



# 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 KidCheck 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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Palm Sunday : MARCH 24TH, 2024

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

# **WELCOME**

#### REFLECTION

As we arrive at Jerusalem with Jesus [on Palm Sunday], the question presses upon us. Are we going along for the trip in the hope that Jesus will fulfill some of our hopes and desires? Are we ready to sing a psalm of praise, but only as long as Jesus seems to be doing what we want? The long and dusty pilgrim way of our lives gives most of us plenty of time to sort out our motives for following Jesus in the first place. Are we ready not only to spread our cloaks on the road in front of him, to do the showy and flamboyant thing, but also to follow him into trouble, controversy, trial and death?

— Tom Wright

Jesus came in the flesh not to bring the judgment, but to bear it; not to slay with the sword of his lips, but to receive the nails in his hands and the spear-thrust in his side. In no other way could his kingdom come and God's will be done in earth as in heaven. The kingdom established by grace must be advanced in grace, then consummated in glory. Not by political power, but by the power of the Spirit, is the gospel carried to the nations.

— Edmund P. Clowney

#### 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."

- Alexander Schmemann. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel,

and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season

of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare

PENTECOST for big events in our personal lives... Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion

and celebrating Jesus' resurrection (From The Worship Sourcebook).

# Calling

Please stand.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP - TAKEN FROM PSALM 118**

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

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say...

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Minister: Let those who fear the LORD say...

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Minister: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

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**

Crown Him With Many Crowns
WORDS: MATTHEW BRIDGES; MUSIC: GEORGE ELVEY

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

# 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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Minister: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

#### 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

Heal Us, Emmanuel
WORDS: WILLIAM COWPER; MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT, LUCAS MORTON

Chorus

Heal us Emmanuel here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble we confess We faintly trust Thy word But will you pity us the less? Be that far from you, Lord!

#### Chorus

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
"Lord I believe" with tears he cried
"O help my unbelief!"

#### Chorus

She too who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered "Daughter go in peace
thy faith has made thee whole!"

#### Chorus

Like her with hopes and fears we come
To touch you if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away.

# Constitution

Please be seated

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Nicene Creed is a concise summary of biblical teaching, adopted in the 4th century, and is the most universally affirmed creed among Christian churches. "Catholic" refers to the true, universal church of all times and places.

#### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please stand

#### CHILDREN'S PALM PROCESSIONAL & SONG OF PRAISE

(All preschool and elementary age children are welcome to take part in the palm processional. Please meet in the Narthex at the beginning of the Announcements)

#### SONG OF PREPARATION

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
WORDS: JENNETTE THRELFALL (1873); TUNE: NETTLETON

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

\*\*During the second repeat of this song, please pause for the children to sing "Jesus Loves Me"

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Repeat stanzas 1-3

#### CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(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 using KidCheck prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon.)

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



#### Please be seated.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Matthew 21:1-17

- <sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
  - <sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you,humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."
- <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."
- <sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."
- <sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

<sup>17</sup> And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

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

SERMON REV. JOSH HAHNE

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.

Encounters with Jesus - Matthew 21:1-17

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**

All Glory Be To Christ
WORDS & ARRANGEMENT: DUSTIN KENSRUE

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus
All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

#### Chorus

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

#### Chorus

# 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. 13 Did Christ Over Sinners Weep
WORDS: BENJAMIN BEDDOME (1787). ALT. HENRY LYTE (1845). MUSIC: BLAKE MUNDELL (2012)

Did Christ over sinners weep And shall our cheeks be dry Let floods of penitential grief Burst forth from every eye Burst forth from every eye

#### Chorus

Behold the Son of God in tears The angels wondering see Hast thou no wonder O my soul He shed those tears for thee

He wept that we might weep
Might weep o'er sin and shame
He wept to show His love for us
And bid us love the same
And bid us love the same

#### Chorus

Then tender be our hearts
Our eyes in sorrow dim
Till every tear from every eye
Be wiped away by Him
Be wiped away by Him
Be wiped away by Him

Chorus x 2

#### 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.

# Commission

## **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

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**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

### THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors.

People: Thanks be to God.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

# 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.

#### 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.

# Announcements & Events

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

#### **Lent Resources**

Our Lent Guide is available at the Welcome Table. Click on the QR code to download a digital copy of our 2024 Lent Guide and read other Lent resources to help you on your Lenten journey to Jesus' cross and resurrection.



# Nomination Period for New Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses - NOW OPEN Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 31st

Nominations for Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses are now open. Redeemer is committed to developing men and women as new leaders of our congregation for our growth and maturity in years to come. See the Process of becoming an Elder, Deacon, Deaconess and Redeemer Session & Diaconate: Structure & Responsibilities on the following pages. You can read about the five categories of qualifications for elders, deacons, and deaconess and complete the nomination form online by clicking on the QR Code. If you have any further questions, please email Pastors Josh Hahne or Adam Feichtmann.



