

REDEEMER



ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }

# Welcome

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grace and Peace,

David Juelfs  
Senior Pastor

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



*Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*    ⋮    OCTOBER 16, 2016

**REFLECTION**

The great missionary proclamations in Acts are not given on the unilateral initiative of the apostles but in response to questions asked by others, questions prompted by the presence of something which calls for explanation.  
- Leslie Newbigin

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - PSALMS 67:1**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 91:2; ROMANS 10:9,13**

Minister: Let us worship God.

**People: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

Minister: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Minister: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

## **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**

*O For A Thousand Tongues*  
*Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)*  
( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

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.

## **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 power of canceled sin  
He sets the prisoner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe

**PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)**

WORDS: MARTIN LUTHER (1524), MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER (1997)

From depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation  
Lord turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication  
If Thou iniquities dost mark  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark  
O who shall stand before Thee  
O who shall stand before Thee

To wash away the crimson stain  
Grace grace alone availeth  
Our works alas are all in vain  
In much the best life faileth  
No man can glory in Thy sight  
All must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy  
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit  
On Him my soul shall rest  
His word upholds my fainting spirit  
His promised mercy is my fort  
My comfort and my sweet support  
I wait for it with patience  
I wait for it with patience

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth  
His helping love no limit knows  
Our utmost need it soundeth  
Our shepherd good and true is He  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow  
From all their sin and sorrow

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

The call to repentance invites us to honest expression within the context of our covenant relationship with God, a relationship in which honesty about our sin is welcome and safe.

## **CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON PSALM 66:20**

Minister: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayer, or removed his steadfast love from us.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## **SONG OF COMFORT**

*Agnus Dei*  
MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

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

Please stand.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - MATTHEW 11:28-29**

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.

Minister: 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."

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

# Constitution

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Please be seated.

## **CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER**

( 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. )

## **READING GOD'S WORD**

### **Psalm 67**

( Page 481 in the red Bible. )

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

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

- <sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- <sup>2</sup> that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!
  
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!
  
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.
- <sup>7</sup> God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



*Blessing & Mission*

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.

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Please stand

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*How Great Thou Art*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

## HOW GREAT THOU ART

WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

O Lord my God, when I, in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### *Chorus*

*Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

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.

### *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

### *Chorus*

Completed in 1647, the Westminster Shorter Catechism's question and answer format has been used for generations to train God's people in the rich biblical theology summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Please be seated for the offertory.

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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH – WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM (Q. 1)

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

**People: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

## OFFERTORY - MALACHI 3:10-12

Minister: Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

Let us pray. O God, give us courage to do as you say and put you to the test with our finances. You call us to give to you the first portion of our income. We confess our anxiety and cynicism. Help us to find our delight and security in you alone. Amen.

## OFFERTORY SONG

### *Doxology*

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN, MUSIC BY LOUIS BOURGEOIS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

# Communion

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## 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: Great God and King, we trust that you hear us as we pray. In being baptized by John in the Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners, and your voice proclaimed him as your Son. Like a dove, your Spirit descended on him, anointing him as the Christ, to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives. We praise you that in our baptism we are joined to Christ and, with all the baptized, are called to share his ministry. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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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 )

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

WORDS: JOACHIM NEANDER; MUSIC: STRALSUND GESANGBUCH

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

## **PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**

Minister: By the power of your Holy Spirit let us taste and see your graciousness. Let us feed on you by faith and thereby grow up into the people that you intended us to be and that we long to become.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

( Directions for taking communion are on page 12. )

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

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### *Directions for taking communion:*

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

### *When and how to come forward for communion:*

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

### *A Word to Parents:*

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

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

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

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

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

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

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

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

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

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

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION SONG

### *Thy Mercy, My God*

WORDS: JOHN STOCKER (1776), MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN (2001)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of unfailing love,  
in your holy mysteries you have graciously fed us  
with the body and blood of your dear Son.  
We pray that we and all who faithfully receive him  
may grow together in the communion of the body of Christ  
and finally attain to the glory of the resurrection,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

# Commission

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Please stand.

