



The Order of Celebration and Worship of God

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

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: Hallelujah! Servants of God, praise,

People: *Praise the name of the Lord.*

Leader: Bless the Lord's name now and always.

People: *Praise the Lord's name here and in every place from east to west.*

Opening Hymn | All Glory, Laud and Honor

Words by Theodulph of Orleans (820), music by Melchior Teschner (1615)

*All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.*

*The company of angels, is praising you on high;
And we with all creation, in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews, with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems, before you we present.*

*To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
For you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 | King of Saints

Taken From Gadsby Hymnal #857; Words by Joseph Hart (1712-1768), music by Clint Wells (2004)

*Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,
We will laud thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree,
And all our debt was paid by thee.*

*Thou has washed us in thy blood,
Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor;
Less we can't, we can't give more.*

*Souls redeemed, your voices raise,
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy thou of love and laud,
King of saints, incarnate God.*

*Righteous are thy ways and true;
Endless honors are thy due;
Grace and glory in thee shine;
Matchless mercy, love divine.*

*We for whom thou once was slain,
We thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree,
"Spirit make us more like thee."*

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

People: *Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace
symbolized in baptism, O God,
we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.*

Please take a moment for silent confession.

Leader: Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

—from Isaiah 49.15;66.13

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 | Philippians 1.21-30

[21] For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22] If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. [23] I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. [24] But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. [25] Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, [26] so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

[27] Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, [28] and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. [29] For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, [30] engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Hymn of Worship | All Things New

Words by Horatius Bonar (1846), music by Clint Wells (2009)

*Come, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day;
O why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?*

*Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come";
Does Thou not hear the cry?*

*O come and make all things new!
Come and make all things new!
O come and make all things new!*

*Build up this ruined earth
Come and make all things new.*

*Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.*

*Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.*

Psalm | Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45

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!*

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength;

People: *Seek his presence continually!*

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

People: *His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,*

Leader: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,

People: *Children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*

Leader: Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,

People: *And there was none among his tribes who stumbled.*

Leader: Egypt was glad when they departed,

People: *For dread of them had fallen upon it.*

Leader: He spread a cloud for a covering,

People: *And fire to give light by night.*

Leader: They asked, and he brought quail,

People: *And gave them bread from heaven in abundance.*

Leader: He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

People: *It flowed through the desert like a river.*

Leader: For he remembered his holy promise,

People: *And Abraham, his servant.*

Leader: So he brought his people out with joy,

People: *His chosen ones with singing.*

Leader: And he gave them the lands of the nations,

People: *And they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,*

Leader: That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

People: *Praise the LORD!*

Sermon Text | Exodus 12.1–28

[1] The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, [2] “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. [3] Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. [4] And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. [5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, [6] and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

[7] “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [8] They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. [9] Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. [10] And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. [11] In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. [12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. [13] The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

[14] “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. [15] Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. [16] On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. [17] And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. [18] In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. [19] For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. [20] You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

[21] Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. [22] Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. [23] For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. [24] You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. [25] And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. [26] And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ [27] you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

[28] Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

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 | Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton (1774), music by Laura Taylor (2001)

*Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name:
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame!
He has washed us with His blood (3x), He has brought us nigh to God.*

*Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood (3x), He presents our souls to God.*

*Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down,
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown.
He, Who washed us with His blood (3X), soon will bring us home to God.*

*Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store!
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood (3X), has secured our way to God!*

*Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky!
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3X), Thou art worthy Lamb of God!*

Concluding Prayer

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: May God himself,
the God who makes everything holy and whole,
make you holy and whole,
put you together—spirit, soul, and body—
and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.
The one who called you is completely dependable.
If he said it, he'll do it!

People: *Amen!*

— 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24

Announcements

Alpha:

Alpha begins with prayer. Please [join us in praying](#) for God to bless our fall Alpha class. Pray for God to bring guests and to bless our fellowship, learning, and discussion. Alpha meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at the Travis's home... make sure to let Ben know if you plan to be there!

Redeemer Membership Class:

Want to learn more about Redeemer, what it means to be presbyterian, and our mission in Tyler? Then make plans to attend our four week membership class which began last week. We will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15. RSVP to Ben if interested. You don't have to be joining to attend, but attending is a requirement for joining.

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.

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 just beginning to study the gospel of Luke. Contact Konrad Kern (714-658-4972).
- The women's book study is reading *Renovation of the Heart* (Dallas Willard) and discussing it each Friday morning. Contact Patti Babin (361-215-0065) for information.

Prayer Suggestions:

Topic: our pastor and elders (Ben, Robert, John, & JB):

- Monday
Spiritual health and protection, relationships with spouse and children
- Tuesday
Integrity, emotional strength, communication skill
- Wednesday
Faith, finances, friendships
- Thursday
For their spouses (Rachel, Debbie, Brenda, & Allison), vision, and unity
- Friday
Passion for ministry, Sabbath rest, discernment
- Saturday
Perspective, faith, contentment

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