightly shining find a voice,
 O praise Him! O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
 O praise Him! O praise Him!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cleansing

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.

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY; ARRANGEMENT: FERNANDO ORTEGA

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Chorus

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all

Chorus

View Him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your maker lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude.

Chorus

Constitution

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

WORDS: GEORGE MATHESON; MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

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

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

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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

Ephesians 3:1-13

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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

REV. DEREK RISHMAWY

The Manifold Wisdom of God in our Suffering

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON; MUSIC: ASHAEL NETTLETON

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
Here to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

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

Communion

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

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

WORDS: SAMUEL TREVOR FRANCIS, MUSIC: WELSH MELODY (ADAPT. THOMAS JOHN WILLIAMS)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, never more
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee

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

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Taste and See That The Lord Is Good

DAVID HLEBO

Come taste and see
That the Lord is very good
Our sin on Him
We are free now
Let us go in peace

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.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

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



Redeemer at a Glance

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.

Advent & Christmas

Mark your calendars for the following dates to celebrate Advent and Christmas at Redeemer

WORSHIP SERVICES

Advent Sundays | December 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:00AM

Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service | December 24 at 5:00PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve service. We will sing the great Christmas songs interspersed with readings from Scripture, and a short Christmas message.

Christmastide Sunday | December 31 at 10:00am

First Sunday after Epiphany (Three Kings Cake) | January 7 at 10:00am

EVENTS & PARTIES

Advent Wreath Making Event | Sunday December 3 - Directly after the worship service

Kick-off the season by creating your own Advent Wreath to use at home. The cost will be \$10 per wreath for the materials and payments can be made at the event. You may pay online, by check (please put Advent Wreath in the memo) or cash at the table. Please register for this event so we can purchase materials.

Children's Christmas Party | December 10 - Directly after the worship service

All children ages 2 years - 5th grade are invited to celebrate to prepare their hearts for the Christmas season. More details will be made available next week. Contact Nem Malabuyo for details and if you are interested in volunteering.

Youth Ugly Sweater Christmas Parties

High School December 9th & Junior High December 10th from 6 - 8PM

Youth are invited to come celebrate Christmas at our annual Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Gift Exchange. The Jr. High Party will be at the Pringle's home in Costa Mesa and the High School Party time and location is TBD. Contact Adam Feichtmann for more information.

Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange Christmas Party

Monday, December 11th | 7:00 - 9:00PM at the home of Dayna O'Neil in Costa Mesa

Join us for our Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange Christmas Party at the home of Dayna O'Neil in Costa Mesa. Please bring a wrapped ornament. For more information please contact Dayna O'Neil

Bible in a Year Daily Scripture Readings

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: Ephesians 4 - 7

Tuesday: Philippians 1 - 4 / Psalm 145

Wednesday: Colossians 1 - 4 / Philemon

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 1 - 5

Friday: 2 Thessalonians 1 - 3

Saturday: 1 Timothy 1 - 3

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.

