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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: June 16, 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 wit	h us, please fill out the se	ection below and place i	t 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: ______

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:

Go to redeemertyler.com and click "Give Online" in the upper right corner.
 This will take you to our Church Center page where you click "Give" in the upper right corner.
 Fill out the amount you wish to give and other requested information.
 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 church and mission, deacons

• <u>Monday</u>

That God would prepare us to be his ambassadors, welcoming to those who visit and reaching out to friends and neighbors and those in need; for healthy marriages and families.

• <u>Tuesday</u>

For our deacons: Chris, Jeff, and Jeremy. Wisdom for them as they get set up and seek to help us use our gifts in service to our church and community.

• <u>Wednesday</u>

For authentic community, healthy small groups, deep friendships.

• <u>Thursday</u>

Physical and material needs of the body; that we would see opportunities to love and serve the destitute, ill, imprisoned, orphaned, and widowed.

• <u>Friday</u>

That we would grow in prayer; for God to bless our corporate worship.

• <u>Saturday</u> Sabbath rest. Discernment, perspective, faith, and contentment.

Announcements

Financial Update:

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	\$18,375	\$18, 883	\$508
Expense	\$22,146	\$22, 656	\$510

*YTD total for the fiscal year: -\$3,773

Fellowship Meal June 23:

The church will be providing BBQ as the main course but we will have last names starting with A-R bring a side or salad and last names starting with S-Z bring a dessert. Join us following the church service!

Church Retreat:

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

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: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, **People:** Bless his holy name! Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, People: And forget not all his benefits, Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, **People:** Who heals all your diseases, Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, **People:** Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Leader: Who satisfies you with good **People:** So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

-Psalm 103.1-5

Opening Hymn | **The Lord's Prayer** (All Yours) Words and music by Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, Matt Maher (2022)

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

> 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

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 Yours, All Yours 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: 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 | 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 \mid 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 guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

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.

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 & dairy-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: 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: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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. —Peter 1.3-5

Old and New Testament Readings | Ezekiel 17.22-24; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

[22] Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. [23] On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. [24] And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

[6] So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, [7] for we walk by faith, not by sight. [8] Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. [10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

[14] For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; [15] and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. [16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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, 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.

Psalm | Psalm 92.1-4, 10-15

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
People: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
Leader: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
People: And your faithfulness by night,
Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,
People: To the melody of the lyre.
Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
People: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; People: You have poured over me fresh oil. Leader: My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; People: My ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree
People: And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Leader: They are planted in the house of the LORD;
People: They flourish in the courts of our God.
Leader: They still bear fruit in old age;
People: They are ever full of sap and green,
Leader: To declare that the LORD is upright;
People: He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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

*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 | With What Can We Compare the Kingdom of God?

Sermon Notes

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Mark 4.26-34

[26] And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. [27] He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. [28] The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. [29] But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

[30] And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? [31] It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, [32] yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

[33] With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. [34] He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **People:** *Praise be to you, O Christ.*