



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}



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany FEBRUARY 19, 2017

REFLECTION

“The peculiar beauty of human excellence just is its vulnerability.”
– Martha Nussbaum

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - PSALM 100:3

Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, who makes yourself known in the stillness. Make me know your presence in this sacred place. Make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth, through the voices of men, women, and instruments in praise to you. O Lord, purify my life that, going forth into the world, I may go in your strength and in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR

ADVENT	We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. This is the season of
CHRISTMAS	Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the world. Throughout the season we
EPIPHANY	focus on the ministry of Jesus: the calling of the disciples, the teachings of Christ, his miracles, and finally his
LENT	transfiguration. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet— this is the Son of God,
EASTER	the Messiah. Epiphany calls us to live God’s mission, announcing the good news of Christ’s arrival to every
PENTECOST	culture and to those who live across the street. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a
	watching world (from Seeking God’s Face by Philip Reinders).

Calling

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 in heaven

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

O Worship The King

Your Great Name

(MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)

O WORSHIP THE KING

WORDS: ROBERT GRANT, ALT. CHRIS TOMLIN, MUSIC: JOHANN HAYDN, CHRIS TOMLIN

O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light
You shine in the light
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YOUR GREAT NAME

MUSIC: KRISSY NORDHOFF | MICHAEL NEALE

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name
Your great Name
Your great Name*

Cleansing

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 ROMANS 5:8; HEBREWS 4:16

Minister: The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

Friend of Sinners

WORDS BY AUGUSTUS M. TOPLADY, MUSIC BY JEFF KOONCE AND BRIAN T. MURPHY

Redeemer whither should I flee
Or how escape the wrath to come?
The weary sinner flies to Thee
For shelter from impending doom
Smile on me gracious Lord
And show Thyself a friend of sinners now
Smile on me gracious Lord
And show Thyself a friend of sinners now

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 - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18

Minister: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

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

Constitution

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 14:12-24

(Pages 874 in the red Bible.)

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

¹⁶ But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.

¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN

Seek & Find

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Please stand

Be Thou My Vision
(MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

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

1st service only,
please be seated.

BAPTISM OF GAVIN MORWOOD

(8:45 am service only. Second service worship continued with The Apostles Creed below.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH - GAVIN MORWOOD

1. Do you believe that you are made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you believe that you are a sinner in the sight of God?
3. Do you believe in Jesus and trust in him alone for your salvation?
4. Do you want to follow Jesus, do what he says, and do you trust that the Holy Spirit will help you?
5. Do you promise to join with us in all the worship and work of the Church?
6. Do you promise to let the elders of the church teach you and guide you?

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.

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.

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY - MALACHI 3:10-12

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.

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

Sanctus

WORDS: TRADITIONAL, MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (2012)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion

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: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord; you ever love to show mercy. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Grant us, gracious Lord, so to partake of the body of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his cup, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. 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 13.)

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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

**Lord God,
in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Commission

Please stand.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Lead On, O King Eternal

WORDS: ERNEST W. SHURTLEFF, ALT. JEFF PARDO, MUSIC: JEFF PARDO

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead on, O King, lead on, O King
Lead on, O King, lead on

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

BLESSING

May the God of love, who shared his love,
strengthen us in our love for others.
May the Son who shared his life
grant us grace, that we might share our life.
And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us
empower us to be only and always for others.

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.

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

Middle Hour

Lectures & Classes

WINTER SCHEDULE

Sundays, January 8 - April 9, 10:10-10:50 am

Feb 26 - Men's Retreat Weekend, No Lectures or Classes

April 16 - Children's Easter Party

LECTURES & EVENTS

All lectures will be held in the Chapel.

Jan 8 - Silence & Beauty | Makoto Fujimura

Jan 15 - Faith & Fashion | Dr. Robert Covolo

Jan 22 - Beauty | Rev. Joel Pelsue

Feb 5 - Faith & Education | Rev. Chris Stratton

Feb 12 - Our Cultural Liturgy | Dr. Tim Pickavance

Feb 19 - Budget & Vision Town Hall Meeting

Mar 5 - Marriage | Dr. John Cox

ADULT CLASSES

Redeemer 101

Adam Feichtmann

Jan 22 - Feb 19

Temple Bat Yahm, MPR Room 10

Meaning of Marriage

Mar 12 - Apr 9

Christian Formation Practices Workshop

Adam Feichtmann

Mar 12 - Apr 9

(No class April 2nd.)

