



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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*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
**May 14, 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: needs of our city.

- Monday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in our schools.
- Tuesday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in city, state, and local government, and justice systems.
- Wednesday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically in local law enforcement, emergency response personnel, and hospitals.
- Thursday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically amongst our immigrant, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations. (See Deuteronomy 10.17-19.)
- Friday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically for a unity within our churches and between our churches in the cause of Christ.
- Saturday  
That God's kingdom would come and His will be done in our city, specifically that the gospel would be proclaimed throughout our city's churches.

# Announcements

## May Women's Gathering:

The May women's gathering will be Friday, May 26th at the Gilmore's (3537 Wynnwood Tyler, TX 75701) at 5:30 pm. Please join us and bring a potluck item to share!

## 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@redeemert Tyler.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:** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

**People:** *Make known his deeds among the peoples!*

**Leader:** Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**People:** *Tell of all his wondrous works!*

**Leader:** Glory in his holy name;

**People:** *Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

—Psalm 105.1-3

## Opening Hymn | O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*Words by Samuel Trevor Francis; Music by Thomas John Williams, 1890*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;*

*Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.*

*Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;*

*Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;*

*How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;*

*How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;*

*How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:*

*Tis an ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus! tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;*

*And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 | Father, Long Before Creation

Words from a Chinese Hymn, translated by Francis Johnson; Music by Andrew Osenga (2005)

*Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving, Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.*

*Though the world may change its fashion, Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.*

*God's compassion is my story, Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.*

*Loving Father now before Thee We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing 'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley Peters (1847), words and music by Matthew S. Smith (2007)

*Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well.*

*Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well*

*We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

**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 | God and Man

*Words and Music by Robert Stamps, 1972*

*O, welcome all ye noble saints of old, as now before your very eyes unfold  
The wonders all so long ago foretold. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Elders, martyrs, all are falling down; prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round.  
What angels longed to see now man has found: God and man at table are sat down.*

*Who is this who spreads the victory feast? Who is this who makes our warring cease?  
Jesus, Risen Savior, Prince of Peace. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Beggars, lame, and harlots also here; repentant publicans are drawing near.  
Wayward sons come home without a fear. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Worship in the presence of the Lord with joyful songs and hearts in one accord.  
And let our Host at table be adored. God and man at table are sat down.*

*When at last this earth shall pass away, when Jesus and his Bride are one to stay,  
The feast of love is just begun that day. God and man at table are sat down.*

*Here He gives Himself to us as bread. Here as wine we drink the blood He shed.  
Born to die, we eat and live instead, God and man at table are sat down;  
God and man at table are sat down.*

## Concluding Prayer

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

—1 John 1.8-9

## 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 3.13-22

[13] Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? [14] But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, [15] but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, [16] having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. [17] For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

[18] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, [19] in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, [20] because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. [21] Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

## Hymn of Worship | It is Well With My Soul

*Words by Horatio Spafford (1873), Music by Philip P Bliss (1876)*

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

*It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

## 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 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.*

## Gospel Reading | John 14.15-21

[15] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

[18] "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. [21] Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

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

## Ministry of the Word | Your Steadfast Love is Good

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

### Sermon Text | Psalm 69, 1-21, 30-36

**Leader:** Save me, O God!

**People:** *For the waters have come up to my neck.*

**Leader:** I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

**People:** *I have come into deep waters,*

**Leader:** And the flood sweeps over me.

**People:** *I am weary with my crying out;*

**Leader:** My throat is parched.

**People:** *My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.*

**Leader:** More in number than the hairs of my head

**People:** *Are those who hate me without cause;*

**Leader:** Mighty are those who would destroy me,

**People:** *Those who attack me with lies.*

**Leader:** What I did not steal must I now restore?

**People:** *O God, you know my folly;*

**Leader:** The wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

**People:** *Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,*

**Leader:** O Lord GOD of hosts;

**People:** *Let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me,*

**Leader:** O God of Israel.

**People:** *For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,*

**Leader:** That dishonor has covered my face.

**People:** *I have become a stranger to my brothers,*

**Leader:** An alien to my mother's sons.

**People:** *For zeal for your house has consumed me,*

**Leader:** And the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

**People:** *When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,*

**Leader:** It became my reproach.

**People:** *When I made sackcloth my clothing,*

**Leader:** I became a byword to them.

**People:** *I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,*

**Leader:** And the drunkards make songs about me.

**People:** *But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.*

**Leader:** At an acceptable time, O God,

**People:** *In the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.*

**Leader:** Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

**People:** *Let me be delivered from my enemies*

**Leader:** And from the deep waters.

**People:** *Let not the flood sweep over me,*

**Leader:** Or the deep swallow me up,

**People:** *Or the pit close its mouth over me.*

**Leader:** Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

**People:** *According to your abundant mercy, turn to me.*

**Leader:** Hide not your face from your servant,

**People:** *For I am in distress; make haste to answer me.*

**Leader:** Draw near to my soul, redeem me;

**People:** *Ransom me because of my enemies!*

**Leader:** You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor;

**People:** *My foes are all known to you.*

**Leader:** Reproaches have broken my heart,

**People:** *So that I am in despair.*

**Leader:** I looked for pity, but there was none,

**People:** *And for comforters, but I found none.*

**Leader:** They gave me poison for food,

**People:** *And for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.*

**Leader:** I will praise the name of God with a song;

**People:** *I will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

**Leader:** This will please the LORD more than an ox

**People:** *Or a bull with horns and hoofs.*

**Leader:** When the humble see it they will be glad;

**People:** *You who seek God, let your hearts revive.*

**Leader:** For the LORD hears the needy

**People:** *And does not despise his own people who are prisoners.*

**Leader:** Let heaven and earth praise him,

**People:** *The seas and everything that moves in them.*

**Leader:** For God will save Zion

**People:** *And build up the cities of Judah,*

**Leader:** And people shall dwell there and possess it;

**People:** *The offspring of his servants shall inherit it,*

**Leader:** And those who love his name shall dwell in it.

## Sermon Notes