



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}



Eighth Sunday after Epiphany FEBRUARY 26, 2017

REFLECTION

"Therefore, those of you searching for something larger, faster, and more significant, who feel that if you could just be somewhere else doing something else as somebody else, then your life would really matter—Jesus has come to confound you."

- Zack Fswine

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 CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the world. Throughout the season we focus on the ministry of Jesus: the calling of the disciples, the teachings of Christ, his miracles, and finally his transfiguration. The epiphany of Epiphany is that this is no mere teacher or prophet—this is the Son of God, the Messiah. Epiphany calls us to live God's mission, announcing the good news of Christ's arrival to every 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 - PSALM 95:6-7

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his

people and we respond together

as a community.

The call

Minister: Come, let us all worship and bow down together,

People: let us kneel together before the LORD, our maker.

Minister: For he is our God,

People: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

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.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe) (MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

WORDS: EDWARD HODGES AND HENRY VAN DYKE, MUSIC: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

You bring us joy, joy, joy
We adore Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our redeemer
All who know His love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began Father love is reigning o'er us Jesus brought His love to man Ever singing march we onward Victors in the midst of strife Joyful music lifts us sunward In the triumph song of life

You bring us joy, joy, joy
We adore Thee

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)

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

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

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

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

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

Cleansing

Please be seated.

CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON ROMANS 5:8; HEBREWS 4:16

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.

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON, MUSIC: JOHN WYETH

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

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

1 Kings 19:1-14

(Pages 301 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.

- ¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.
- ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.
- ⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." 11 And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. MATTHEW TREXLER

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.

Elijah the Burnout

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Please stand

SONG OF RESPONSE

Thy Mercy, My God (MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

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

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,

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 - MALACHI 3:10-12

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

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

Please be seated

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.

for the offertory.

OFFERTORY SONG

Doxology words by thomas ken, music by louis bourgeois

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

Communion

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)

Holy, Holy, Holy
WORDS: REGINALD HEBER; MUSIC: JOHN DYKES

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 12.)

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 Llive

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

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

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

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

Announcements & Events

Daily Prayer Emails

Beginning, Wednesday, March 1, The First Day of Lent

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday, March 1. Lent is a season of preparation as we look ahead with anticipation to Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter. During this season the Church throughout history has emphasized the daily practice of praying and reading Scripture. As you enter into this season, we would encourage you to do the same and to try create a daily habit of such a practice. To help assist you and your family, we are excited to let you know that we have designed and created daily Morning and Evening Prayer emails. These emails include the Bible reading plan that is currently printed in the back our Order of Worship, several prayers and some liturgical drama taken from our previous Sunday morning worship services, and a section with suggestions for family devotions. Consider setting aside time in your mornings and evenings where you can pause, rest, change gears, be reminded that God loves you, and meditate on his Word. If you are interested in receiving these Morning and Evening Prayer emails, please fill out the online form at redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/sign-up or contact Kem Erskine, kem@redeemeroc.org, to be added to the email list.

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, clinical psychologist, 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.

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.

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 949.903.4769

Central County Contact: Shawn Monterastelli Contact: Amber Fox clint@komarinvestments.com smonterastelli@hotmail.com 949.933.0085

North County 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

Irvine

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

Junior High - Costa Mesa

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

Newport Beach

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

Costa Mesa

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

High School - Costa Mesa

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

University Hills (UCI)

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

Fullerton

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

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

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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 being 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

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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.

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.

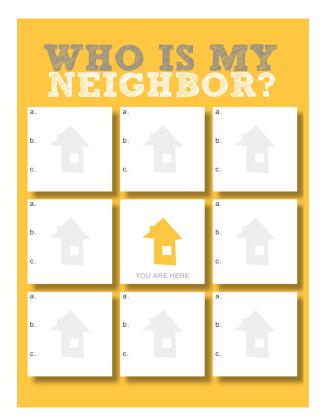
LECTURES & CLASSES – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, participate in engaging lectures and classes on subjects that matter. Details on p. 16.

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



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 wtih 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.

Last Week of Epiphany

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 114, 115 / John 12:24-32

Monday

Morning: Psalms 25 / Deuteronomy 6:10-15 / Hebrews 1:1-14 Evening: Psalms 9, 15 / John 1:1-18

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 26, 28 / Deuteronomy 6:16-25 / Hebrews 2:1-10 Evening: Psalms 36, 39 / John 1:19-28

Ash Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 95, 32, 143 / Jonah 3:1-4:11 / Hebrews 12:1-14 Evening: Psalms 102, 130 / Luke 18:9-14

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 37:1-18 / Deuteronomy 7:6-11 / Titus 1:1-16 Evening: Psalms 37:19-42 / John 1:29-34

Friday

Morning: Psalms 95, 31 / Deuteronomy 7:12-16 / Titus 2:1-15 Evening: Psalms 35 / John 1:35-42

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 30, 32 / Deuteronomy 7:17-26 / Titus 3:1-15 Evening: Psalms 42, 43 / John 1:43-51

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 63, 98 / Deuteronomy 8:1-10 / 1 Corinthians 1:17-31

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.
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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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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 recieve you as my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

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



We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

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

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Please add me to the church directory. Please add me to the church email list.		
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