



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}



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*First Sunday After Easter*    ⋮    APRIL 23, 2017

### **REFLECTION**

“Luke’s gospel ends, as it begins, in the Temple at Jerusalem. Worship of the living God, now revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, is at the heart of Luke’s vision of the Christian Life.”

- N.T. Wright

### **OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - EPHESIANS 1:20-21**

He worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we may celebrate this Easter season of the Lord’s resurrection with joy. As we prepare to worship today, we ask that you will stretch our imaginations to sense the majesty and mystery of Christ’s ascension. Help us perceive how Christ’s presence in heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### **CALENDAR**

ADVENT	The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration
CHRISTMAS	that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word pentekoste means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let
EPIPHANY	the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living
LENT	to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—
<b>EASTER</b>	the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the
PENTECOST	absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation (from Seeking God’s Face by Philip Reinders).

# Calling

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Please stand.

## OPENING HYMN

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.

### *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY (1739), MUSIC: LYRA DAVIDICA (1708)

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON 1 PETER 1:3-5

Minister: Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Minister: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept and guarded for us by God's himself. Christ is risen.

**People: He is risen indeed.**

## **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**

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Come, Holy Ghost*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 4-5 )

## **ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE**

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY, MUSIC: KEVIN TWIT

Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

### *Chorus*

*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*  
*Arise, my soul, arise.*  
*Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise*  
*Arise, my soul, arise.*  
*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

### *Chorus*

My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

### *Chorus*

## COME, HOLY GHOST

WORDS: RHABANUS MAURUS (CIRCA 800 A.D.), MUSIC: BRUCE BENEDICT AND RAY MILLS

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid  
To fill our hearts which thou hast made,  
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,  
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.

### *Chorus*

*Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.  
Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you.*

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,  
Know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,  
And Holy Spirit with them one;  
And may the Son on us bestow  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

### *Chorus*

# 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 LUKE 23:42-43**

In the last moments before his death a criminal crucified next to Jesus cried out to him, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus showing his great mercy answered, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Knowing God's mercy let us also cry out to Jesus as we confess our sin together.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
In the bright light of this Easter season, O God,  
our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.  
Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded others;  
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit  
where we are prisoners of ourselves. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*



## SONG OF COMFORT

*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

Please stand.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - BASED ON 1 JOHN 2:1-2**

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: Hear the good news of the gospel: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ, we are forgiven!

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 a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children 2 years through Kindergarten need to be signed into their class prior to the service or at dismissal and signed out following the sermon or after the service. )

## **READING GOD'S WORD**

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.

*Luke 24:49-53*

( Page 885 in the red Bible. )

<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*The Ascension of Our Lord*

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**

*The Lord Is King*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 10 )

## THE LORD IS KING

WORDS: JOSIAH CONDER MUSIC NATHAN PARTAIN

The Lord is King!  
Lift up your voice,  
O earth and all  
Ye heav'ns, rejoice!  
From world to world  
The joy shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

### *Chorus*

*Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
Lord of lords, Ancient of Days;  
Sing his praise, sing his praise,  
All your days, all your days.*

The Lord is King!  
Who then shall dare  
Resist his will,  
distrust his care,  
Or murmur at  
His wise decrees,  
Or doubt his royal promises?

### *Chorus*

The Lord is King!  
Bow down you must;  
The Judge of all the earth is just;  
Holy and true are all his ways;  
Let every creature sing his praise.

### *Chorus*

The creed is a concise summary of biblical teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2nd century, and originally used as a baptismal confession.

\*Means continued in the state of the dead, and under the power of death until the third day.

\*\*Means the true, universal church of all times and places.

Please be seated for the offertory.

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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended into hell\*.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church\*\*,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY - BASED ON 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

*Revive Us Again*

WORDS: WILLIAM P. MACKAY, MUSIC: JEFFREY MERCER

We praise Thee O God!  
For the Son of Thy love.  
For Jesus who died,  
And now is gone above.

We praise Thee, O God!  
For Thy Spirit of light,  
Who hath shown us our Savior,  
And has scattered our night.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Thine is the glory.  
Revive us again.

