



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).

If you wish to connect with us, please fill out the section below and place it in the offering basket.

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Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address_____

- Please contact me regarding:
- ☐ Learning more about Redeemer
 - ☐ Receiving email updates from the church
 - ☐ Exploring Christianity and questions about faith
 - ☐ Getting involved with a community group

I would like prayer about: _____

Other questions or comments: _____

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, Robert, John, & JB):

- Monday
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- Tuesday
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- Wednesday
Faith, finances, friendships
- Thursday
For their spouses (Rachel, Debbie, Brenda, & Allison), vision, and unity
- Friday
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday
Perspective, faith, contentment

Announcements

Redeemer Kids Refresher Training:

One of the most important things we do as a church is love our children well! And a key, though often overlooked, way we do that is through Redeemer Kids. Taking excellent care of little ones during the service is no small act. We hope all volunteers will be able to join us on April 24th at 9:00 am for a refresher training.

Sabbatical Fund:

If you wish to give money to support the Wheelers’ stipend for the summer, you may do so at any time by simply designating your giving “Sabbatical Fund”. Robert Hale can answer any questions you may have about how to do so.

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 the Gospel of Luke. 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: This is the good news— the grave is empty;
Christ is risen.

People: *Hallelujah!*

Leader: This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

People: *Hallelujah!*

Leader: This is the good news— once we were no people;
now we are God’s people.

People: *Hallelujah!*

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

People: *Hallelujah!*

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: *Sing praises to God, sing praises!*

Leader: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

People: *For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!*

—Psalm 47.5-7

Opening Hymn | Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words by Charles Wesley, 1739

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!*

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!*

*Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People: Amen.

All Singing: 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. Amen.

Leader: Praise the Lord!
People: The Name of the Lord be praised!

Hymn of Worship | Worship Christ the Risen King

Words by Jack W. Hayford 1986, music by Henry T. Smart, 1867

Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him, empty now its mouth declares.
Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow’r,
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord the Risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer,
But the truth proclaims a wonder, thoughtful hearts receive with cheer:
He is risen, He is risen, now receive the Risen King!

We acclaim Your life O Jesus, now we sing Your victory.
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ the Risen King!

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one;
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom.

Concluding Prayer

One More Hymn and the Offering | 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)

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!

Benediction & Dismissal

Leader: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified. The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.
People: Amen!

The Feast

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

Communion Hymn | Forgiven

Words and music by Josh White (2013)

In you
We are forgiven
Sins are forgotten
Paid in full (repeat)

Bread of the world
In mercy broken
Wine of the soul
In mercy shared

By whom, the Word of life is given
And in whose death, our sins, are dead

Chorus

Look on the heart
By sorrow broken
Look on the tears
By sinners shed

And be, to us, the Word of life spoken
That by your grace, our souls, are fed

Communion Hymn | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, 2015

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more!

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood; Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn; My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray
Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: “For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—Isaiah 65.17,24-25

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 | Luke 24.1-12

[1] But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. [2] And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, [3] but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. [5] And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? [6] He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, [7] that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” [8] And they remembered his words, [9] and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. [10] Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, [11] but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. [12] But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Hymn of Worship | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

By Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker, 2013

*Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.*

*Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e’er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.*

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, 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

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.

Confession of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

—The Apostle’s 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 118.1-2, 14-24

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
People: *For his steadfast love endures forever!*
Leader: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”
People: *The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*
Leader: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
People: *“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,*
Leader: The right hand of the LORD exalts,
People: *The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”*

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
People: *The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.*

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
People: *This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.*
Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
People: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*
Leader: This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
People: *This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

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

Sermon Text | Isaiah 60

[1] Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
[2] For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
[3] And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

[4] Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
[5] Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come
to you.
[6] A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from
Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises
of the LORD.
[7] All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.

[8] Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?
[9] For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made
you beautiful.

[10] Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you.
[11] Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut,
that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.
[12] For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly
laid waste.
[13] The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
[14] The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you,
and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

[15] Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through,
I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.
[16] You shall suck the milk of nations; you shall nurse at the breast of kings;
and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

[17] Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron.
I will make your overseers peace and your taskmasters righteousness.
[18] Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders;
you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

[19] The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;
but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
[20] Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.
[21] Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever,
the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified.
[22] The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.

Sermon Notes