## **SONG OF DEPARTURE**

*Taste and See That The Lord Is Good*

WORDS AND MUSIC: 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 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."

It is appropriate  
to lift our heads  
as a symbol that  
through Christ  
God graciously  
lifts our head,  
and we hold out  
our hands palms  
up to symbolize  
our need and  
eagerness to  
receive God's  
blessing.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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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](http://www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons)



# Announcements & Events

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## **Youth Fall Campout**

*Friday-Sunday, October 21-23, San Clemente State Beach Campground*

Jr High and High School Students, sign up now for our 4th annual beach camping trip in San Clemente. It doesn't get better than building relationships under the stars with one another, in tents, over s'mores, campfires, surfing, games, and Bible talks. The cost is \$50 per camper. For registration and forms, visit the book table and contact Joey LeSuer, [joseph.m.lesuer@biola.edu](mailto:joseph.m.lesuer@biola.edu).

## **2017 Budget and Financial Town Hall Meeting**

*Sunday, October 30, Middle Hour*

Join us during the middle hour, 10:10-10:50am, for a town hall meeting in the chapel. The 2017 draft budget will be presented, and the ministry priorities and opportunities for 2017 will be discussed. Nursery childcare will be available during the meeting and children's Sunday School will also be in session during this time.

## **Men's Ministry Campus by the Sea Workcrew**

*Friday-Sunday, December 2-4*

Men, mark your calendars for our next work crew at Campus by the Sea on Catalina Island. We will get to know one another better as we serve side-by-side working on projects at this Christian camp and retreat center. Jr High and High School young men are also invited to serve with their fathers provided they are mature enough to perform about 8 hours of tasks with minimal supervision. Our purpose is to be a blessing to Campus by the Sea as we serve this ministry together. There will be options for returning either Saturday evening or on Sunday. We will be offering a Redeemer worship service at the camp Sunday morning for men who are able to stay. The only cost is your passage on the Catalina Flyer; food and accommodations are provided. Contact Bob Norling, [bobnorling@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobnorling@sbcglobal.net), with questions or to sign up.

# Middle Hour

*Lectures & Classes*

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## **FALL SCHEDULE**

Sundays, 9/18 - 11/20, 10:10-10:50 am

10/16 - Women's Retreat Weekend, No Middle Hour Lectures and Classes

10/30 - Town Hall Meeting during Middle Hour - No Lectures or Classes for Adults

## **LECTURES**

### **RUF & Evangelism**

9/18 - Rev. Chad Brewer

### **Where You Are: Finding a Sense of Place**

9/25 - D.J. Waldie

### **State & Local Government: How Does It All Work?**

10/2 - Curt Pringle

### **The Trinity**

10/9 - Dr. Fred Sanders

### **Monasticism**

10/23 - Fr. Dr. Greg Peters

### **1 Peter & Mission**

10/30 - Rev. Chris Stratton

### **The Gift of NOT Knowing Things**

11/6 - Dr. Jonathan Feng

### **The Gift of Knowing Strange Things**

11/13 - Dr. Miles Stoudenmire

### **The Gift of Teaching Things**

11/20 - Dr. David Reinkensmeyer

*All lectures will be held in the Chapel.*

## **YOUTH WORKSHOPS**

### **Jr. High (6th-8th Grade)**

*Location: MPR Room 1*

*Leader: Joey LeSuer*

### **High School (9th-12th Grade)**

*Location: MPR Room 2*

*Leaders: Josh Cooper*

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-K)**

*Location: MPR Area, Room 3*

### **Lower Elementary (1st-3rd grades)**

*Location: MPR Area, Room 5*

### **Upper Elementary (4th-5th grades)**

*Location: MPR Area, Room 8*

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

## **NURSERY**

*Children 6 months to 2 years*

*Location: Room directly outside the chapel.*

Available during Middle Hour and the Worship Services.

