

REDEEMER



ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }

# Welcome

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Especially if this is your first time with us, welcome. We are glad you are here. We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar. We have included a few notes in the margins that will help you participate and that offer some explanations. Redeemer is a safe place to ask questions and think differently, so feel free to ask the pastors and leaders anything that might be helpful for you, and please offer your feedback.

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, sometimes called a liturgy. This is because we are gathering for the unique activity of worship, not for a lecture, a conference, or a concert; not to listen to good music or hear wise teaching. We gather for an encounter with God, and so we follow the pattern God gave his people in the scripture thousands of years ago. God speaks and we respond.

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to worship him.

Cleansing - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.

Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the scripture.

Communion - God draws us forward, as children to the father's table, to eat a covenant meal with him.

Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

Participating in this alternating pattern of God's words and our responses each week not only provides help for today, but shapes our faith over time to highlight the tenacity and graciousness of God's covenantal love.

We are glad you are with us. Please introduce yourself to me after our worship.

Grace and Peace,

David Juelfs  
Senior Pastor

Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
{Following Christ In The Renewal Of All Things}



*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*    JUNE 19, 2016

**REFLECTION**

Let us strive to know something of this love of Christ. It is a love that truly passeth knowledge. It is unspeakable and unsearchable. It is that on which we must wholly rest our souls, if we would have peace in time and glory in eternity.

If we take comfort in our own love to Christ, we are building on a sandy foundation. But if we lean on Christ's love to us, we are on a rock.

- J.C. Ryle

**OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - ACTS 1:8**

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your word, a heart to love you, a life to proclaim you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CALENDAR**

- ADVENT    The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek meaning simply 'fiftieth'. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of
- CHRISTMAS    Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the
- EPIPHANY    empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light
- LENT    of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending "another counselor" (John
- EASTER    14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security
- PENTECOST**    in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

# Calling

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Please stand.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP - BASED ON PSALM 91:2; ROMANS 10:9,13**

Minister: Let us worship God.

**People: He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

Minister: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**People: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Minister: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

## **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**

*We Have Come  
Satisfied*

( MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4 )

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 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.

## WE HAVE COME

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS (1707), ALT. ZAC HICKS (2008), MUSIC: ZAC HICKS (2008)

### *Chorus*

*We have come to give You praise  
Almighty God, lift up our gaze  
Lord, we long to see Your face  
Won't You come and fill this place?  
Won't You come and fill this place?*

Come, we that love the Lord  
And let our joys be known  
Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne  
We now surround the throne

Our God, He rules on high  
And thunders when He please  
He rides upon the stormy sky  
And manages the seas  
He manages the seas

This awesome God is ours  
Our Father and our love  
He will send down His heavenly powers  
To carry us above  
He carries us above

So let our songs abound  
And every tear be dry  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high  
We long to be on high

### *Chorus*

We're marching up to the gates of Zion  
The city of God, where the Most High dwells  
Where streams make glad our fainting spirits  
We now surround the throne  
And worship You alone

Hallelujah to the Father  
Hallelujah to the Son  
Hallelujah to the Spirit  
'Round the throne we have come

## **SATISFIED**

WORDS: CLARA T. WILLIAMS (1875), MUSIC: KARL DIGERNESS (1997)

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring,  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within.

### *Chorus*

*Hallelujah! He has found me  
The One my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me,  
Till my strength was almost gone,  
Longed my soul for something better,  
Only still to hunger on.

### *Chorus*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy,  
But the dust I gathered round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

### *Chorus*

Well of water, ever springing,  
Bread of life so rich and free,  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me.

### *Chorus*

# Cleansing

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Please be seated.

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

## CALL TO REPENTANCE - BASED ON PSALM 116:1-2

The psalmist declares: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

We gather as a community in need of a Savior. We offer our honest confession, in faith and trust in our covenant God, knowing that God hears our voice.

## PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**Father in heaven, who could stand in your presence if you counted our sin and complacency? We admit that we would be hopeless had you not sent your Son into the world. We need you to come and rescue us, for we cannot rescue ourselves. We come confessing our need for you. We confess that we have sought to be our own rescuers, our own saviors. We have tried desperately to make our lives work without your grace. This has left us anxious, hardened and fearful. We now run into your arms, asking you to make us whole. Receive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake. It is in his name we pray. Amen**

*SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)*

## SONG OF COMFORT

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

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

Please stand.

We greet one another with joy after the assurance of pardon because God's pardon of us sets us free to love and forgive one another.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PEACE - 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

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Please be seated.

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL AND PRAYER

( At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to Sermon time class or remain in the service. Children will return to the worship service at the end of the sermon. )

## READING GOD'S WORD

### Luke 7:36-50

( Page 864 in the red Bible. )

The Word of  
God is the chief  
and final means  
through which  
God speaks  
to us;  
the principal  
and most direct  
way we hear  
from God in  
worship.

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Forgiven Love*

The Spirit makes  
the reading and  
preaching of  
God's Word a  
powerful means  
of nourishing  
and comforting  
God's people,  
and awakening  
people to new  
faith.

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Please stand

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*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 Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg in 1563 by Zacharius Ursinus to teach Reformed Christianity in Germany. For close to four centuries it has remained one of the most widely used and loved catechisms of the Reformation. It has been praised for its warmth and personal nature.

Please be seated for the offertory.

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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH – HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (Q. 53)

Minister: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**People: First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God. Second, he is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all his benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.**

## OFFERTORY - MATTHEW 6:19-20

Minister: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

## OFFERTORY SONG

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

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love

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

# 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: Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, in the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. At the baptism of Jesus your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. Your Spirit anointed him to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the day of Pentecost. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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Please stand for the Sursum Corda.

Sursum Corda is Latin for “lift up your hearts.” One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly minded and summons us into the Lord’s presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2000 years of worshiping Christians who have gone before.

## ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

( Congregation sings together )

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

WORDS: HENRY J. 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

## PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of them may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died!**  
**Christ is risen!**  
**Christ will come again!**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

( Directions for taking communion are on page 12. )

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Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### *Directions for taking communion:*

Redeemer Presbyterian Church welcomes all sincere Christians—those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, understand the meaning of the Lord’s Supper, and are in good standing with congregations that proclaim the gospel— to receive Holy Communion with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker\* is available in place of the bread. Also, the bread and the wine may be eaten and drunk as they are received. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

### *When and how to come forward for communion:*

Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime.

### *A Word to Parents:*

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord’s Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor David. Children may take the wine at their parents’ discretion.

\* Gluten-free crackers contain organic brown and white rice flour only.

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

(Because Redeemer is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.)

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

## COMMUNION SONG

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

WORDS: SAMUEL TREVOR FRANCIS, MUSIC: WELSH MELODY (ADAPT. THOMAS JOHN WILLIAMS)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!  
How He watches o'er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

Please stand.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**In fulfillment of Christ's promise,  
You poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples  
and filled the church with power.  
We thank you for sending your Spirit to us today  
to kindle faith and lead us into all truth,  
working in the church to make us faithful disciples  
and empowering us to proclaim the living Christ to every nation.**

# 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)

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

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

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 out  
our hands palms  
up to symbolize  
our need and  
eagerness to  
receive God's  
blessing.

## BLESSING - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

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

## THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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## FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Immediately following worship, all are invited to the chapel hall for refreshments and conversation.

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at [www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons](http://www.redeemeroc.org/resources/sermons)

# Announcements & Events

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## **Bible Drive**

*Sundays, June 19 - August 28*

Our children are invited to participate in raising funds to provide bibles for the OC jails. We will be partnering with Gary and Lisa Cram, founders of the Prelude Foundation, to distribute the bibles to inmates throughout Orange County. Children are encouraged to bring their change for the collection jar by our prison ministry mailbox at the Redeemer book table. Join us in sharing God's word with those who need His message of redemption.

## **Summer Brunch**

*Sunday, July 10, Middle Hour*

All are invited to join us for a summer brunch between services on July 10th. We'll enjoy delicious food and some fun outdoor activities for all ages. More details to come!

