



## The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 9, 2021*

*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.*

### Opening Prayer

#### Greeting and Call To Worship

**Leader:** This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**People:** *Hallelujah!*

**Leader:** This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**People:** *Hallelujah!*

**Leader:** This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

**People:** *Hallelujah!*

**Leader:** Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**People:** *Hallelujah!*

#### Opening Hymn | 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.*

## **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, 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 | 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.*

## **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:** When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

—1 Corinthians 15.54-57

## **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.

*Parents may take children 3-5 (pre-Kindergarten) to Redeemer Kids at this time.*

## **Gospel Reading | John 15.9-17**

[9] As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11] These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

[12] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. [17] These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

## **Hymn of Worship | Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

*Words by Charles Wesley (1740), Music by Greg Thompson (2000)*

*Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last.*

*Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.*

## **Psalm | Psalm 98**

**Leader:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

**People:** *For he has done marvelous things!*

**Leader:** His right hand and his holy arm

**People:** *Have worked salvation for him.*

**Leader:** The LORD has made known his salvation;

**People:** *He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

**Leader:** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**People:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**People:** *Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**Leader:** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**People:** *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

**Leader:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**People:** *The world and those who dwell in it!*

**Leader:** Let the rivers clap their hands;

**People:** *Let the hills sing for joy together*

**Leader:** Before the LORD, for he comes

**People:** *To judge the earth.*

**Leader:** He will judge the world with righteousness,

**People:** *And the peoples with equity.*

## Ministry of the Word | That I May Dwell Among Them, Part 4

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler

### Sermon Text | Exodus 31

[1] The LORD said to Moses, [2] "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, [3] and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, [4] to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, [5] in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. [6] And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: [7] the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, [8] the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, [9] and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, [10] and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, [11] and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do."

[12] And the LORD said to Moses, [13] "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you

may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. [14] You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. [15] Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. [16] Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. [17] It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”

[18] And he gave to Moses, when he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

## **Sermon Notes**

## **Confession of Faith**

*My only comfort in life and in death is  
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.*

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A1

### **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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Holy Communion**

(For those watching at home, I encourage you to take this time to watch and pray with us. Remember this all along: Jesus is not more present with us who are gathered than he is with you at home! The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of his blessing to us, and a great gift, but it does not mean you are missing out on his presence or his blessing. We all participate by faith in Christ whether physically receiving the Supper or not.)

### **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**

**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**

### **Communion Hymn | Upon a Life I Have Not Lived**

*Words by Horatius Bonar (alt. K. Twit), music by Kevin Twit (2012)*

*Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.*

*Not on the tears which I have shed,  
Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs,  
On these I rest, on these alone.*

*O Jesus, Son of God, I build on  
What Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my life and death I read,  
My guilt, and pardon there I see,  
There I see.*

*Lord, I believe; O deal with me,  
As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,  
As one who has Thy gift received.*

*Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,*



*Another's Life; Another's Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.*

## **Concluding Prayer**

### **One More Hymn and the Offering | Take My Life, and Let It Be**

*Words by Francis Ridley Havergal (1874), music by Henri Malan (1787)*

*Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,  
Let them flow in endless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.  
It shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.*

## **Benediction & Dismissal**

**Leader:** May our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the One who came with grace and truth,  
also fill your hearts with grace and truth,  
as you serve him in the days ahead.  
And may the joy of the Lord—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
be your strength.

**People:** *Amen.*

## **Prayer Suggestions:**

Topic of the Week: 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.

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

### **Monthly Youth Meeting:**

All junior high and high school students are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a time of fellowship, dinner, and Bible Study.

### **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 the gospel of Matthew on Friday mornings. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.