# Community Life

*Parishes, Community Groups & Bible Studies*

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## PARISH

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

### Beach Cities

Contact: Clint Knox  
clint@komarinvestments.com  
949.903.4769

### Central County

Contact: Shawn Monterastelli  
smonterastelli@hotmail.com  
949.933.0085

### North County

Contact: Drew Duncan  
aduncan@waxie.com  
714.614.7953

### South County

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. Community Groups times and locations are listed below.

### Newport-Mesa

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

### Newport Beach

Port Street Homes  
Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Contact: Erik Rannala  
rannala.erik@gmail.com  
415-309-5109

### University Hills (UCI)

Lenz Home  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Dan Lenz  
justlenz@gmail.com  
308-440-4359

### Irvine

Kornu & Moore Homes  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu  
kornufamily@gmail.com  
949-559-5502

### Costa Mesa - South Coast

Erskine Home  
Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm  
Contact: Kem Erskine  
kemerskine@yahoo.com  
949-468-6227

### Costa Mesa - Mesa Verde

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

### Fullerton

Duncan Home  
Every other Sunday, 4:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Drew & Stacey Duncan  
stacey.duncan@hotmail.com  
714-869-3077

### Junior High - Costa Mesa

Halecrest Back Clubhouse  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Contact: Joey LeSuer  
joey.joseph.m.lesuer@biola.edu

### High School - Costa Mesa

Cooper Home  
Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm  
Contact: Josh Cooper  
joshc@redeemeroc.org  
949-784-9853

## MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

During the week we offer bible studies for men and women to study scripture and pray together. The study this fall is on the book of Deuteronomy. See details below on our study times and locations:

### Men's Bible Study

Church Office, Newport Beach  
Thursdays, 6-7:15 am  
Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Women's Evening Bible Study

Scanlon Home, Costa Mesa  
Every other Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Contact: Stephanie Handley  
srhandley@gmail.com

### Women's Morning Bible Study

Hodson Home, Newport Beach  
Thursdays, 9:15 am  
(Childcare available)  
Contact: Kerry Maxwell  
michael.maxwell3@gmail.com

# Global Partnership

*Ethiopia*

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## **ETHIOPIA ACT**

Ethiopia ACT is an organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia that works to reconcile people to God through Jesus Christ, and to reconcile them to themselves, others and creation—all resulting in the planting, growing and maturing of churches that in turn transform lives and communities through faithful witnesses to the Gospel. They began as a ministry to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on extremely poor families, but have grown to include other public health strategies that serve the wider community, as well as educational and psychological support for vulnerable children. Church planting and renewal is central to all their activities and a primary goal for their team.

Jason Polk, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Liz and their three children, is the family that we directly support, as he oversees the spiritual care for Ethiopia ACT and its work to grow a gospel-centered church planting movement among the poor communities of Addis Ababa.

### **Update**

A recent praise for Ethiopia ACT is that they received a very favorable evaluation by the government of their last three-year cycle, which is rare, and a positive step in the renewal process for another cycle. Please pray for a quick approval for the program, and for a renewed work permit for teammate Jessica Ringsmuth so she can return to Ethiopia.

Another praise is the success of a VBS week in the Suki community. Ethiopian volunteers were able to share the gospel message with the 115+ children in attendance. Pray that the gospel would continue working in the hearts of those children.

Unfortunately, many members of the Suki community are facing uncertainty as the government has announced plans to demolish informal housing in the area. This would affect a number of beneficiary families. Another community that Ethiopia ACT was surveying for possible expansion of their programs has already been torn down. Please pray for these residents who may lose their homes, and for wisdom in knowing how to work through this situation.

Jason and Liz Polk are doing well and trying to keep the kids busy during the rainy season in Addis Ababa. Their two boys, Nathan and Isaiah, just went back to school, and Anna is keeping them on their toes as she enters the toddler stage.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For sustained strength and energy for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff
- For the children who attended VBS to have open hearts to the gospel message
- For a smooth completion of the project's renewal.
- For the Suki residents facing the destruction of their homes.
- For the conflict and unrest happening in Ethiopia, and for the country's peace.