## **Community Groups**

Community Groups are on break for the summer and will resume in September. 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. Look for details later this summer on our different community group meeting times and locations.

## **Parish Ministry**

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**

Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach  
Contact: Adam Feichtmann  
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### **Central County**

Irvine, Tustin, Orange, Santa Ana  
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### **North County**

Fullerton, Anaheim, LaMirada, LA County  
Contact: Drew Duncan  
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714.614.7953

### **South County**

Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch  
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# 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**

Ethiopia ACT is currently at the end of a 3-year cycle in which they undergo government evaluation to be approved for continued funding. It is a detailed process, but also an exciting time of giving thanks for all that has been accomplished. Many beneficiaries have graduated from the program, showing significant improvement in their health and wellbeing, and the ability to care for themselves and their families without assistance.

In each of the three communities where Ethiopia ACT is active, weekly Bible studies are being conducted and reach community members of various religious backgrounds with a gospel message. In the Suki community, the church plant is flourishing with Sunday attendance up to 80-100 adults and children, and there are many new believers. In the past months they finished a study of the Lord's Supper and began a weekly celebration of the sacrament, as well as holding their first Easter service.

Another meaningful development has been the installation of two 20,000-liter water tanks in Suki, which was made possible by Ethiopia ACT in collaboration with community members and the water authority, helping see to completion the building of a road that was necessary for the tanks to be brought in. Five hundred households now have dependable access to water in the center of their own neighborhood.

## **Prayer Requests**

- For sustained strength and energy for the Polk family and the Ethiopia ACT staff
- For the church plant in Suki to thrive and be a beacon of hope in the community
- For prosperous relationships with the 20+ churches in Addis Ababa that Ethiopia ACT partners with for medical clinics
- For strong support and wise counsel as Ethiopia ACT broadens its Family-to-Family partnerships and seeks to build a sound Income-Generating Activity program.

## **April 2017 Ethiopia Trip**

If interested in joining our 2017 Ethiopia team, contact Adam Feichtmann, [adamf@redeemeroc.org](mailto:adamf@redeemeroc.org).

**Website:** [www.ethiopiaact.org](http://www.ethiopiaact.org)

# Global Partnership

*Japan*

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## **REDEEMER CITY TO CITY - JAPAN**

Redeemer City to City is movement which helps local leaders start churches in global cities by providing content resources, renewable grants, local networks and comprehensive training. Within the Redeemer City to City network, we are specifically supporting the church-planting efforts of Seima Aoyagi, an ordained PCA minister, together with his wife Naoko and their four children, Pastor of Grace Harbor Church in Tokyo, Japan.

Grace Harbor Church is a bilingual church plant with the vision to see the Tokyo Waterfront become an area overflowing with the grace and blessings of Jesus Christ. An area where people can get a rest from the stormy world, recover, and then be sent out again on their next voyage, as salt and light, to make the Tokyo Waterfront more beautiful than ever with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Update**

Tokyo is the world's largest city with only 0.2% Christians. God's kingdom is in Japan and is expanding, even though it is slow. Be encouraged by the following two testimonies shared recently by Seima.

Donna answered to the alter call at a gospel music concert 12 years ago. But she was not connected to a church made her faith faded away. After experiencing the great earthquake in 2011, she became afraid how she could protect her kids if there was another earthquake. In searching for peace, she noticed that she should come back to her faith again. Just about the time we started weekly worship service, Donna started to attend our church, and her faith grew from an inch deep to a mile. It was my joy to go through bible study and baptism class with her and saw her growth. The testimony she gave on a recent Sunday encouraged many other non-Christian moms who also are filled with unspoken worry about raising kids.

