

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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*    ⋮    NOVEMBER 6, 2016

**REFLECTION**

One of the subtlest hindrances to prayer is probably the most pervasive. In the broader culture and in our churches, we prize intellect, competency, and wealth. Because we can do life without God, praying seems nice but unnecessary. Money can do what prayer does, and it is quicker and less time-consuming. Our trust in ourselves and in our talents makes us structurally independent of God. As a result, exhortations to pray don't stick.

- Paul Miller

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - PSALMS 145:18**

The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and want to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things that our conscience is afraid to name and giving to us that which our prayer dares not presume to ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
<b>PENTECOST</b>	in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

# Calling

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON LUKE 6:20-21, 23**

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.

Minister: Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you who are poor,

**People: for yours is the kingdom of God.**

Minister: Blessed are you who are hungry now,

**People: for you shall be satisfied.**

Minister: Blessed are you who weep now,

**People: for you shall laugh.**

Minister: Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great.

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.

## **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**

*Immortal Invisible*

*Amazing Grace*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

## **IMMORTAL INVISIBLE**

WORDS: WALTER SMITH, MUSIC: WELSH FOLK TUNE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

## **AMAZING GRACE**

WORDS: JOHN NEWTON, MUSIC: TRADITIONAL

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

# 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 139:23-24, NRSV**

Minister: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God to lead us by our own transparent confession.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders.  
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## **SONG OF COMFORT**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
WORDS AND MUSIC: AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Please stand.

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.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - JOHN 1:9,12**

Minister: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

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**

### **Luke 11:1-4**

( Page 869 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.

<sup>1</sup> Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And lead us not into temptation."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



*Broken Prayer*

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**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

## **COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON, MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

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 His name I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood  
How His kindness yet pursues me  
Mortal tongues can never tell  
Clothed in flesh till death shall loose me  
I cannot proclaim it well

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring 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 to Thy courts above

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. 100)

Minister: What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

**People: The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *Our Father which art in heaven*, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.**

## OFFERTORY - PSALM 24:1

Minister: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

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

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

## OFFERTORY SONG

*Guitar Solo by Michael Higgins*

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

# 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: Most gracious and eternal God, the helper of the helpless, the comforter of the comfortless, the hope of the afflicted, the bread of the hungry, the drink of the thirsty, and the savior of all those that wait upon you; we bless and glorify your name, and adore your goodness, and delight in your love, that you have once more given us the opportunity of receiving the greatest favor which we can receive in this world, even the body and blood of our savior, Jesus Christ, your son. 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 )

*May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*  
WORDS: JOHN NEWTON, MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon us from above

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord  
And possess in sweet communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Creator God, be present with your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, that we and your entire church may be called out and made whole through this supper. Show us that your mercy is greater than our sin.

## 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

WORDS: ELEANOR HULL, MUSIC: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom  
And Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
And I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
First in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My Treasure Thou art

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

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

# 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 - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14**

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

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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## **Welcome Lunch**

*Today, November 6, 12:30 pm*

Newcomers to Redeemer are invited to lunch with Pastors David and Adam today following the 2nd worship service. Adam and Karina Feichtmann will be hosting the lunch at their home in Costa Mesa. Whether this is your first Sunday at Redeemer or you have been coming for several months, we would love to see you there. Bring your family and enjoy lunch and a time to get to know our Redeemer pastors and learn more about Redeemer church. If you need directions to the lunch, you can pick up a map from Pastor Adam following worship.

## **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 cost is \$72 for 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. You may also sign up online at: [redeemeroc.org/mens-workcrew-registration/](http://redeemeroc.org/mens-workcrew-registration/).

# Middle Hour

*Lectures & Classes*

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## **FALL SCHEDULE**

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

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: Amber Fox  
mrsamberfox@me.com  
310.463.8177

### 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.

## **Prayer Requests**

- For sustained strength, energy and safety for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff in Addis Ababa.
- For the current state of emergency in the country over regional protests and for peaceful resolution.
- For a smooth completion of the project's renewal.
- For the Suki residents facing the destruction of their homes.

## **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.

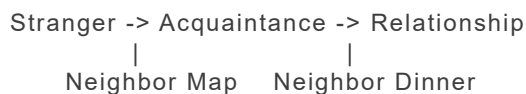
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear? 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



## 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 27**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalms 34 / Matthew 20:1-16

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 80 / Joel 1:1-13 / Revelation 18:15-24

Evening: Psalms 77, 79 / Luke 14:12-24

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 78:1-39 / Joel 1:15-2:11 / Revelation 19:1-10

Evening: Psalms 78:40-72 / Luke 14:25-35

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 119:97-120 / Joel 2:12-19 / Revelation 19:11-21

Evening: Psalms 81, 82 / Luke 15:1-10

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 83, 23, 27 / Joel 2:21-27 / James 1:1-15

Evening: Psalms 85, 86 / Luke 15:1-2,11-32

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 88 / Joel 2:28-3:8 / James 1:16-27

Evening: Psalms 91, 92 / Luke 16:1-9

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 87, 90 / Joel 3:9-17 / James 2:1-13

Evening: Psalms 136 / Luke 16:10-18

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 66, 67 / Habakkuk 1:1-2:1 / Philippians 3:13-4:1

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

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*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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