# 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: Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this season of resurrection. By your power you raised Jesus from death to life. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. Through his victory over the grave we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. 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 )

*How Great Thou Art*

WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART HINE

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.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: We praise you that as we break bread in faith, through the work of the Spirit, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints. Amen.

## 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 14. )

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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

*In Christ Alone*

WORDS AND MUSIC: KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my Light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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

*Everlasting God*

WORDS AND MUSIC: BRENTON BROWN & KEN RILEY

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever  
Our hope our strong Deliv'rer  
You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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

## BLESSING - BASED ON HEBREWS 13:20-21

May the God of peace  
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,  
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,  
through Jesus Christ  
to whom be glory forever and ever.

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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## **Faith & Culture Lecture - Weakness by Dr. Kyle Strobel**

*Today, April 23, Middle Hour 10:10-10:50 am*

Join us for our first spring Faith & Culture Lecture during middle hour today. Dr. Strobel will lecture on *Weakness: Jesus' Path to Power* from his most recent book *The Way of the Dragon, Or The Way of the Lamb: Searching for Jesus' path of power in a church that has abandoned it*. He will speak to the fact that too often the church falls prey to the seductions of worldly power by chasing relevance and influence. The way of the Lamb, Jesus' path, is a way of weakness that is counter-cultural to our modern day understanding of how people come into power.

## **Spring Brunch**

*Sunday, April 30, Middle Hour, 10:10-10:50 am*

Plan to join us for our annual spring brunch on April 30th. Between our worship services we will enjoy a delicious brunch and activities for the the whole family including a bounce house, photo booth, face painting, and games on the lawn. Come for this time of fellowship and celebrating spring at Redeemer!

## **RUF @ UCI Fundraiser**

*Friday, May 5, 6:30 pm, Los Lomas Park in Irvine*

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Chad and Christie Brewer. Chad, the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at UC Irvine, will be sharing about all that God has done on the UCI campus through the RUF ministry this year. There will be presentations from RUF students, UCI professors, and special guest Tom Cannon, the national coordinator for RUF, as you enjoy tacos from Sol Agave, Cinco de Mayo beverages, and dessert. This will be an encouraging and fun evening as RUF @ UCI wraps up its first year as an official ministry on campus and anticipates exciting changes to come in the fall. Kindly RSVP to Christie Brewer, [christiebrewer8301@gmail.com](mailto:christiebrewer8301@gmail.com), if you plan to attend.

# Middle Hour

*Lectures & Classes*

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## **SPRING SCHEDULE**

April 16 - Easter Celebration

April 23 - Spring Classes & Lectures Begin

May 14 - No classes & lectures in observance of Mother's Day

## **UPCOMING LECTURES & EVENTS**

*Middle hour classes and lectures are currently on break for Easter. Please see a list of upcoming lectures and events below.*

**Apr 23 - Dr. Kyle Strobel**  
***Jesus' Path to Power***

**Apr 30 - Redeemer Spring Brunch**

**May 7 - Safe Families Presentation by Brewer Family**

**May 21 - Dr. Dennis Okholm**  
***Monk Habits for Everyday People***

**June 4 - Dr. Darian Lockett**  
***Bible Translation***

**June 18 - Ethiopia ACT Presentation by Jason Polk**

### **Redeemer 101 Class**

Dates: May 7, 24, and June 4

Teacher: Pastor Adam Feichtmann

Location: MPR Area, Room 10

## **YOUTH BREAKFASTS**

**Jr. High & High School (6th-12th Grade)**

Location: Patio outside the chapel hall

Leaders: Josh Cooper & Joey LeSuer

We invite our youth to join us for our Spring Youth Breakfasts on April 23, May 7, 21, and June 4 during the Middle Hour. Enjoy a homemade meal with friends and leaders as you discuss life and the Bible.

