

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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	ntact me regarding:
	Learning more about Redeemer
	Receiving email updates from the church
	Exploring Christianity and questions about faith
	Getting involved with a community group
would lik	re prayer about:
Other que	stions 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:

- 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: our church and mission, deacons

- Monday
  - 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 seek to help us use our gifts in service to our church and community.
- Wednesday
  - For authentic community, healthy small groups, deep friendships.
- Thursday
  - Physical and material needs of the body; that we would see opportunities to love and serve the destitute, ill, imprisoned, orphaned, and widowed.
- Friday
  - That we would grow in prayer; for God to bless our corporate worship.
- Saturday
  - Sabbath rest. Discernment, perspective, faith, and contentment.

### **Announcements**

## **Church Directory Update:**

If your information has changed or if you would like to be added to our church directory, please make any changes or additions to the printed copy we have in the foyer. Alternatively, you may email your updated information to Jacki Travis at jackitravis1973@gmail.com. Thanks!

## **Next Fellowship Meal:**

Our next fellowship meal will be August 17. The theme will be sandwich buffet. Last names A-K please bring your favorite sandwiches to share. L-N and S-Z please bring a side, and O-P please bring dessert.

## Church Retreat 2025:

Time to plan ahead! Mark your calendars for our next church-wide retreat, October 17-19!

## 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 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 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 Colossians 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.

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# **Greeting and Opening Prayer**

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Praise the LORD!

**People:** Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People:** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

—Psalm 146.1-2

### Opening Hymn | Jesus, I Come

Words by William True Sleeper, 1887; music by Greg Thompson, 2000

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm, Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above, Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 | Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words by Anne Steele (1760), Music by Kevin Twit (1998)

Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust And still my soul would cleave to Thee Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain? No still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourner's prayer Oh may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet, Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words by Elizabeth Clephane, 1872; music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, From the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see The very dying form of One who suffered there for me: And from my stricken heart with tears, two wonders I confess, The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss; My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

#### **Benediction & Dismissal**

**Leader:** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

People: Amen!

*—2 Thessalonians 2.16-17* 

**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 | Heal Us, Emmanuel

Words by William Cowper (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit and Lucas Morton (2015)

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are; We long to feel Thy touch; Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly, O Savior hear our cry.

Our faith is feeble, we confess, We faintly trust Thy word; But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied With trembling for relief; "Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press And healing virtue stole, Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace: Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come To touch You if we may; O send us not despairing home; Send none unhealed away.

# **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:** So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

—John 10.7-11

**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 | Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

[1] The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

[10] Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

[11] "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

- [12] "When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts?
- [13] Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
  I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.
- [14] Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me;

I am weary of bearing them.

- [15] When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.
- [16] Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

- [17] learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.
- [18] "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
- [19] If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
- [20] but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

## Hymn of Worship | Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Words by Martin Luther (1523), music by Christopher Miner, 1997

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lamentation; Lord, turn a gracious ear to me, And hear my supplication; If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark, O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?) O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth; Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth; No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might, And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy) And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word, Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

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### 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.

What though I wait the livelong night, And til the dawn appeareth, My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth; Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

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Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow. (All their sin and sorrow)

### The Psalm | Psalm 50.1-8, 22-23

**Leader:** The Mighty One, God the LORD, **People:** *Speaks and summons the earth* 

**Leader:** From the rising of the sun to its setting. **People:** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

Leader: God shines forth.

**People:** Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

**Leader:** Before him is a devouring fire, **People:** Around him a mighty tempest. **Leader:** He calls to the heavens above

**People:** And to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones,

**People:** Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" **Leader:** The heavens declare his righteousness,

**People:** For God himself is judge!

 $\textbf{Leader:} \ \text{`Hear, O my people, and I will speak;}$ 

 $\textbf{People:} \ \textbf{O} \ \textit{Israel, I will testify against you}.$ 

Leader: I am God, your God.

**People:** Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

Leader: Your burnt offerings are continually before me.

**People:** "Mark this, then, you who forget God,

Leader: Lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

**People:** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;

**Leader:** To one who orders his way rightly **People:** *I will show the salvation of God!"* 

<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 | The Holy Communion

Sermon Notes

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

# Sermon Text | Luke 12.32-40

[32] "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. [33] Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. [34] For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

[35] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, [36] and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. [37] Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. [38] If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! [39] But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. [40] You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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