



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, February 9, 2025

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 Saviour; 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

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We are so glad you can be with us here today. We are thrilled to see God build this local church body for the furthering of His Kingdom in the neighbourhoods of North Bangalore and beyond. We know visiting a church can lead to a lot of questions and we'd love to help you find answers. Our website, redeemberbangalore.com, has details about our beliefs, vision and values. Check it out for more information about Redeemer Church, and chat with one of the elders if you have more questions.

About Our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's covenant people. The main movements are as follows:

- Calling* - God takes the initiative, moves toward us with grace, and invites us to worship him.
- Cleansing* - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.
- Communion* - God nurtures us through his Word and invites us to His table to partake of his grace.
- Commission* - God blesses us and sends us out into His world as His ambassadors.

We realise that the flow and content of the service may be unfamiliar, so we've included a few notes under each element that offer some explanation. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Please feel free to take this worship guide with you to use for personal worship and devotional time throughout the week.

Reflection

Take a moment to pause and prepare your hearts for the service.

“The fruit of the Spirit is the natural produce of his gracious inward influence, the spontaneous and inevitable result of his uniting us to Jesus Christ.”

— Philip Graham Ryken

“We see the beauty of Christ in his loving mercy, his joyful determination, his peaceful disposition, his patient instruction, his kind and tender care, his good and right ways, his faithful commitment, his gentle invitations, and his execution of self-control to attain our salvation. And the wonderful thing is that when we take hold of this beautiful Saviour by faith, he will make us beautiful, too.”

— Jonathan Landry Cruse

“The key to maturity is time and community. Discernment and godly wisdom develop in a community that spans generations. The church is called to be this place where the Spirit uses normal patterns and rhythms of the Christian life in a community, so that we may bear fruit like a well-watered tree. Despite common appearances, the church is the place where God’s new creation is coming into existence and being sustained by the Spirit like a great vineyard.”

— Micheal Horton

Please silence your phone before our worship service begins. Thank you.

Song of Preparation

The music team helps the congregation prepare their hearts to meet and be met by God, their Creator and Redeemer.

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him

The One and the Only

Cry out, sing "holy"

Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

Welcome & Announcements

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 96:1-4

God invites and calls us to worship Him; we respond to His invitation.

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Come, let us worship the Lord together.

Songs of Adoration

We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of who God is and what He has done in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King

Prayer of Adoration

This is a prayer of praise and adoration for who God is. It focuses on the glory and honor of our great and mighty God, but also asks God to help us worship Him.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

Public Confession of Sin

Please be seated. We humbly confess our sin, expressing our unity even in our brokenness and collective need for God's grace.

Together: Our Heavenly Father, You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and we thank You that You hear us when we pray. Yet, Lord, we confess the ways we have wrongly made You in our own image and viewed You as distant and uncaring. Forgive us for not drawing near to You in prayer. Thank You for the death and resurrection of Your Son on our behalf, and we pray that by Your Spirit we would delight in Your presence with us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

We take several moments of silence to meet with God individually, confess our sin, and seek His forgiveness and grace.

Assurance of Forgiveness - from Isaiah 44 and 1 Corinthians 3

The words of assurance are declarations of God's forgiveness and redemption, spoken with joy.

Minister: Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. You are God's field, God's building. All things are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Together: Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Minister: 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.

Song of Assurance & Offering

Please stand. As a worshipful response to the grace given to us in Jesus Christ and in obedience to the commands in Scripture, we take an offering during the worship service. This is primarily for the members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy power will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

Pastoral Prayer

Please be seated. The pastoral prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Reading of God's Word - Galatians 5:13-26

God speaks to us by His Word.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Sermon - Call to Freedom

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters His people through His Word.

1. The Difference
2. The Driving Force
3. The Decision

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

God invites His people to forsake their sins and feast with Him at His table.

Song of Communion

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy
My righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Song of Departure

Please stand. The Song of Departure is our joyful response to God's Word, sending us out to live as faithful witnesses of Christ in the world.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amidst the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Does seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of Hosts, His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

A mighty fortress, a rock unfailing
The King of Glory, forever amen!
For endless ages, enthroned in praises
The King of Glory, forever amen!

And though this world with devils filled Should
threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo! his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever

Benediction - from Numbers 6:24-26

A benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessing. We don't bow our heads; instead, we lift them up and even hold out our palms to receive God's blessing as we are sent out to participate in His mission to North Bangalore and beyond.

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance toward you and give you peace.

Together: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Announcements

Connect Card

We'd love to connect with you and learn how we can best serve you. If you're visiting for the first time or haven't yet plugged in, please take a connect card from the Welcome Table. You can drop it in the offering bag later in the service or hand it to one of our Welcome Team volunteers.

New Sermon Series | Fruit of the Spirit

Starting February 9th, we will begin a new 10-part sermon series titled "*Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness.*" This series will focus on the person and transformative work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. Through faith in Christ, we receive the gift of the Spirit, whose purpose is to shape us into the likeness of Jesus. While this transformation is gradual, it is inevitable. Over time, it will yield the fruit of Christ-like character. We'll explore how the Spirit empowers us to experience and embody qualities like love, joy, and peace in every season of life. Join us, and be sure to bring a friend along!



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How do I connect at Redeemer?

Give Us Seven | To get to know us better, we ask that you “give us seven.” Join us for seven Sundays over the course of a couple of months. In doing so, you’ll come to learn who we are and what we believe, and experience the mission to which God has called us.

Join a Community Group | To grow in the Christian faith we must experience the gospel in the context of life with others. To that end, we encourage everyone to join a Community Group where we come together to eat, study, pray, and encourage each other throughout the week. To get plugged in, please contact Rakshith Prabhakar at 9535289184.

Serve | God builds his kingdom through his people. Your gifts, talents, and resources are needed at Redeemer, not only to support what God is doing in our midst, but also to ensure that the good news of the gospel is taking shape throughout our community and neighbourhood.

Prayers During Communion

A prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.