## **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 worship and middle hour.

# 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)

Reinkensmeyer Home  
Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Dave Reinkensmeyer  
dreinken@uci.edu  
949-856-1976

### Irvine

Kornu & Moore Homes  
Sundays, 4:00-6:30 pm  
Contact: Roger & Christine Kornu  
kornufamily@gmail.com  
949-559-5502

### Costa Mesa

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**

Although the current state of emergency instated in Ethiopia has presented challenges, Ethiopia ACT continues to move forward in serving the local communities in Addis Ababa. Over the coming months, ACT will be adding 100 non-HIV families to their program, further extending their efforts in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of their neighbors.

A previous prayer request was for members of the Suki community who were facing the destruction of their homes. Because government focus has been shifted elsewhere, the tearing down of these homes has been put on hold, and it does not appear that it will move forward. Praise God that those residents have not been displaced, and please pray for their continued wellbeing and provision.

The Polk family continues to do well, but as always, continue to lift them up in prayer as they labor and pour themselves out for the city of Addis Ababa.

Finally, ACT is in the process of registering with the Ethiopian government and asks for prayer that the process progresses smoothly.

## **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 due to regional protests, and for peaceful resolution.
- That visiting teams being delayed or unable to travel would not have a negative impact on medical clinics or other services ACT provides.
- For a smooth process registering Ethiopia ACT with the government.
- For ACT to be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the new families being added to the program.

**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 60 adults and 30 children attending the weekly service each week, and are slowly but steadily growing. Grace Harbor has had 2 more baptisms this year. Yoko was introduced to Grace Harbor at a community event and began developing friendships. After attending events regularly for 2 years she confessed her faith and became a Christian. Yoko then waited patiently for 2 more years for her husband to give approval for her baptism. This year she was finally baptized and her husband even came to the service! Mr. Suzuki, the 62-year-old pub owner and manager a local baseball team, completed his baptism classes and was baptized in early December 2016.

Last summer Grace Harbor welcomed many summer missions teams. These teams are instrumental in helping them get connected to non-Christians in the community through cultivating new relationships and hosting events. Some of these events included a Hawaiian BBQ, College outreach, Kids English Camp, and a Basketball outreach.

One of the major challenges this year is the reforming of their leadership team as they transition from being a missionary-heavy church to a Japanese church. Other challenges include the health issues with Pastor Seima's hearing problems and Pastor Fukuda's stroke from which both are miraculously recovering.

The Aoyagi family is seeing God work through their roles in the community. Seima's position as PTA chair has allowed him to make connections through which people have come to know about Grace Harbor. Naoko's involvement with Parakaleo Japan helps provide a care-network for wives in ministry.

### **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 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!

**Websites:** [www.redeemercitytocity.com](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com), [www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://www.graceharborchurch.jp)

# 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. 19.



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.19.



LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 18.



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.



## 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.

## **Week 2 of Easter**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalms 111, 112, 113 / John 14:1-7

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 1, 2, 3 / Daniel 1:1-21 / 1 John 1:1-10

Evening: Psalms 4, 7 / John 17:1-11

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 5, 6 / Daniel 2:1-16 / 1 John 2:1-11

Evening: Psalms 10, 11 / John 17:12-19

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 119:1-24 / Daniel 2:17-30 / 1 John 2:12-17

Evening: Psalms 12, 13, 14 / John 17:20-26

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 18:1-20 / Daniel 2:31-49 / 1 John 2:18-29

Evening: Psalms 18:21-50 / Luke 3:1-14

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 16, 17 / Daniel 3:1-18 / 1 John 3:1-10

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / Luke 3:15-22

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 20, 21 / Daniel 3:19-30 / 1 John 3:11-18

Evening: Psalms 110, 116, 117 / Luke 4:1-13

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 148, 149, 150 / Daniel 4:1-18 / 1 Peter 4:7-11

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To sign up for our daily morning and evening prayer emails with these scripture readings along with prayers and liturgy from the Order of Worship, go to [redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up/](http://redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up/) or scan the QR code.



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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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Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

*Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

*Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

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)



The cover painting for Easter is by Redeemer artist Danielle Kimzey [www.daniellekimzey.com](http://www.daniellekimzey.com)