

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

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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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	☐ Learning more about Redeemer
	Receiving email updates from the church
	☐ Exploring Christianity and questions about faith
	Getting involved with a community group
would lik	ke prayer about:

Instructions for Online Tithing:

We offer online and mobile giving options. Our desire is to make the giving process as simple as possible! Please follow the instructions below to get started:

For Online Giving:

- 1. Go to redeemertyler.com and click "Give Online" in the upper right corner.
- 2. This will take you to our Church Center page where you click "Give" in the upper right corner.
- 3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
- 4. You will have the option to create an account and set up recurring donations via their secure site.

For Mobile Giving:

- 1. Download the "Church Center App" on your smart phone.
- 2. Open the app and create a user account.
- 3. Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
- 4. You will be able to set up recurring donations if you prefer.



Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: global and local missions

- Monday
 - Richey and Keli Goodrich (India): for Richey's preaching and teaching; for all paperwork and citizenship issues to be worked out so they can return to the field; for the Spirit to draw to Christ many of the unreached Jat people living in India—only 0.02% of these 9 million people are Christian.
- Tuesday
 - Robert and Debbie Hale: translation work in French-speaking Africa.
- Wednesday
 - Nate Hill, John Tyler High School Young Life; Mentoring Alliance (includes Mentoring Alliance Summer Camps, Mentoring Alliance After School, & Mentor Connect)
- Thursday
 - Rev. Robbie Mills, currently serving with the MTW Western Hub (helping Texas churches with cross-cultural mission), as well as with Third Millennium Ministries (providing free Bible curriculum to immigrant churches and leaders).
- Friday
 - Promise Academy's financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- <u>Saturday</u>
 - Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

Announcements

Fellowship Meal:

Our next fellowship meal will be Sunday, April 6 following the service. The theme is "Easter Favorites." Last names O-Z please bring a main dish, K-N a side dish, and A-J a dessert. See you there!

Men's Campout:

Mark your calendars! The Men's Campout is scheduled for April 10-12 at Bob Sandlin State Park. Please RSVP to Chris Gilmore (512-351-1427).

Building Committee:

The Session has formed a Building Committee to begin preparing for when we eventually outgrow the Realtor Center. Committee members are John Orbaugh, Chris Gilmore, Stacee Priddy, Bennie and Patti Babin, Brenda Orbaugh, Tyler Forehand, and Bridgette Booth. Please remember that there is an established Building Fund that you can direct gifts to as preparation for the future. However, please keep in mind that Building Fund support should not take giving away from your regular tithes and offerings.

Sunday Morning and Mid-Week Prayer Meetings:

We have two weekly opportunities for prayer: Sunday mornings before service at 9:30 am and every Wednesday from 11:00 am-11:30 am at Ben Wheeler's house (3314 Pollard Drive, Tyler, TX). Please ioin us!

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 at 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying A Summary of Christian Doctrine by Louis Berkhof. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women's group is studying Romans on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.
- Women's evening Bible study every Thursday at 6 pm. Contact Abby Plott (205-530-4222) for meeting location information.

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Call To Worship

Leader: The LORD reigns; **People:** He is robed in majesty; Leader: The LORD is robed;

People: He has put on strength as his belt. Leader: Yes, the world is established;

People: It shall never be moved.

Leader: Your throne is established from of old;

People: You are from everlasting.

—Psalm 93.1-2

Opening Hymn | Call Upon Him Words and music by Rachael Lampa, Sandra McCracken and Trillia Newbell

Call upon Him, call upon Him There is power in the Name Call upon Him, call upon Him There is power in the Name

When I don't have the words When the spirit hurts When my sorrow's too deep to understand Will You hear my voice saying "Speak, oh Lord Mighty God, Healing King, take my hand?"

And in the night, I pray When I feel afraid When there is no friend that I can see Can You hold me safe? Can You break these chains? Prince of Peace, Father, please, set me free

Call upon Him, call upon Him There is freedom in the Name Call upon Him, call upon Him There is freedom in the Name

Call upon Him, call upon Him There is healing in the Name Call upon Him, call upon Him There is healing in the Name There is power in the Name There is freedom in the Name

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 | All I Have Is Christ

Music and words by Jordan Kauflin. © 2008 Sovereign Grace Praise

I once was lost in darkest night, Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state, And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace

> Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone, And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me O Father, use my ransomed life In any way You choose And let my song forever be My only boast is You

One More Hymn and the Offering | In the Hours

Words by Helen L. Parmelee alt by Kevin Twit, Music by Kevin Twit (2007)

In the hours of pain and sorrow, When the world brings no relief, When the eye is dim and heavy, And the heart oppressed with grief, While blessings flee, Savior Lord we trust in Thee! While blessings flee, Savior Lord we trust in Thee!

When the snares of death surround us, Pride, ambition, love of ease, Mammon with her false allurements, Words that flatter, smiles that please. Then ere we yield, Savior Lord be Thou our shield. Then ere we yield, Savior Lord be Thou our shield.

When forsaken in distress, Poor despised and tempest-tossed, With no anchor here to stay us, Drifting, sail and rudder lost, Then save us Thou, who trod this earth with weary brow. Then save us Thou, who trod this earth with weary brow.

Thou the hated and forsaken, Thou the bearer of the cross, Crowned of thorns and mocked and smitten, Counting earthly gain but loss. When scorned are we, we joy to be the more like Thee. When scorned are we, we joy to be the more like Thee

Thou the Father's best beloved, Thou the throned and sceptered King, Who but Thee should we adoring, All our prayers and praises bring? So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee. So blessed are we, Savior Lord in loving Thee. So blessed are we, So blessed are we So blessed are we, So blessed are we

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.

—Jude 24-25

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 & dairy-free bread is available on the serving tray.

Communion Hymn | I Asked the Lord

Words: John Newton (alt. Laura Taylor). Music: Laura Taylor.

I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and every grace Might more of His salvation know And seek more earnestly His face

Twas He who taught me thus to pray And He I trust has answered prayer But it has been in such a way As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour At once He'd answer my request And by His love's constraining power Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart And let the angry powers of Hell Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my woe Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death? "Tis in this way" The Lord replied "I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou mayest seek thy all in me, That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Concluding Prayer

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

—Hebrews 4.14-16

People: Thanks be to God!

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 | Joshua 5.9-12

[9] And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

[10] While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. [11] And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. [12] And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Hymn of Worship | Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Words by Edward Hopper, 1871; music by Isaac Wardell and Joseph Pensak

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Savior, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright, Sparkling with the stars of night, And my ship's path be ablaze With the light of halcyon days, Still I know my need of Thee; Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild; Boisterous waves obey Thy will, When Thou sayest to them, "Be still!" Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar 'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast, May I hear Thee say to me, "I will pilot thee."

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.

—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 from Redeemer Kids for communion.

The Psalm | Psalm 32

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People: Whose sin is covered.

Leader: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

People: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

People: Through my groaning all day long.

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; **People:** *My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, **People:** *And I did not cover my iniquity;*

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly

People: Offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

Leader: Surely in the rush of great waters,

People: They shall not reach him.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; **People:** You preserve me from trouble;

Leader: You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

Leader: I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

People: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

Leader: Which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

People: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

Leader: But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

People: Be glad in the LORD,

Leader: And rejoice, O righteous,

People: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

^{*}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.

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

Ministry of the Word | Blessed Are The Invited!

Sermon Notes

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Revelation 19.1-10

- [1] After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
 - [2] for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."
 - [3] Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."
- [4] And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" [5] And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

[6] Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
[7] Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;
[8] it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

[9] And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." [10] Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.