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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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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost July 3, 2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic: needs of our city.

• <u>Monday</u>

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.

• <u>Wednesday</u>

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

• <u>Thursday</u>

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.)

• <u>Friday</u>

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.

• <u>Saturday</u>

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

## Updated Church Directory:

We are trying to update the information in our church directory. There is a copy in the foyer for you to look through and edit as needed. Also, if you are a new member or regular attendee and would like to add your information please do so in any of the blank spaces on the printed copy. Thank you!

## 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 Lindsay Bounds: lindsay@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: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

—Psalm 66.1-3

## Opening Hymn | We Come, O Christ, to You

Words by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957; music by John Darwall, 1770

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, By whom all things consist, in whom all life began. In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid; In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand; your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living truth; all wisdom dwells in you, The source of every skill, the one eternal True! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life; to know you is to live The more abundant life that earth can never give. O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King; To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring: So fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 | Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Words by Henry Van Dyke, 1907; Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

#### **One More Hymn and the Offering** | **A Mighty Fortress is our God** *Words and music by Martin Luther,* 1529

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

## **Benediction & Dismissal**

**Leader:** Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. **People:** *Amen!* 

—Jude 24-25

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 | Tender Mercy

Words and music by Scott Riley and Paige Overton Pitts (1999)

Hear my cry for mercy As I call to You As I lift my hands in Spirit And in Truth

We cry mercy (in the name of the Father most Holy) We cry mercy (in the name of the Son Who was slain) Lord have mercy (in the name of the Spirit indwelling) Tender mercy Lord

You are mercy (in the name of the Father most Holy) You are mercy (in the name of the Son Who was slain) Lord have mercy (in the name of the Spirit indwelling) Tender mercy Lord

In Your tender mercy Brought by grace through faith I will lift my heart Toward Your most Holy place

We cry mercy We cry mercy We cry mercy Tender mercy Lord Tender mercy Lord

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

—Psalm 30.11-12

## 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. [1] Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. [2] Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. [3] She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." [4] So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." [5] And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. [6] And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." [7] And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

[8] But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." [9] So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. [10] And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." [11] But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. [12] Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. [13] But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14] So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

# Hymn of Worship | Isaiah 43 (I Am the LORD Your God)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you And the waves will not overcome you. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are Mine.

## 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.

#### (Chorus)

For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God), I am the LORD your God (I am), The Holy One of Israel, your Savior. For I am the LORD your God (I am the LORD your God), I am the LORD your God (I am), The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I am the LORD (do not fear). I am the LORD.

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned, And the flames will not consume you. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are Mine.

(Chorus)

### Psalm | Psalm 30

**Leader:** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People:** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. **Leader:** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**People:** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. **Leader:** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. **People:** Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Leader:** As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." **People:** By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

Leader: To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: People: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Leader: Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? People: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

**Leader:** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

**People:** That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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

#### **Rev. Justin Pillsbury**

Sermon Text | John 4.45-5.14

[45] So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

[46] So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. [47] When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. [48] So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." [49] The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." [50] Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. [51] As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. [52] So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." [53] The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. [54] This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

[1] After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

[2] Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. [3] In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. [5] One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. [6] When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" [7] The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." [8] Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." [9] And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. [10] So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." [11] But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" [12] They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" [13] Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. [14] Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."