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

Apr 30 - Redeemer Spring Brunch

May 7 - Safe Families Presentation | Brewer Family

YOUTH WORKSHOP

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

Location: MPR Room 2

Leaders: Josh Cooper & Joey LeSuer

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 worship and middle hour.

Community Life

Parishes, Community Groups & Bible Studies

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, 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

Announcements & Events

Budget and Vision Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, February 19, Middle Hour (10:10-10:50 am)

Join us during the middle hour today for our town hall meeting in the chapel. We will discuss the 2017 budget and our vision as a church for this year. Nursery childcare will be available during the meeting and children's Sunday School will also be in session during this time.

Dr. John Cox Lecture & Seminar on Marriage

Sunday March 5, Lecture at 10:10am and Seminar at 4:00pm

Join us on March 5th to hear from Dr. John Cox on the topic of marriage. Dr. Cox will be speaking to singles and married couples on finding the marriage you want, and keeping the marriage you have. Both talks will be located in the Chapel at Temple Bat Yahm. See additional details below:

Morning Lecture: Middle Hour (10:10-10:50am)

Growing Together not Growing Apart: How Your Growth as a Person can Enrich your Marriage

Afternoon Seminar: 4:00-5:30pm*

Welcome to Fight Club: How Two People Can Still Be One

*Childcare will be provided for children 0 - 5th grade.

Dr. John L. Cox is a clinical psychologist, and has been in practice at Live Oak Psychological Associates for 26 years. He received his B.A. in Psychology and English from Ole Miss, and a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Reformed Theological Seminary. He received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Rosemead School of Psychology in Los Angeles. Dr. Cox's therapeutic focus is grounded in his Christian faith as he strives to integrate God's way of leading us toward growth with the most competent professional psychological understanding derived from research and experience.

Host Families Needed for Japanese Students

Wed-Mon, March 8-13

Redeemer is hoping to host 10 Japanese students, and 3 leaders from our global partner church, Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo, Japan. Grace Harbor runs these trips annually as an outreach to Japanese college students. As our global partner, this is an amazing opportunity for us to support their mission and also to let God use us as hospitable hosts for these Japanese students. The students will also be joining us for worship on Sunday March 12th. If you are interested or able to host students (and some leaders) in your home from March 8th -13th (5 nights) please contact Adam Feichtmann, adamf@redeemeroc.org.

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.

Global Partnership

Ethiopia

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

Global Partnership

Japan

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, www.graceharborchurch.jp

Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

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a. b. c.	a. b. c. YOU ARE HERE	a. b. c.
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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.

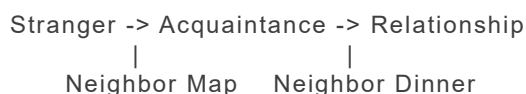
c: Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might also include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they most fear?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

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 7 of Epiphany

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 145 / John 10:7-16

Monday

Morning: Psalms 106:1-18 / Ruth 1:1-14 / 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Evening: Psalms 106:19-48 / Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123 / Ruth 1:15-22 / 2 Corinthians 1:12-22

Evening: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127 / Matthew 5:13-20

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:145-176 / Ruth 2:1-13 / 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17

Evening: Psalms 128, 129, 130 / Matthew 5:21-26

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 131, 132, 133 / Ruth 2:14-23 / 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / Matthew 5:27-37

Friday

Morning: Psalms 140, 142 / Ruth 3:1-18 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Evening: Psalms 141, 143 / Matthew 5:38-48

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 137, 144 / Ruth 4:1-17 / 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10

Evening: Psalms 104 / Matthew 6:1-16

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 146, 147 / Deuteronomy 4:1-9 / 2 Timothy 4:1-8

You can follow the daily readings online at 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.

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____
☐ 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.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

Spouse Email: _____

☐ 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



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