



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, March 16, 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.

“True kindness is Spirit-produced (Galatians 5:22). It’s a supernaturally generous orientation of our hearts toward other people, even when they don’t deserve it and don’t love us in return. God himself is kind in this way. His kindness is meant to lead people to repentance (Romans 2:4), which implies they haven’t yet turned to him, and are still his enemies.”

— Stephen Witmer

“In the Hebrew mind *hesed* is always something you do. It is a verb. It is loading wounded people on donkeys, running to greet runaway children, forgiving enormous debts, paying someone who worked an hour as much as the ones who worked all day, giving a party to those who can’t pay you back. It is a resonant response to the overwhelming kindness of the God of Exodus 34, who is full of *hesed*.”

— Michael Card

“You see no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children with a Never-Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love”

— Sally Lloyd-Jones

“When we cannot trace God’s hand we can trust God’s heart”.

— Charles Spurgeon

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.

All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

*And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will cry out, "Hallelujah!"*

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left
Will know that You are holy
Will know that You are holy

Shout it
Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God

*And we will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will cry out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will sing out, "Hallelujah!"*

Welcome & Announcements

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 103

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

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Minister: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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.

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

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.

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more

Blessings abound where'er he reigns
The prisoner leaps to lose his chain
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

*To our king be highest praise
Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful he shall reign
Jesus shall reign*

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early praising of his name

Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honour to our king
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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: Gracious Father, as you sent Jesus into the world so you have sent us. Equipped by your Spirit, we are called to proclaim your truth, to care for the oppressed, to do good and to be your agents of healing in a broken world. We confess, however, that we have often been ashamed to speak your life-giving word to those around us. We confess we have been quick to seek comfort for ourselves instead of bringing relief to a world in pain. In all these ways we have grieved your Spirit. Lord, forgive us and pour out your Spirit afresh that we might walk in the beauty of your ways and bring honour to your name. 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 Titus 3

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

Minister: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Together: Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism. Questions 86 and 91

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

Minister: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

Together: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also renewing us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, and that he may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Minister: But what are good works?

Together: Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for his glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.

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 members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.

His Mercy is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest
The vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many
His mercy is more

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

God speaks to us by His Word.

2 Samuel 9:1-13

¹ And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ² Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." ³ And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." ⁴ The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." ⁵ Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. ⁶ And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." ⁷ And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." ⁸ And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

⁹ Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson." ¹⁰ And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. ¹² And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. ¹³ So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

Sermon - Extravagant Kindness

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

1. The Recipient of Kindness
2. The Revelation of Kindness
3. The Response to Kindness

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

Carried to the Table

Wounded and forsaken
I was shattered by the fall
Broken and forgotten
Feeling lost and all alone
Summoned by the King
Into the Master's courts
Lifted by the Saviour
And cradled in His arms

*I was carried to the table
Seated where I don't belong
Carried to the table
Swept away by His love
And I don't see my brokenness anymore
When I'm seated at the table of the Lord
I'm carried to the table
The table of the Lord*

Fighting thoughts of fear
And wondering why He called my name
Am I good enough to share this cup?
This world has left me lame
Even in my weakness
The Saviour called my name
In His Holy presence
I'm healed and unashamed

You carried me, my God
You carried 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.

Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want
In green pastures He makes me lie down
He restores my soul
And leads me on for His name
For His great name

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies
And the terror of night is at my door
I'll trust you Lord

*Surely goodness, surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your holy name*

Even though I walk through the
Valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
Even though I walk through the
Valley of the shadow of death
You are on my side

Benediction - from Zephaniah 3:17

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 your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

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.

Sermon Series | Fruit of the Spirit

Starting February 9th, we are in a 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!

Connect Dinner | March 22nd

New to Redeemer Church? We invite you to join us for our first Connect Dinner on Saturday, March 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. at Prabhakar's home. Whether you're new to our community or still exploring, this is a great opportunity to meet church leaders and community group representatives, and learn how you can get involved. Please RSVP to Kelley Beth Prabhakar at 78999 30346 to receive the address and gate pass.

Redeemer Parent Meeting | March 30th

Our prayer for our children at Redeemer is that they will behold Christ, become like him, and bear witness to his glory. Please join us Sunday, March 30th, immediately after our worship service for a thirty-minute meeting that will outline some of our hopes for how we can partner with you toward that end. Parents of children of any age as well as expectant parents are encouraged to join!



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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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 95352 89184.

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.