



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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*Day of Pentecost*  
**May 28, 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: 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.
- Tuesday  
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.
- 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

## Upcoming Summer Events:

- Breakfast Potluck June 4 before the church service. Please bring a breakfast item to share.
- Fellowship meal July 2 following the church service.
- Back to school swim gathering August 5

## 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 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:** Praise the LORD!

**People:** *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,*

**Leader:** In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People:** *Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.*

**Leader:** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

**People:** *And his righteousness endures forever.*

—Psalm 111.1-3

## Opening Hymn | When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Translated from German by Edward Caswall (1853), Music by Joseph Barby (1868)*

*When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised.  
Alike at work and prayer  
To Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised.  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*In heav'n's eternal bliss  
The loveliest strain is this: may Jesus Christ be praised.  
The pow'rs of darkness fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Let earth's wide circle round  
In joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised.  
Let air and sea and sky,  
From depth to height reply may Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Be this, while life is mine,  
My canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised.  
Be this th'eternal song,  
Through all the ages on: may Jesus Christ be praised.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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 | O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words by Charles Wesley (1744), music by Kevin Twitt

*O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemers praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!*

*Jesus! The Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
Tis music in the sinners ears, Tis life, and health, and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.*

*He speaks, and, listening to His voice, New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, The humble poor believe.*

*Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap, ye lame, for joy*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | 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.*

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**People:** Amen!

—Psalm 121.7-8

**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 Hymns

### Have Mercy

*Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, (2015)*

*Have mercy on me,  
Have mercy on me.  
Oh God, have mercy  
Oh God, have mercy!*

*Oh help my unbelief,  
Oh help my unbelief.  
Oh God, have mercy  
Oh God, have mercy!*

### Spirit of the Living God

*Words and music by Daniel Iverson (1926)*

*Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the Living God,  
Fall afresh on me.*

## Concluding Prayer

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**People:** *Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

**Leader:** O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

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

—Psalm 130.7-8

## 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 2.2-21

[2] And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

[5] Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6] And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. [7] And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8] And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? [9] Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, [11] both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." [12] And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" [13] But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

[14] But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. [15] For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. [16] But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

[17] "And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

[18] even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

[19] And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

[20] the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

[21] And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

## 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.

\*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.

## Hymn of Worship | Come, Holy Spirit, Come

*Words and music by Arthur J. Hart (1759), music by Hiram Ring (2011)*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come;  
Let thy bright beams arise;  
Dispel the darkness from our minds,  
And open all our eyes.*

*Revive our drooping faith;  
Our doubts and fears remove;  
And kindle in our breasts the flames  
Of never-dying love.*

*Convince us of our sin;  
Then lead to Jesus' blood,  
And to our wond'ring view, reveal  
The secret love of God.*

*'Tis thine to cleanse the heart,  
To sanctify the soul,  
To pour fresh life in ev'ry part,  
And new create the whole.*

*Dwell, therefore, in our hearts;  
Our minds from bondage free;  
Then we shall know and praise and love  
The Father, Son, and Thee.*

## Gospel Reading | John 20.19-23

[19] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [20] When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [22] And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

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

Rev. Paul Miller

Sermon Text | Psalm 42

**Leader:** As a deer pants for flowing streams,

**People:** *So pants my soul for you, O God.*

**Leader:** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

**People:** *When shall I come and appear before God?*

**Leader:** My tears have been my food day and night,

**People:** *While they say to me all the day long,*

**Leader:** "Where is your God?"

**People:** *These things I remember,*

**Leader:** As I pour out my soul:

**People:** *How I would go with the throng*

**Leader:** And lead them in procession to the house of God

**People:** *With glad shouts and songs of praise,*

**Leader:** A multitude keeping festival.

**People:** *Why are you cast down, O my soul,*

**Leader:** And why are you in turmoil within me?

**People:** *Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,*

**Leader:** My salvation and my God.

**People:** *My soul is cast down within me;*

**Leader:** Therefore I remember you

**People:** *From the land of Jordan and of Hermon,*

**Leader:** From Mount Mizar.

**People:** *Deep calls to deep*

**Leader:** At the roar of your waterfalls;

**People:** *All your breakers and your waves*

**Leader:** Have gone over me.

**People:** *By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,*

**Leader:** And at night his song is with me,

**People:** *A prayer to the God of my life.*

**Leader:** I say to God, my rock:

**People:** *"Why have you forgotten me?"*

**Leader:** Why do I go mourning

**People:** *Because of the oppression of the enemy?"*

**Leader:** As with a deadly wound in my bones,

**People:** *My adversaries taunt me,*

**Leader:** While they say to me all the day long,

**People:** *"Where is your God?"*

**Leader:** Why are you cast down, O my soul,

**People:** *And why are you in turmoil within me?*

**Leader:** Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,

**People:** *My salvation and my God.*

Sermon Notes