



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.

You should always feel the freedom to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion. It is a time to process freely and safely the audacious claims of Jesus Christ, and the inevitable tension between the beauty and scandal of the historic Christian gospel.

We haven't heard the gospel for what it really is if we don't find it at once horribly offensive and staggeringly beautiful. It is both heart-breaking and heart-mending.

We are glad you are with us.  
So let us explore. Let us worship.



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# Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work on Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We desire to create a safe space and welcome people to ask questions and think differently
- We prize being a community where you can belong before you believe
- We assume, each Sunday, that there are people present who are not convinced
- We desire to talk to skeptics not about them
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us
- You are welcome here...

So, be curious. Ask. Explore.

*To learn more about our church please check the following pages in the back of this Order of Worship*

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### REFLECTION

“What may appear weak and insignificant to us may be great and glorious to God.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of majesty and light, you hold the whole in your hand. So we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory. We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples. By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us, that we may follow him with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service. Amen.

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### 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
<b>EPIPHANY</b>	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

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Please stand.

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.

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.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON MATTHEW 11, JOHN 11 & REVELATION 5**

Minister: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**People: Worthy is the one who wept over the death of this friend, Lazarus,**

Minister: and then with power called him from the grave.

**People: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,**

Minister: to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength

**People: and honor and glory and praise!**

## **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**

*To God Be The Glory  
Be Thou My Vision*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

*To God Be The Glory*

WORDS: FANNY JANE CROSBY & TOMMY WALKER, MUSIC: WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE & TOMMY WALKERL

To God be the glory great things He hath done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gates that all may go in

*Chorus*

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done*

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Great things He hath taught us  
Great things He hath done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

*Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done*

*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  
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

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON PSALM 139:23-24

Minister: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:  
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.  
We express our longing for God to lead us by our own transparent confession.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from those in need; we ignore the spiritual complacency in our own lives; and we do not seek peace with those at odds with us. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin; fill us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

*Agnus Dei*

MUSIC: DAVID HLEBO

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

Please stand.

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 - MATTHEW 5:3-4; 11:28-30

Minister: Listen to the words of Jesus:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."  
"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: 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. )

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.

## **READING GOD'S WORD**

*2 Corinthians 11:30-12:10*

*( Page 970 in the red Bible. )*

### *2 Corinthians 11:30–33*

<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

### *2 Corinthians 12:1-10*

<sup>1</sup> I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup> and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—<sup>6</sup> though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PREACHING GOD'S WORD

DR. KYLE STROBEL

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.

*The Nature of Christian Power*

Please stand.

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### SONG OF RESPONSE

*O Church, Arise*  
( MUSIC ON PAGE 8 )

*O Church, Arise*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND

O church, arise and put your armor on;  
Hear the call of Christ our captain;  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—  
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Please be seated

## BAPTISM OF CAMILLE C. SANCHEZ

### BAPTISMAL VOWS FOR THE PARENTS

1. Do you believe that Camille is made in the image of God, created to worship, serve, and enjoy him in all of life?
2. Do you acknowledge her need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you claim and trust in God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
4. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Camille to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
5. To the Congregation: Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting Jesse and Sarah in the Christian nurture of their child?

For centuries  
the church has  
used creeds  
and catechisms  
to articulate,  
and better  
understand, our  
shared faith.  
The Christ  
Hymn from  
Philippians 2 is  
believed to be  
one of the earliest  
hymns or creeds  
of the early  
church.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH - THE CHRIST HYMN OF PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Minister: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**People: who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.**

**And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is  
above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on the earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

### OFFERTORY - BASED ON PSALM 111:1

Leader: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Heavenly Father, may we give thanks to you with all our being and belongings. Help us to honor you with the blessings and goodness that we have received. Amen.

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Instrumental Ensemble*

# 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: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Because in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. 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 worshipping Christians who have gone before.

## ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

( Congregation sings together )

*May The Grace Of Christ Our Saviour*

WORDS: JOHN NEWTON, MUSIC: JOHN STAINER

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

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

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. 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. )

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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 Adam. 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

*Sing to Jesus*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY FERNANDO ORTEGA

Come and see  
Look on this mystery  
The Lord of the Universe  
Nailed to a tree

Christ our God  
Spilling His holy blood  
Bowing in anguish,  
His sacred head

Sing to Jesus  
Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts  
He is our great Redeemer  
Sing to Jesus  
Honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness  
Pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary  
And He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn  
Lay on his breast

Christ who died  
Risen in paradise  
Giver of mercy  
Giver of life

Sing to Jesus  
His is the throne  
Now and forever  
He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus  
We are His own  
Now and forever  
Sing for the love  
Our God has shown

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**O amazing God,  
You come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us,  
filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation.  
Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary  
everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.**

# Commission

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Please stand.

