

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}



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost AUGUST 14, 2016

REFLECTION

The shortest way to peace will be found in casting ourselves upon God for daily pardon of deficiencies and supplies of grace, without looking too eagerly for present fruit. Hence our course of effort is unvarying, but more tranquil. It is peace—not slumber, rest in the work—not from it.

- Charles Bridges

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE - LUKE 6:47-48

Jesus said, “Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.”

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

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM ISAIAH 55

Bold text is read together by the congregation.
Plain text is read by the leader.
Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

Minister: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

Minister: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

People: Let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

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

*Come and Welcome
Psalm 126*

(MUSIC ON PAGES 3-4)

COME AND WELCOME

WORDS: THOMAS HAWEIS, MUSIC: MATTHEW PERRYMAN JONES

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love's redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home
Come and welcome, sinner, come

PSALM 126

MUSIC: ISAAC WARDELL (2011)

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Chorus

*Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy*

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Chorus

Cleansing

Please be seated.

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

CALL TO REPENTANCE - LUKE 6:41-42

Jesus said, "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye." Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Almighty and merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (45 SECONDS)

SONG OF COMFORT

How Deep The Father's Love For Us
WORDS AND MUSIC: STUART TOWNEND

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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 - 1 PETER 2:24

Minister: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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 those promoting to 5th grade in the fall 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 6:20-36

(Page 862 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.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING GOD'S WORD

REV. DAVID JUELFIS

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.

How to Walk on Hot Coals

Please stand

SONG OF RESPONSE

I Asked The Lord
(MUSIC ON PAGE 8)

I ASKED THE LORD

WORDS: JOHN NEWTON (1779), ALT. LAURA TAYLOR, MUSIC: LAURA TAYLOR (2004)

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry powers of Hell
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me
That thou mayest seek thy all in Me"

Please remain standing.

In 1646 the Westminster Assembly created the Westminster Confession of Faith which has largely defined Presbyterianism down to this day. When the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was formed in 1788, it adopted the Westminster Confession as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.

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 - WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH (16.2)

Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance of salvation, edify their brothers in the Lord, and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel. Good works in believers silence the criticism of the enemies of the gospel. They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ, because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal life.

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

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, King of the universe. We thank you for the election of Israel, for the covenant made with Abraham to bless all the peoples of the earth. We praise you for the law, the prophets, and the promise of a coming king and an eternal kingdom. Therefore, we join our voices with all the company of heaven—patriarchs, apostles, and martyrs; the angels and the archangels—and we join their unending hymn of praise.

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)

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!

PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Minister: By the power of your Holy Spirit let us taste and see your graciousness. Let us feed on you by faith and thereby grow up into the people that you intended us to be and that we long to become. Make us ever mindful of your great kindness and love towards us, and may you make us loving and kind towards our neighbors.

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

And Can It Be?

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY, MUSIC: THOMAS CAMPBELL

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Chorus

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Chorus

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**You have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commission

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

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

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

BLESSING - 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and by his grace
gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,
encourage your hearts and strengthen you
in every good deed and word.

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

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.

Youth Pizza & Psalms

Thursdays, June 30 - August 18, 6:00-7:30 pm

Jr High and High School students are invited to join us this summer for a bible study in the Psalms as we enjoy pizza and hang out together. We'll meet at Blaze Pizza in Irvine. The cost is FREE, so just bring your bibles and your appetite!

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. **Fall Community Groups begin meeting the week of September 11th.** Look for details coming soon 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

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North County

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South County

Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Ladera Ranch
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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

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.

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 66 local people attending plus staff and missionaries for a weekly attendance of approximately 100. While this growth is good news, it also means that finding the space to accommodate their worship is becoming an issue which they hope to resolve in 2016.

