



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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*Third Sunday of Easter*  
**April 14, 2024**

*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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## 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](http://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: our pastor and elders (Ben, John, Robert & Kent):

- 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

## Women’s Game Night::

Join us Friday, April 26 at 5:30 pm at Brarbara Brown’s home (3155 Jacinto Dr.) for a game night!  
Bring a game and/or a snack to share.

## Newcomers Dinner:

This meal is open to those that are new to the church and/or want to know more about Redeemer. This will be a child-free event on May 11 at 6:00 pm at the Gilmores’ (3537 Wynnwood Dr, Tyler). If you’d like to attend, email Chris Gilmore (chris\_gilmore@zoho.com).

## Men’s Pub Night:

Join the guys at True Vine on the Square April 24 at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend!

## Church Retreat:

Save the date! October 25-27 will be our church-wide retreat.

## Sunday Morning and Mid-Week Prayer Meetings:

We now 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 join 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 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying the Minor Prophets. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972) for information.
- The women’s group is studying 2 Corinthians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Send out your light and your truth;

**People:** *Let them lead me;*

**Leader:** Let them bring me to your holy hill

**People:** *And to your dwelling!*

**Leader:** Then I will go to the altar of God,

**People:** *To God my exceeding joy,*

**Leader:** And I will praise you with the lyre,

**People:** *O God, my God.*

—Psalm 43.3-4

## Opening Hymn | Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

*Words by William MacKay, 1863; music by John Husband, 1863*

*We praise thee, O God! For the Son of thy love,  
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.*

*Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah we sing;  
Hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.*

*We praise thee, O God! For thy Spirit of light,  
Who has shown us our Saviour and scattered our night.*

*All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain!*

*Revive us again— Fill each heart with thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 | King of Saints

*Taken from Gadsby Hymnal #857; Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Clint Wells (2004)*

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,  
We will laud thy lovely name;  
We were saved by God's decree,  
And all our debt was paid by thee.

Thou has washed us in thy blood,  
Made us kings and priests to God;  
Take this tribute of the poor;  
Less we can't, we can't give more.

Souls redeemed, your voices raise,  
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
Worthy thou of love and laud,  
King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are thy ways and true;  
Endless honors are thy due;  
Grace and glory in thee shine;  
Matchless mercy, love divine.

We for whom thou once was slain,  
We thy ransomed sinner train,  
In this one request agree,  
"Spirit make us more like thee."

One More Hymn and the Offering | Christ is Mine Forevermore

*Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson*

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of Kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are the tears in times of sorrow darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Mine are the days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war  
And He said He will deliver safely to the golden shore

And Mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul for His love is my reward  
Fear os gone and hope is sure Christ is mune forevermore

Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**People:** Amen!

—Galatians 1.3-5

**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 | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

*Words by Joseph Swain (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit (2013)*

*Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,  
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;  
By the broken, law convicted,  
Through the cross, behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.*

*Take His easy, yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your, obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,  
While His grace, shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.*

*Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;  
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,  
And in Him, alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.*

*Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly, opened eyes,  
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,  
Is the rest, the cross supplies;  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.*

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. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

—Psalm 116.5-7

**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.

New Testament Reading | Acts 3.12-21 & 1 John 3:1–7

[12] And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? [13] The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. [14] But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, [15] and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. [16] And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

[17] “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. [18] But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. [19] Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, [20] that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, [21] whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

[1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

[4] Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. [5] You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. [6] No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. [7] Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Hymn of Worship | Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse (1989)

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men.  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

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 one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

—The 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.

\*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.

You are the One that we praise;  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace;  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness you find us Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne

Psalm | Psalm 4

**Leader:** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
**People:** You have given me relief when I was in distress.  
**Leader:** Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**People:** O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?  
**Leader:** How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?  
**People:** But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;  
**Leader:** The LORD hears when I call to him.

**People:** Be angry, and do not sin;  
**Leader:** Ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.  
**People:** Offer right sacrifices,  
**Leader:** And put your trust in the LORD.

**People:** There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”  
**Leader:** Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”  
**People:** You have put more joy in my heart  
**Leader:** Than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**People:** In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
**Leader:** For you alone, O LORD,  
**People:** Make me dwell in safety.

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

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Luke 24.36-48

[36] As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” [37] But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. [38] And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39] See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” [40] And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. [41] And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” [42] They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43] and he took it and ate before them.

[44] Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46] and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47] and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things.

**Leader:** The gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise be to you, O Christ.*