## SONG OF DEPARTURE

*All Must Be Well*

WORDS: MARY BOWLEY-PETERS (1847), ALT. MATTHEW SMITH; MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH (2007)

Through the love of God our Savior all will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation all is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

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

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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

## BLESSING - ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 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)

# 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. 18.



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



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.

# Announcements & Events

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## **Men's Retreat**

*Friday, March 1 - Sunday, March 3, Malibu*

Join us for our 2019 Men's Retreat! This year we will once again go to Serra Retreat Center, a beautiful sacred space nestled in the hills of Malibu. We are privileged to have Dr. Kyle Stobel, Associate Professor of Spiritual Theology at Biola University as our guest speaker for the weekend. Dr. Stobel will be speaking on the topic of the Christian Life by Grace Alone. To register online scan the QR code or for information contact Brian Scholl, [brians@redeemeroc.org](mailto:brians@redeemeroc.org)



## **Redeemer 101 Seminar**

*Saturday, 2/16, 9:00am - 12:00pm, Church Office in Newport Beach*

This seminar is the first step in becoming a member of Redeemer. Whether you have attended Redeemer for 1 week or 5 years, this class is designed to teach you the basics about Redeemer and give you a forum to ask questions. The seminar will give you an overview of Redeemer's identity, membership, doctrine, history, and ministry opportunities. To register online scan the QR code or for questions contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann, [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)



## **Prayer Before the Worship Service**

*Every Sunday, 9:15 - 9:45am, Prayer Room Across from the Women's Restroom*

All are invited to pray together weekly before the worship service. It is our desire to root our congregation's life in Christ by praying regularly for our congregation, community, global partners, and our pastoral search. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Cox at [nancycox@yahoo.com](mailto:nancycox@yahoo.com).

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## **DOWNLOAD OUR APP FOR ALL THE LATEST IN COMMUNITY LIFE**

Go to <http://get.theapp.co/s/75k/> or scan the QR code to find out the latest news & details for our Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies.



## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES**

We love Orange County and count it a joy to serve the communities where we live. Redeemer is organized into neighborhood groups called parishes. We have four parishes: Beach Cities, North County, Central County and South County. 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. Download our app to find out more about upcoming gatherings in your neighborhood or go to [www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/](http://www.redeemeroc.org/connect/neighborhood-parish/) Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH DINNERS**

Attend and invite your neighbors to a Parish Dinner near you. No special agenda, simply a time to gather around a table with friends and neighbors. Host your own regular dinner and we will promote it! Questions? Contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org)

## **North County Dinners**

*Fullerton*

Duncan Home

Every other Sunday

4:00 - 6:00pm

Contact: Stacey Duncan

[stacey.duncan@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey.duncan@hotmail.com)

# Community Life

*Neighborhood Parishes, Community Groups & Studies*

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## 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. **If you are interested in leading or hosting a group please contact Pastor Adam Feichtmann - adamf@redeemeroc.org**

### Irvine & Aliso Viejo

\* Group is at capacity

*Sundays*

5:00 - 6:45 pm

Brewer & Moore Homes

Leader: Chad Brewer

Contact: Christie Brewer

christiebrewer8301@gmail.com

### Costa Mesa

*Sundays*

4:00 - 6:00 pm Bible study

6:00 - 7:00 pm Pot Luck

Riley Home

Leader: Greg Riley

Contact: Kim Riley

kimmailbox@sbcglobal.net

### Costa Mesa

*Wednesdays*

7:00 - 8:30 pm

McCaslin Home

Leader/Contact: Jeremy McCaslin

jomccaslin@gmail.com

### High School

*Tuesdays*

7:00 - 8:30 pm

In & Out Burger

3211 Harbor Blvd

Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl

brians@redeemeroc.org

### Jr. High School

*Thursdays*

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Halecrest Park Back Clubhouse

Off of College Avenue

Costa Mesa

Leader/Contact: Brian Scholl

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## MID-WEEK STUDIES & GROUPS

During the week we offer studies on specific faith and culture topics to help us learn how to live the kingdom life together.

### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Coffee*

Redeemer Church Office

4540 Campus Drive, Suite 117

Newport Beach

1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:00-8:00 am

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

adamf@redeemeroc.org

### Men's AM Group

*Morning Prayer & Breakfast*

Fullerton

Fullerton Community Center

1st & 3rd Fridays

6:30-7:15 am

Leader/Contact:

Andrew Evans

andrewmadisonevans@gmail.com

### Men's Mere Christianity Book Study

Feichtmann Home

Costa Mesa

2nd Monday of the Month

8:00 - 9:30 pm

Leader/Contact:

Adam Feichtmann

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### Women's AM Study

*1 & 2 Peter and Jude Study*

Newport Beach

Weekly Fridays

9:30-11:00 am

(Limited Childcare available)

Contact: Ashley Moore

ashley.moore05@gmail.com

### Women's PM Study

*Living Life Backwards (Ecclesiastes)*

Fullerton

Every other Wednesday

Time: 7:30 - 9:00pm

(No Childcare available)

Contact: Stacey Duncan

stacey.duncan@hotmail.com

### Women's Prayer Group

Costa Mesa

Every other Tuesday

7:00 - 8:30 pm

(No Childcare available)

Contact: Stephanie Handley

srhandley@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)

## 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.

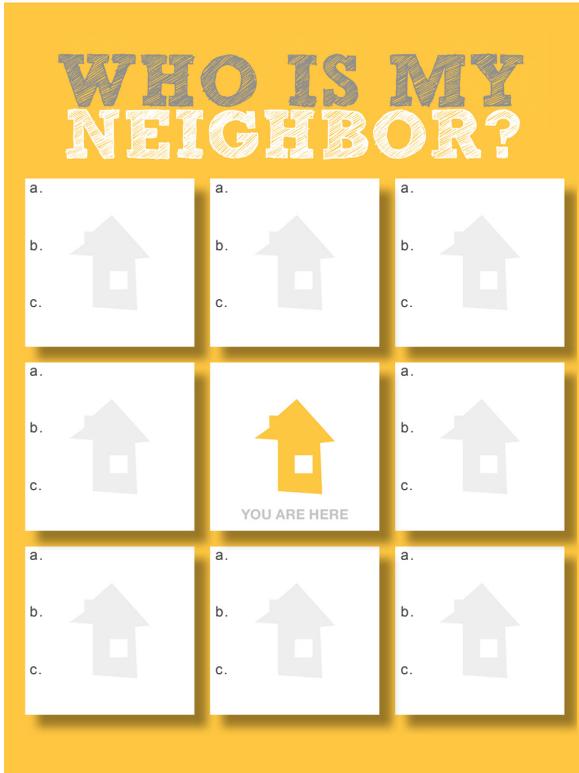
This is why the Corinthians were experiencing judgment for their abuse of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:29-30). But if Paul says there will be judgment for wrong participation in the Lord's Supper, then certainly we should expect blessing for right participation in the Lord's Supper.

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.

# Building a Beautiful Neighborhood

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

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

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

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

- Bob Frie, former mayor of Arvada, CO

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

- Dave Runyon

Stranger -> Acquaintance -> Relationship

Neighbor Map      Neighbor Dinner

# 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 4 of Epiphany**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalm 103 / John 5:2-18

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 41, 52 / Isaiah 48:1-11 / Galatians 1:1-17

Evening: Psalm 44 / Mark 5:21-43

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalm 45 / Isaiah 48:12-21 / Galatians 1:18-2:10

Evening: Psalms 47, 48 / Mark 6:1-13

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalm 119:49-72 / Isaiah 49:1-12 / Galatians 2:11-21

Evening: Psalms 49, 53 / Mark 6:13-29

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalm 50 / Isaiah 49:13-23 / Galatians 3:1-14

Evening: Psalms 59, 60, 118 / Mark 6:30-46

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 40, 54 / Isaiah 50 / Galatians 3:15-22

Evening: Psalm 51 / Mark 6:47-56

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalm 55 / Isaiah 51:1-8 / Galatians 3:23-29

Evening: Psalms 138-139:23 / Mark 7:1-23

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Isaiah 51:9-6 / Hebrews 11:8-16

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

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 Day  Evening

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

*Prayer of Belief*

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

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

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

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

*We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

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

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Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

*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)



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