



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, March 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.

“One of the great disadvantages of hurry is that it takes such a long time.”

— G. K. Chesterton

“Christian patience is an active thing. It conveys the idea of positive endurance rather than quiet acceptance.”

— Ajith Fernando

“Appearances can be deceptive. The fact that we cannot see what God is doing does not mean that He is doing nothing. The Lord has His own timetable. It is we who must learn to adjust to it, not vice versa. When God's time comes nothing will stand in His way. We can therefore wait for Him with this happy confidence: "As for God, His way is perfect" (2 Samuel 22:31).”

— Sinclair B. Ferguson

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.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

Welcome & Announcements

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 30

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

Minister: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord!

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.

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One
Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth)

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.

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You died upon the cross to save us
To reconcile us back to God
My sin was great your love was greater
What could separate me now?

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival; You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom; Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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: You have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on brothers and sisters, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need. In His 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 Psalm 103

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

Minister: The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Together: Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism. Questions 27 and 28

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

Minister: What do you understand by the Providence of God?

Together: It is the almighty everywhere present power of God, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth, and all creatures; and so governs them, that leaf and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by His fatherly hand.

Minister: How does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

Together: That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and for the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father, that no creature shall separate us from His love; since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.

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.

All Sufficient Merit

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit
At my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit
Did what I could not

In love He condescended
Eternal now in time
A life without a blemish
The Maker made to die
The law could never save us
Our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless
Lamb had finally come

*It is done, it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full, all sufficient merit
Now my own*

I lay down my garments , any empty boasts
Good works now all corrupted
By the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgement
His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation
Shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted
Before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
And thank Him for the cross

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.

Galatians 5:22-23

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.

James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Sermon - While We Wait!

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

1. The Exhortation to Be Patient
2. The Examples of Patience

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.

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear
You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper
You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever
Perfect in love
You are sovereign over us

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways?
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace
You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight

Even what the enemy means for evil
You meant it for our good
You meant it for our good
And for Your glory
Even in the valley, You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
And for Your glory

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 upon 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 are in 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!

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.