



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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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
**May 7, 2023**

*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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## 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, Pastor of New City Fellowship, a church working among immigrants in East Dallas. Rev. Jahaziel Cantu, Pastor of El Buen Pastor, a Hispanic church plant in Richardson. Rev. Caleb Dunn with Cristo Rey PCA, a Hispanic church in Dallas.
- Friday  
Promise Academy's financial and prayer support; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; PATH; Crisis Pregnancy Center.
- Saturday  
Pray that unity will grow among the churches in our city so we may care for people, evangelize, and make disciples.

# Announcements

## Financial Update:

October '22 through March '23

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Income	\$141,630	\$119,236	\$22,394
Expenses	\$142,740	\$131,183	\$11,557

## Leadership Elections:

Please join us after the service today to vote on elder, deacon and deacon assistant nominations.

## 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](mailto:ben@redeemertyler.com).

## Bible and Book Studies:

- Men's study meets over breakfast, 7:00 am on Fridays. They are studying 1 Corinthians. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

**People:** *Who stand by night in the house of the LORD!*

**Leader:** Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

**People:** *May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!*

—Psalm 134

## Opening Hymn | He Came Down

*A traditional song from Cameroon, transcribed by John L. Bell (1986)*

*He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
He came down that we may have light;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

*He came down that we may have life;  
He came down that we may have life;  
He came down that we may have life;  
Hallelujah forevermore!*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Words by Charles Wesley (1747), music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard (1855)

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Words by Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; music by A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925

*May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.*

*May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through his pow'r.*

*May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.*

*May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing:  
This is victory.*

*May his beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only him.*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless

**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 free bread is available on the serving tray.

## Communion Hymn | Were You There

*Southern spiritual, music by Clint Wells (2009)*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory,  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when he rose up from the dead?  
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?  
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory,  
Sometimes I feel like shouting glory!  
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

## Concluding Prayer

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** *Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** "Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
"return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments."  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

—Joel 2.12-13

## 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 | 1 Peter 2.2-10

[2] Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation —[3] if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

[4] As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, [5] you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. [6] For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

[7] So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

[8] and “A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Hymn of Worship | 10,000 Reasons

Words and music by Matt Redman, 2012

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

*And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending: ten thousand years and then forevermore!*

## 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.*

## Gospel Reading | John 14.1-14

[1] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. [4] And you know the way to where I am going." [5] Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" [6] Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [7] If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

[8] Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." [9] Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. [11] Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

[12] "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. [13] Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

—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.

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

Sermon Text | Psalm 16

**Leader:** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People:** *I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

**Leader:** As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

**People:** *In whom is all my delight.*

**Leader:** The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

**People:** *Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out*

**Leader:** Or take their names on my lips.

**People:** *The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;*

**Leader:** You hold my lot.

**People:** *The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;*

**Leader:** Indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**People:** *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*

**Leader:** In the night also my heart instructs me.

**People:** *I have set the LORD always before me;*

**Leader:** Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**People:** *Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;*

**Leader:** My flesh also dwells secure.

**People:** *For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*

**Leader:** Or let your holy one see corruption.

**People:** *You make known to me the path of life;*

**Leader:** In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**People:** *At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*