## Women's Ministry Hike

Saturday, April 27th | Niguel Botanical Preserve, Laguna Nigel meeting at 8:30am

Come join the women of Redeemer as we experience the beauty of Orange County, get to know one another, and fellowship together! We will gather at 8:30 a.m. for a Psalm reading and depart at 8:45. The location of our second hike will be at the Niguel Botanical Preserve (29751 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel). Free parking in the main lot near the Crown Valley pool. We will meet at the entrance to the preserve (above the grassy area and amphitheater). This will be an easy and beautiful stroll through trails and unique gardens with an optional stop at OKTO Coffee after the walk. Please RSVP to Jill Nelson or Sam Turner for updates on rain delays and trail closures.

# SAVE THE DATE: Annual Spring RUF Celebration and Fundraiser

Sunday, May 19th, 2024 from 5:00 - 7:00PM in Irvine

Come celebrate what the Lord is doing on campus at UCI through RUF and consider playing a role in the ministry. Refreshments and dinner will be served. If you would like to receive an invitation to RSVP, email *Derek Rishmawy or Jackie Lee*. This event is for adults only.

## Volunteers Needed for Maundy Thursday Service and Easter Sunday Brunch

We have several volunteer opportunities for the Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, March 28th and Easter Sunday on March 31st. We need many hands to put these events together, so we are asking for your help! We would love for you (or your youth-age children) to assist us in one or more of the following ways:

**Maundy Thursday Service:** Sanctuary & communion set up & tear down and women to be part of the communion during the service. Please contact our Church Administrator Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org for more information.

**Children's Ministry** - Egg hiding, craft and activity assistance on Easter Sunday. Click on the QR code to sign up.



**Easter Sunday Brunch** - Serving table set up & decoration, food preparation (finger food) before the service and clean up after brunch. Click the QR code to sign up or contact our Church Administrator Danielle Smith, *danielles@redeemeroc.org* for more information.



#### Daily Word and Prayer

Our habits shape us over time. A daily habit of scripture and prayer can help us become more attentive to God and allow the truths of the gospel to more deeply change our lives. For the year of 2024, many members in the congregation are following the M'Cheyne Bible two-year reading plan plus a 60-day cycle of praying the Psalms. Scan the QR code to sign up to receive daily morning and evening emails with the readings and prayers from our Sunday liturgy. You can also download a trifold of the reading plan.



# Holy Week and Easter

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

# Holy Week and Easter Services at Redeemer | Sunday, March 24th - March 31st

## Palm Sunday Service

Today, Sunday, March 24th, 10:00am | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary

On this day we celebrate the King who rode a donkey, yet acknowledged the pain to come. The service is created to help us enter into Holy Week and prepare for the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a joy for our children to participate in our annual Children's Palm Processional after the Gospel reading and prior sermon.

# Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 28th, 7:00pm | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary

This is a beautiful and solemn service that will focus your mind and grip your heart. After singing, silence, and a short meditation on a passage of scripture, we take the Lord's Supper, prayerfully and seated at tables. For many, this is one of the most powerful and rich communion experiences of the year. At the conclusion of the service the communion tables are ceremonially stripped and we leave in silence and darkness. Symbolically this darkness and silence is broken with the shout of "He is risen!" at the opening of our Easter worship the following Sunday. Like our Ash Wednesday service, we are excited to have this service be a joint worship service with Trinity OC and New Life Irvine. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org \*There will be no childcare available for this service.

### Good Friday

Friday, March 29th, 7:00pm | New Life Irvine at Beacon Park School, 200 Cultivate Irvine, CA 92618

Good Friday is the day in which the Church commemorates the crucifixion, suffering, death, and burial of Jesus. The service will be a time of both somber reflection as well as preparation for the celebration of Easter morning. There will be readings of the passion narrative, songs, a brief homily, and times of prayer. Like Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, this service will be a joint worship service with Trinity OC and New Life Irvine. \*There will be no childcare available for this service.

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st, 10:00am | Temple Bat Yahm Sanctuary

Our Easter service is a rich celebration of joy, where the despair of death feels before the bursting forth of new life. It is the climax of the Church Calendar and a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship and celebrate with us! After the service all are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and there will be an Easter Egg hunt and activities for the children on the lawn. If you are interested in helping please contact Danielle Smith, danielles@redeemeroc.org

# Small Groups

#### **SMALL GROUPS**

Get involved in the life of our congregation beyond Sunday by joining a small group, where we cultivate our communion with God and friendships with others. If you would like to host and/or lead a group, please contact Pastor Adam.

#### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Join one of our Community Groups for common life, common tables, and common prayer and reading of scripture.

