



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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*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
**May 21, 2023**

*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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other questions or comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, 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, vision, and unity
- Friday  
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday  
Perspective, faith, contentment

# Announcements

## May Women’s Gathering:

The May women's gathering will be Friday, May 26th at the Gilmore's (3537 Wynnwood Tyler, TX 75701) at 5:30 pm. Please join us and bring a potluck item to share!

## 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 1 & 2 Thessalonians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Awake, O harp and lyre!

**People:** *I will awake the dawn!*

**Leader:** I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

**People:** *I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

**Leader:** For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

**People:** *Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

—Psalm 108.2-4

## Opening Hymn | Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

*Words by James Montgomery (1821, alt. S. McCracken), music by Sandra McCracken (2012)*

*Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son!*

*Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!*

*His reign on earth begun!*

*He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;*

*To take away transgression and rule in equity. (Chorus)*

*He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;*

*To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.*

*To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,*

*Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight. (Chorus)*

*He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;*

*Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.*

*Kings shall fall down before Him, and gold and incense bring;*

*All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing. (Chorus)*

*The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.*

*His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love. (Chorus)*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**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 | Rejoice the Lord is King

Words by Charles Wesley (1744), music by John Darwall (1770)

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell, are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up to their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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.

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!

**People:** Amen!

**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 | Did Christ Over Sinners Weep?**

*Words by Henry Lyte, Music by Blake Mundell (2012)*

*Did Christ over sinners weep,  
And shall our cheeks be dry?  
Let floods of penitential grief  
Burst forth from every eye.  
Burst forth from every eye.*

*Behold, the Son of God in tears,  
The angels wondering see.  
Hast thou no wonder, O my soul?  
He shed those tears for thee!*

*He wept that we might weep,  
Might weep over sin and shame.  
He wept to show His love for us,  
And bid us love the same.  
And bid us love the same.*

*Then tender be our hearts,  
Our eyes in sorrow dim.  
Til every tear from every eye,  
Be wiped away by Him.  
Be wiped away by Him.*

**Concluding Prayer**

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**People:** *Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism. How easily we’ve allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. In your mercy, hear us, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

—Micah 7:18-19

**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 4.12-14, 5.6-11**

[12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

[6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, [7] casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. [8] Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. [9] Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. [10] And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. [11] To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn of Worship | Our Great God**

*Words and music by Fernando Ortega (2002)*

*Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown,  
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown,  
Bright Seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne,  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
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*Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm,  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.*

*Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe,  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word!*

**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**

**Ordination and Installation | Jeremy Lewis, Kent Travis, & Robert Hale**

Call to Order

Prayer

Warrant and Duties of the Offices

Vows of Ordination:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder and deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Question for the Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon and these brothers as elder, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Pronouncement

Exhortation

**Gospel Reading | John 17:1-11**

[1] When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5] And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

[6] “I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7] Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. [8] For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9] I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. [11] And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

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

—This is a great time for parents to go pick up their children from Redeemer Kids for communion.

Rev. JB Wilbanks

Sermon Text | Psalm 92

**Leader:** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**People:** *To sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

**Leader:** To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**People:** *And your faithfulness by night,*

**Leader:** To the music of the lute and the harp,

**People:** *To the melody of the lyre.*

**Leader:** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

**People:** *At the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

**Leader:** How great are your works, O LORD!

**People:** *Your thoughts are very deep!*

**Leader:** The stupid man cannot know;

**People:** *The fool cannot understand this:*

**Leader:** That though the wicked sprout like grass

**People:** *And all evildoers flourish,*

**Leader:** They are doomed to destruction forever;

**People:** *But you, O LORD, are on high forever.*

**Leader:** For behold, your enemies, O LORD,

**People:** *For behold, your enemies shall perish;*

**Leader:** All evildoers shall be scattered.

**People:** *But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;*

**Leader:** You have poured over me fresh oil.

**People:** *My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;*

**Leader:** My ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

**People:** *The righteous flourish like the palm tree*

**Leader:** And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**People:** *They are planted in the house of the LORD;*

**Leader:** They flourish in the courts of our God.

**People:** *They still bear fruit in old age;*

**Leader:** They are ever full of sap and green,

**People:** *To declare that the LORD is upright;*

**Leader:** He is my rock

**People:** *And there is no unrighteousness in him.*