

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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### **Prayer Suggestions:**

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

- Monday
  Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- Tuesday
  Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- WednesdayFaith, finances, friendships
- <u>Thursday</u>
   For their spouses, vision, and unity
- <u>Friday</u>
   Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday
  Perspective, faith, contentment

### **Announcements**

#### June Women's Event:

Join us June 30 from 6-9 pm at Board and Brush (75 Miranda Lambert Way, Suite 11, Lindale, TX) for a night of fellowship and creating! Contact Jacki Travis (903-520-5517) for more information and to register for this event!

## **Upcoming Summer Events:**

- -Fellowship meal July 2 following the church service.
- -Back to school swim gathering August 5

## **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:** Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! **People:** Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**Leader:** Let them praise the name of the LORD! **People:** For he commanded and they were created. **Leader:** And he established them forever and ever; **People:** He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

-Psalm 148.3-6

# Opening Hymn | The Lord's Prayer

Words and music by Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, Matt Maher (2022)

#### **VERSE**

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as in heaven, right here in my heart
Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven, right here in my heart

#### **CHORUS**

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us, forgive us As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us, forgive them And lead us not into temptation But de-liv-er us from the evil one Let your kingdom come

#### **BRIDGE**

It's Yours, It's Yours
All Yours, All Yours
The kingdom, the power
The glory are Yours
It's Yours, It's Yours
All Your's, All Your's
Forever and ever
The Kingdom is Yours

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 | O God Beyond All Praising

Words by Michael Perry (1982), music by Gustav Holst (1918)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our King; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Words by Isaac Watts (1719), music by William Croft (1700)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Still be our quard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

#### **Benediction & Dismissal**

Leader: The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!
May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

People: Amen!

-Psalm 115.12-15

**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 | Come to the Waters**

Words by James Montgomery Boice; music by Paul S. Jones, 2008

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty; Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry. Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy, Life more abundant in boundless supply.

Come to the River that flows through the city, Forth from the throne of the Father and Son. Jesus the Savior says, "Come and drink deeply." Drink from the pure, inexhaustible One.

Come to the Fountain without any money; Buy what is given without any cost. Jesus, the gracious One, welcomes the weary; Jesus, the selfless One, died for the lost.

Come to the Well of unmerited favor; Stretch out your hand; fill your cup to the brim. Jesus is such a compassionate Savior. Draw from the grace that flows freely from him.

Come to the Savior, the God of salvation. God has provided an end to sin's strife. Why will you suffer the Law's condemnation? Take the free gift of the water of life.

### **Concluding Prayer**

#### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

-Psalm 103.8-12

### 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.

## Old Testament Reading | Genesis 18.1-15

[1] And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. [2] He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth [3] and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. [4] Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, [5] while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." [6] And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." [7] And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. [8] Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

[9] They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." [10] The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. [11] Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. [12] So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" [13] The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' [14] Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." [15] But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

### Hymn of Worship | Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear

Words by William Gadsby; Music by Katy Browser and Matthew Perryman Jones, 2001

Poor sinner, dejected with fear, Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb; No wrath on His brow He does wear, Nor will He poor mourners condemn; His arm of omnipotent grace, Is able and willing to save; A sweet and a permanent peace, He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe, Fall down at the feet of the Lamb; He will not, He cannot say, Go, But surely will take out thy stain A fountain is opened for sin, And thousands its virtues have proved He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein, And wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies, He'll never, no never deceive; He freely and faithfully gives, more blessings than we can conceive; Yea, down to old age He will keep, nor will He forsake us at last; He knows and is known by His sheep; they're His, and He will hold them fast.

#### 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 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.

-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 from Redeemer Kids for communion.

#### Psalm | Psalm 116.1-2, 12-19

**Leader:** I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. **People:** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: What shall I render to the LORD

**People:** For all his benefits to me?

**Leader:** I will lift up the cup of salvation **People:** And call on the name of the LORD, **Leader:** I will pay my vows to the LORD **People:** In the presence of all his people.

Leader: Precious in the sight of the LORD

**People:** *Is the death of his saints.* **Leader:** O LORD, I am your servant;

**People:** *I* am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

Leader: You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

Leader: And call on the name of the LORD.

**People:** *I will pay my vows to the LORD* **Leader:** In the presence of all his people, **People:** *In the courts of the house of the LORD,* 

Leader: In your midst, O Jerusalem.

**People:** Praise the LORD!

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

<sup>\*</sup>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 | Deflect or Attract Light

Rev. Justin Pillsbury

#### Sermon Text | 1 John 1

[1] That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—[2] the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—[3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4] And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (ESV)

#### **Sermon Notes**