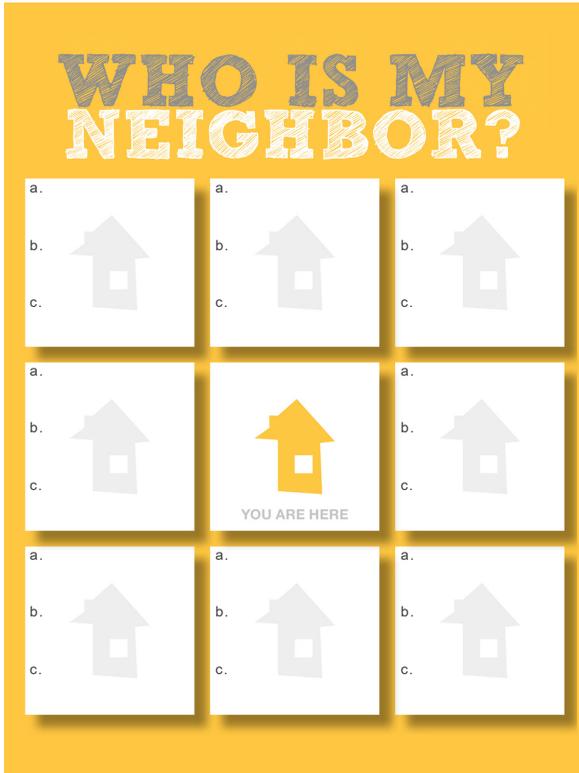
Grace Harbor had 2 baptisms last year and is looking forward to a few more this year. Among them is Mr. Suzuki. He is about 60 years old, the owner of a local pub, who loves sports and manages a local baseball team. He spent his life without having any interaction with Christianity until he met a sports missionary from the U.S. Through this friendship his interest in becoming a Christian grew. One day Mr. Suzuki showed up at Grace Harbor and said that he wanted to get baptized. He has now been participating in a baptism class for the last six months learning Christian doctrine in answer to his many questions.

The Aoyagi family has has seen God move them from one season to the next. Their oldest Senri graduated and will be going to Covenant College, Towa's recovery is still progressing but now more slowly, Satoki joined the school basketball team, and Akari promoted to elementary school. Seima's wife, Naoko is getting involved in Parakaleo Japan, an organization that serves wives of church-planters. Seima was elected as the chair for the PTA in the kids' local elementary school which is considered a public figure in Japan and will help gain his credibility and expand his connections with others in the community.

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 God's guidance and provision for worship space that will accommodate their recent growth.
- 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!

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 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 for the summer and will resume 9/25.*



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

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 15

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 145 / Mark 5:25-34

Monday

Morning: Psalms 106:1-18 / Judges 17:1-13 / Acts 7:44-8:1

Evening: Psalms 106:19-48 / John 5:19-29

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123 / Judges 18:1-15 / Acts 8:1-13

Evening: Psalms 124, 125, 126, 127 / John 5:30-47

Wednesday

Morning: Psalms 119:145-176 / Judges 18:16-31 / Acts 8:14-25

Evening: Psalms 128, 129, 130 / John 6:1-15

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 131, 132, 133 / Job 1:1-22 / Acts 8:26-40

Evening: Psalms 134, 135 / John 6:16-27

Friday

Morning: Psalms 140, 142 / Job 2:1-13 / Acts 9:1-9

Evening: Psalms 141, 143 / John 6:27-40

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 137, 144 / Job 3:1-36 / Acts 9:10-19

Evening: Psalms 104 / John 6:41-51

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 146, 147 / Job 4:1-6,12-21 / Revelation 4:1-11

You can follow the daily readings online at redeemeroc.org/resources/daily-scripture-reading-prayer/

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PRAYER REQUESTS & COMMENTS

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

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____
 Day Evening

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

Prayer of Belief

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

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

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

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

We Are Glad You Are Here Today!

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

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Cell: _____

Spouse Email: _____

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

Please Let Us Know If You Are:

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

Please Contact Me About:

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Redeemer

Welcome to Redeemer Lunch

Getting Involved

Meeting with a Pastor

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



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