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

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email

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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
- Tuesdav • 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

#### 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: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
People: The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;
People: This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

—Exodus 15.1-2

## Opening Hymn | Come Thou Almighty King

Words by anonymous, circa 1757; Music by Felice de Giardini, 1769

Come, thou Almighty King, Help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, Gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, Eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, And to eternity love and adore.

#### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, forever and 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 Holy, Holy, Holy Words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

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!

# **One More Hymn and the Offering** | **Let All Things Now Living** Words by Katherine Davis (1939), traditional Welsh melody

Let all things now living, A sona of thanksaivina. To God the Creator triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, Who guides us and leads to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us. His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished. As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces: The stars in their courses And sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains. The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing *Our love and rejoicing;* With glad adoration a song let us raise, Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving: To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

## **Benediction & Dismissal**

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! 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 | Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton (1774), music by Laura Taylor (2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name: He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame! He has washed us with His blood (3x), He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes. He has washed us with His blood (3x), He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down, For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown. He, Who washed us with His blood (3X), soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store! When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more. He who washed us with His blood (3X), has secured our way to God!

Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky! Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3X), Thou art worthy Lamb of God!

**Concluding Prayer** 

#### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

—Psalm 32.3-5

#### 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.

# [1] Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? [2] On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; [3] beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: [4] "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

[22] "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. [23] Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. [24] When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. [25] Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, [26] before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. [27] When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, [28] when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, [29] when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, [30] then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, [31] rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

#### Hymn of Worship | Trinity Song

Words and music by Sandra McCracken (2016)

Holy Father, Son and Spirit Holy Communion, Three-in-one. (repeat)

Come with your peace, With your invitation Bind us together in Holy love. (repeat)

# 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

# **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 at 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 8

**Leader:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**People:** Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**Leader:** When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

People: What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

**Leader:** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**People:** You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

**Leader:** All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Sermon Notes

Rev. J.B. Wilbanks

#### Sermon Text | John 3.16-36

[16] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [17] For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18] Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19] And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. [20] For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. [21] But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

[22] After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. [23] John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized [24] (for John had not yet been put in prison).

[25] Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. [26] And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." [27] John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. [28] You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' [29] The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. [30] He must increase, but I must decrease."

[31] He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. [32] He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. [33] Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. [34] For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. [35] The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. [36] Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.