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Presbyterian Church  
exists to see our city  
renewed by the gospel  
of Jesus Christ.

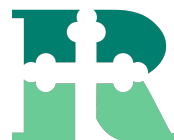
*Love God  
Love People  
Love Tyler*

# The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

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*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).

Prayer 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, Foy, and Jeff. 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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# Announcements

## 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 at [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 the Gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's group is studying Acts on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

# Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Call To Worship

**Leader:** Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

**People:** *From the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.*

**Leader:** Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

**People:** *For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.*

—Psalm 61.1-3

## Opening Hymn | 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.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Leader:** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 | 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.*

*Cheer our desponding hearts, Thou heavenly Paraclete;  
Give us to lie with humble hope At our Redeemer's feet.*

*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.*

## One More Hymn and the Offering | Lift Your Eyes Up

Words and music by Mona Reeves, Paul Zach, Brendan Jamieson, Orlando Palmer and Philip Zach (2018)

*There is a power, stronger than evil,  
Wider than sorrow.*

*There is a mountain, over the shadow,  
Where the sun is shining down.*

*Lift your eyes up, children of Zion.  
Lift your eyes up, children of Zion.  
Hold on, hold on, your help comes from the Lord.*

*I went out walking, into the city.  
I saw the ancient ruins.  
The sound of singing, off in the distance,  
Coming from the mountain of God.*

Chorus

*Men: Lift your eyes up, children of Zion  
Women: My help comes from the Lord  
Repeat 3X*

*Together: Don't you know that you're the children of Zion?*

Chorus

## Benediction & Dismissal

**Leader:** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**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 | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*Words by Henry Lyte, 1824*

*Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.*

*Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.*

*Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.*

*Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too.*

*Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not, like them, untrue.*

*O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might.*

*Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.*

*Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.*

*Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.*

*Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me.*

*Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain.*

*In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain.*

*I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee.*

*Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.*

*Soul, then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care.*

*Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.*

*Think what Spirit dwells within thee! Think what Father's smiles are thine!*

*Think that Jesus died to win thee! Child of heaven, canst thou repine?*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged in prayer.*

*Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.*

*Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days!*

*Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise!*

## 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:** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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

—Romans 8.1-4

## 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 | Jeremiah 4.11-21, 22-28

[11] At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, “A hot wind from the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, [12] a wind too full for this comes for me. Now it is I who speak in judgment upon them.”

[22] “For my people are foolish; they know me not; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are ‘wise’—in doing evil! But how to do good they know not.”

[23] I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. [24] I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. [25] I looked, and behold, there was no man, and all the birds of the air had fled [26] I looked, and behold, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

[27] For thus says the LORD, “The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

[28] “For this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above be dark; for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.”

## Hymn of Worship | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

*Words by Joseph Swain (alt Twit), Music by Kevin Twit (2013)*

*Come ye souls by, sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;  
By the broken, law convicted, Through the cross, behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.*

*Take His easy, yoke and wear it; Love will make your, obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you, strength to bear it, While His grace, shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Where His ransomed captives meet.*

*Blessed are the, eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that, hear His voice;  
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him, And in Him, alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments then become their happy choice.*

*Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary, Light to newly, opened eyes,  
Like full springs in, deserts dreary, Is the rest, the cross supplies;  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.*

## 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

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** *That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.*

*Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

—Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 1

## 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.*

## Psalm | Psalm 14

**Leader:** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.

**People:** *The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.*

**Leader:** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

**People:** *Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?*

**Leader:** There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

**People:** *You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge.*

**Leader:** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

**People:** *When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.*

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

**Sermon Text | John 9.1-40**

[1] As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3] Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4] We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5] As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6] Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

[8] The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" [9] Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." [10] So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11] He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." [12] They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

[13] They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14] Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15] So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." [16] Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. [17] So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

[18] The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19] and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20] His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. [21] But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." [22] (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) [23] Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

[24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." [25] He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26] They said to him, "What did

he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27] He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28] And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30] The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34] They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

[35] Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [36] He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" [37] Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." [38] He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. [39] Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." [40] Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"

**Sermon Notes**