

Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to see our city renewed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Love God
Love People
Love Tyler

The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Redeemer!

We are thankful you are with us today and pray you will find this church a place of vibrant worship, authentic community, and love for God and neighbor.

Our gatherings focus on the Triune God— Father, Son, and Spirit— and his redeeming work in our world. We will pray to him, sing his praises, hear his word taught, and participate in Holy Communion.

Our worship is a blend of ancient and modern, seeking to benefit from the Lord's work in his Church throughout time. We invite you to join right in, even if this is new to you, and walk these well-worn paths with us!

We love when whole families are able to participate, but we do have trained and screened volunteers available in Redeemer Kids for those who need it (ages 5 and under).

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	Learning more about Redeemer
	Receiving email updates from the church
	Exploring Christianity and questions about faith
	Getting involved with a community group
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Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: needs of our city.

Monday

That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.

• <u>Tuesday</u>

That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.

Wednesday

That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.

Thursday

That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. (See Deuteronomy 10.17-19.)

Friday

That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.

Saturday

That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city's churches.

Announcements

Leadership Elections:

Please make plans to join us Sunday, May 7th after the service to vote on elder, deacon and deacon assistant nominations.

Men's Campout:

April 27-29, contact Chris Gilmore for more information.

Small Group Meetings:

Small groups are an important part of our ministry at Redeemer. They offer opportunities to deepen relationships and to love, serve, and pray for one another and our city. If you are interested in joining a group, please email Ben Wheeler: ben@redeemertyler.com.

Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying 1 Corinthians. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying Acts on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: Blessed be the LORD!

People: For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my shield; **People:** *In him my heart trusts, and I am helped;*

Leader: My heart exults

People: And with my song I give thanks to him.

-Psalm 28.6-7

Opening Hymn | Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by John Newton (1742), Music by Kevin Twit (1996)

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

> Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of His Son; The Spirit answers to the blood, The Spirit answers to the blood And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

All Singing: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Name of the Lord be praised!

Hymn of Worship | The Lamb Has Overcome

Words and music by Luke Morton, 2011

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome, The battle's done and the victory is won, For the Lamb has overcome!

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down, Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound, No grave could hold him down.

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he, Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede, At God's right hand is he.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Glory be unto his name! (2x)

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One More Hymn and the Offering | Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Words by Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus (560), translated by Johan Olaf Wallin

Praise the Saviour now and ever; Praise him all beneath the skies; Prostrate lying, suffering, dying, on the cross, a sacrifice. Victory gaining, life obtaining, now in glory he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth; he is all our righteousness; He, our Saviour, has for ever, set us free from dire distress. Through his merit we inherit, light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bonds severed; we're delivered; Christ has bruised the serpent's head; Death no longer is the stronger; hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise for ever, unto God the Father sing; Praise the Saviour, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit, He doth us salvation bring.

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

People: Amen!

-Psalm 29.10-11

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. **Leader:** Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Feast

We serve both red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free bread is available on the serving tray.

Communion Hymn | How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Words and music by John Newton (1774)

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place, My never failing treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought; But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim, with ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of thy Name, refresh my soul in death.

Concluding Prayer

The table now is spread, the table now is spread,

This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, The table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near,

He shall appear and will wipe away each tear, The day is drawing near.

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome, The battle's done and the victory is won, For the Lamb has overcome!

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught us to come to you. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

People: Thanks be to God!

—Romans 8.1-2

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

New Testament Reading | 1 Peter 1.3-9

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, [9] obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn of Worship | In Christ Alone

Words and music by Keith and Krystin Getty, 2001

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fulness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied—For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us. **People:** *Christ, have mercy upon us.* **Leader:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God! **People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

Leader: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name,

evermore praising you and saying:

People: Holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna

in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People, Concluded with the Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

This is a great time for parents to go pick up their children for communion.

Psalm | Psalm 16

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Leader: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

People: *In whom is all my delight.*

Leader: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

People: Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

People: You hold my lot.

Leader: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

People: Indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; **People:** *In the night also my heart instructs me.* **Leader:** I have set the LORD always before me;

People: Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

People: My flesh also dwells secure.

Leader: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

People: Or let your holy one see corruption.

Leader: You make known to me the path of life;

People: In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

—Parents may take children to Redeemer Kids at this time (nursery: up to 4; worship training: 5 to 2nd grade).

^{*}The term "catholic" here means "universal," not the Roman Catholic church. It refers to all believers, everywhere and at all times— the whole company of God's redeemed people through the ages.

Ministry of the Word |

Rev. Justin Pillsbury

Sermon Text | John 21

[1] After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. [2] Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. [3] Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

[4] Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." [6] He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. [8] The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

[9] When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. [10] Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11] So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. [12] Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. [14] This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

[15] When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." [16] He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." [17] He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. [18] Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." [19] (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

[20] Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" [21] When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" [22] Jesus said to

him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" [23] So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

[24] This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

[25] Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Sermon Notes