## Costa Mesa (Halecrest) Community Group

When: Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM

Regularity: Weekly

Location: Lamons home in Costa Mesa

Host/Contact: Remy Lamons

#### Costa Mesa (Mesa Del Mar) Community Group

When: Mondays, 5:00 - 7:00PM

Study: This group will be reading a marriage book

and discussing it together. Regularity: Every other week

Location: Johnson home in Costa Mesa

Host/Contact: Taylor Johnson

## Irvine Community Group

When: Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00PM

Regularity: Weekly

Location: Johnson Home in Irvine (UCI)

Contact: Perry Johnson

### **North County Community Group**

When: Sunday Potluck Lunch

Regularity: Every other week after church

Location: Rotation of homes in and around Nth. County

Contact: Andrew Evans

# **North Tustin Community Group**

When: Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM

Regularity: Weekly

Location: Sebourn home in Tustin Host/Contact: Jeremy Sebourn

#### **South County Community Group**

When: Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30PM Regularity: Every other week

Location: Rotation of homes in South OC Host/Contact: Sam & Renon Pepke

## Young Adults Community Group

When: Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00PM

Regularity: Every week

Location: Irvine Area (location will change)

Host/Contact: Grace Gibson

#### **BOOK GROUP - NEW!**

# The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament Book Group

"The Bible is the saga of Yahweh and Adam, the prodigal son and his ever gracious heavenly father; humanity in their rebellion and God in his grace. This narrative begins with Eden and does not conclude until the New Jerusalem is firmly in place. It is all one story. And if you are a believer, it is all your story."

## Join us for a 9 week Sunday adult education study

When: Sundays after the service. 11:50am - 12:50PM

Regularity: Weekly for 9 weeks - Sunday, March 3 - April 28th

Location: Temple Bat Yahm, Room 10

Contact: Ruling Elder, Rev. Chris Stratton to sign up

# Small Groups

#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUPS & EVENTS**

#### Women's Morning Bible Study

When: Wednesdays, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Regularity: Every Wednesday

Location: Cara Johnson's home in Irvine

Contacts: Cara Johnson Haley Hartzell

\*Childcare provided, but space is limited.

Please contact Cara or Haley to reserve a spot.

## Titus 2 Women's Group

For all women - single, married, moms, empty nesters to come together for the "older" women to minister to the younger women, answer questions, pray & enjoy

fellowship and dessert.

When: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 - 8:30PM

Regularity: Monthly

Location: Kim Riley home in Costa Mesa

Contact: Kim Riley

#### Women's Evening Bible Study Group

When: Tuesdays, 7:00PM

Curriculum: Remember Your Joy: A Bible Study of Salvation Stories in the Old Testament

Regularity: 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays

Location: Samantha Turner home in Costa Mesa

Contact: Kem Erskine

\*Childcare: Not available\* \* See Kem for a copy of the bible study book

#### **INTEREST GROUPS**

Join one of our Interest Groups as they gather together around a specific interest.

#### Men's Surfing Group

A group of men who regularly surf together When: When the surf is good/decent

Regularity: Several times a week, normally early mornings

Location: Mainly across Newport Beach

Contact: Kyle Pringle to be added to the text thread

#### Pickleball League

When: Sundays, 12:30PM

Regularity: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Location: Bonita Canyon Pickleball Courts in Newport Beach

Contact: Beckie White

#### **YOUTH GROUPS**

Check out Redeemer's online youth calendar to find out details about our Winter Studies and Youth Events. For more information please contact Adam Feichtmann.

#### PARENTING GROUP

### Jr. High Parenting Group

When: Sundays, 4:00 - 5:30PM

Regularity: once a month (during youth group) Location: Feichtmann Home in Costa Mesa

Contact: Adam Feichtmann

# How Can I Serve?

#### SERVING IN OUR CHURCH

Contact Pastor Adam (adamf@redeemeroc.org) for more information or to get involved.

**Service & Sound Teams** – Physical set up and tear down, coffee & bagels, communion set up and clean up, and ushering needs before, during, and after church on Sundays.

**Welcome Team** – Welcoming members and guests at the welcome table and handing out orders of worship.

**Worship Guild** – Support our Sunday worship services by reading scripture, leading the prayers of the people, and serving communion.

**Hospitality Team** – Helping plan and create a hospitable atmosphere at our church events like Advent wreath making, the Easter celebration, Summer Lunch, and Fall Kick-Off.

Small Group Hosts and Leaders – Hosting or leading a small group.

Children's & Youth Ministry Leaders - Volunteering in our children's or youth ministries.

Women's & Men's Ministry – Help with planning of retreats, groups, and socials for our women & men.

**Meals Ministry** – Help provide meals for individuals (making meals or purchasing meals to be delivered) who have just had a baby, gone through a surgery, or dealing with long-term illness. **Musicians** – Join our team of talented musicians to play during worship services on Sundays! If you have a skill as a vocalist or instrumentalist, we'd love to connect with you.

**Elders, Deacons, & Deaconess** – Reference the page titled "Process for becoming an Elder, Deacon, or Deaconess."

#### SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Members of Redeemer partner with the following organizations to serve the well-being of our community (Jeremiah 29:7).

**Kidworks** | Santa Ana | www.kidworksoc.org

Educational programs serving children, youth & parents at learning centers in central Santa Ana.

**Orange County Rescue Mission / The Village of Hope** | Tustin | www.rescuemission.org Food service, spiritual & personal development, counseling services, parenting & child enrichment, etc.

**Safe Families** | Orange County | www.olivecrest.org/safe-families-for-children/ Volunteer as a host family caring for a child in your home on a short-term basis.

**Trellis** | Costa Mesa | www.wearetrellis.com Education, homelessness, and immigration initiatives.