Miwa first experienced Christian community when she was studying in US at a Christian university. She became interested in and even was wanting to become Christian, but the lighting bolt experience she was looking for never happened to her when she was in States. As she started to attend our church, she came to understand that how God calls could be different from person to person, and God has been faithfully leading her to the faith even it was gradual process. In her testimony, she was encouraging other non-Christians there to notice a possible slight work of the Holy Spirit calling them to Christian faith.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For Seima's son Towa's continuous recovery through daily activity and rehab visit.
- That Seima's family be dependent on the Lord more and more.
- For Grace Harbor Church as they are in the process of reformatting our small groups.
- For more church planting happening in Tokyo, the world largest city yet with only 0.2% Christians!

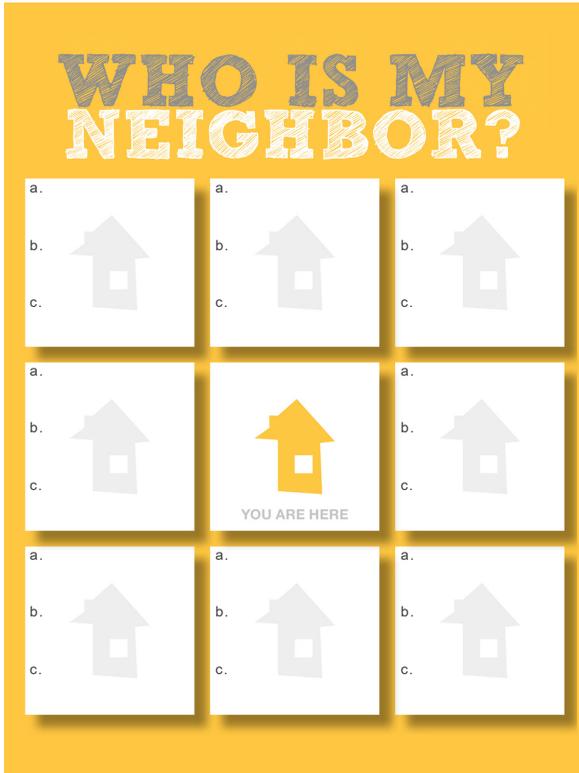
### **Websites:**

[www.redeemercitytocity.com](http://www.redeemercitytocity.com)

[www.graceharborchurch.jp](http://www.graceharborchurch.jp)

# 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

# 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. 15.



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.15.



CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS – At 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, take engaging classes on subjects that matter. *Classes are on break but see our announcements for other special events during middle hour this summer.*



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.

# Daily Scripture Readings

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Please use your Order of Worship as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

## **Proper 7**

### **Sunday**

Evening: Psalms 19, 46 / Luke 12:49-56

### **Monday**

Morning: Psalms 89:1-18 / Numbers 16:1-19 / Romans 3:21-31

Evening: Psalms 89:19-52 / Matthew 19:13-22

### **Tuesday**

Morning: Psalms 97, 99, 100 / Numbers 16:20-35 / Romans 4:1-12

Evening: Psalms 94, 95 / Matthew 19:23-30

### **Wednesday**

Morning: Psalms 101, 109 / Numbers 16:36-50 / Romans 4:13-25

Evening: Psalms 119:121-144 / Matthew 20:1-16

### **Thursday**

Morning: Psalms 105:1-22 / Numbers 17:1-11 / Romans 5:1-11

Evening: Psalms 105:23-45 / Matthew 20:17-28

### **Friday**

Morning: Psalms 102 / Numbers 20:1-13 / Romans 5:12-21

Evening: Psalms 107:1-32 / Matthew 20:29-34

### **Saturday**

Morning: Psalms 107, 108 / Numbers 20:14-29 / Romans 6:1-11

Evening: Psalms 33 / Matthew 21:1-11

### **Sunday**

Morning: Psalms 118 / Numbers 21:4-9,21-35 / Acts 17:12-34

*You can follow the daily readings online at [redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/](http://redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/)*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### *Prayer of Belief*

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

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

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

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

*We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

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

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

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Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

*Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

*Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

Use your smart phone to scan the QR code or use the url below if you prefer to complete this form online: [redeemeroc.org/response-card](http://redeemeroc.org/response-card)



The cover painting  
*The Burning Bush* is  
by Danish artist  
Maja Lisa Engelhardt