### **April 2017 Ethiopia Trip**

If interested in joining our 2017 Ethiopia team, contact Adam Feichtmann, [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org).

**Website:** [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)

# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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## **REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN**

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

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

### **Update**

Last April, Grace Harbor celebrated their one year anniversary of holding weekly worship services. They now have about 66 local people attending plus staff and missionaries for a weekly attendance of approximately 100. While this growth is good news, it also means that finding the space to accommodate their worship is becoming an issue which they hope to resolve in 2016.

Grace Harbor had 2 baptisms last year and is looking forward to a few more this year. Among them is Mr. Suzuki. He is about 60 years old, the owner of a local pub, who loves sports and manages a local baseball team. He spent his life without having any interaction with Christianity until he met a sports missionary from the U.S. Through this friendship his interest in becoming a Christian grew. One day Mr. Suzuki showed up at Grace Harbor and said that he wanted to get baptized. He has now been participating in a baptism class for the last six months learning Christian doctrine in answer to his many questions.

The Aoyagi family has has seen God move them from one season to the next. Their oldest Senri graduated and will be going to Covenant College, Towa's recovery is still progressing but now more slowly, Satoki joined the school basketball team, and Akari promoted to elementary school. Seima's wife, Naoko is getting involved in Parakaleo Japan, an organization that serves wives of church-planters. Seima was elected as the chair for the PTA in the kids' local elementary school which is considered a public figure in Japan and will help gain his credibility and expand his connections with others in the community.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For Seima's son Towa's continuous recovery through daily activity and rehab visit.
- For Seima's family to be dependent on the Lord more and more.
- For Grace Harbor Church as they are in the process of reformatting small groups.
- For new contacts through outreach events to develop friendships and introduce them to Jesus.
- For them to not only grow in number but also in maturity as followers of Christ
- For God's guidance and provision for worship space that will accommodate their recent growth.
- For unity and focus in the leadership team, and for Seima to lead in a humble, godly manner.
- For more church planting happening in Tokyo, the world largest city yet with only 0.2% Christians!

# Redeemer at a Glance

{ FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS }

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

- WORSHIP } Responding to God as he speaks through his word and sacraments.
- NURTURE } Learning how to live the kingdom life together. Community groups, classes and workshops, men's and women's ministry, family ministry, and simply having a good time together.
- MISSION } Making Jesus known among our neighbors and working to heal our neighborhoods. Get involved with your neighborhood parish.
- CULTURE } Celebrating and creating the good and the beautiful.

## JOIN US



NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH – Love and serve the people where you live. You are God's ambassador. Details on p. 17.



COMMUNITY GROUPS – Study the scripture and pray with a small group of six to twelve others. If you are new to studying the scripture and praying, this is the perfect place to learn without pressure. Details on p.17.



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



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



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



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

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

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

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

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

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

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

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

- Dave Runyon

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map      Neighbor Dinner

## 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

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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.

## **Proper 24**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / Matthew 16:13-20

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 25 / Revelation 7:1-8

Evening: Psalms 9, 15 / Luke 9:51-62

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 26, 28 / Revelation 7:9-17

Evening: Psalms 36, 39 / Luke 10:1-16

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 38 / Revelation 8:1-13

Evening: Psalms 119:25-48 / Luke 10:17-24

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 37:1-18 / Revelation 9:1-12

Evening: Psalms 37:19-42 / Luke 10:25-37

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 31 / Revelation 9:13-21

Evening: Psalms 35 / Luke 10:38-42

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 30, 32 / Revelation 10:1-11

Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / Luke 11:1-13

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 63, 98 / 1 Corinthians 10:15-24

*You can follow the daily readings online at [redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/](http://redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/)*



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## PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 Day  Evening

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

### *Prayer of Belief*

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

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

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

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

*We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

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

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Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

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First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

*Please Contact Me About:*

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Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code or use the url below if you prefer to complete this form online: [redeemeroc.org/response-card](http://redeemeroc.org/response-card)



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*The Burning Bush* is  
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