



# REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, April 27, 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](http://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.*

“All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man.”

— Blaise Pascal

“I have learnt to love you late. Beauty at once so ancient and so new... I searched for you outside myself, and disfigured as I was, I fell upon the lovely things of your creation... I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am inflamed with love of your peace.”

— St. Augustine

“O for more fruitful people. You know them. They are refreshing and nourishing to be around. You go away from them fed. You go away strengthened. You go away with your taste for spiritual things awakened. Their mouth is a fountain of life. Their words are healing, and convicting, and encouraging, and deepening, and enlightening. This is the effect of delighting in the Word of God.”

— John Piper

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

# Welcome & Announcements

## Song of Preparation

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

### 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

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 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

O that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Clothed then in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy wonderous 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

# THE LORD CALLS US

## Call to Worship - from Psalm 147:7-11

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

**Minister:** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!  
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.

**People:** His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

## 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.*

### How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all  
The works Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout  
The universe displayed

And when I think that God  
His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

*Then sings my soul  
My Saviour God, to Thee  
"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul  
My Saviour God, to Thee  
"How great Thou art, how great Thou art!"*

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
"My God, how great Thou art!"

## 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.*

### Build My Life

Worthy of every song  
We could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise  
We could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath  
We could ever breathe  
We live for You  
Oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above  
Every other name  
Jesus, the only One  
Who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath  
We could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
Show me who You are and fill me  
With Your heart and lead me  
In Your love to those around me*

And I will build my life  
Upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust  
In You alone and  
I will not be shaken

# 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:** Most Holy and Merciful God, who has searched and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before You our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear son, our savior Jesus Christ. 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 2 Peter 1:3-4

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

**Minister:** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

**Together:** Thanks be to God!

## Affirmation of Faith - from Philippians 2:6-11

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

**Together:** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## 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.*

### Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My Treasure Thou art

Be Thou my wisdom  
And Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

## 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. At times, a Prayer for the City will be offered by members, seeking God's mercy and blessing for our city.*

# THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

## The Reading of God's Word

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Sermon - The Blessed Life

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

1. What is it?
2. How do we cultivate it?

# 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

### Christ Our Wisdom

Christ our wisdom, we are humbled  
When You hide Your ways from us  
You have purposes unnumbered  
Each one good and glorious  
Help us trust when we grow weary  
Free us from our anxious thoughts  
Give us grace to see more clearly  
You are God and we are not

Christ our wisdom, be our gladness  
When we fail to understand  
You ordain all joy and sadness  
To fulfill Your perfect plan  
Help us know You rule with power  
Over every raging flood  
In our most uncertain hour  
You are God and we are loved

Christ our wisdom, we will follow  
Though the way ahead is veiled  
As we journey through the shadows  
Grant us faith where sight has failed  
Help us cling to Your commandments  
Strengthened by Your faithful Word  
We will never be abandoned  
You are God and we are Yours

Christ our wisdom we adore You  
For the beauty of the cross  
Once in foolishness we scorned You  
But Your blood has ransomed us  
Help us sing the endless mercies  
Of Your humble heart to save  
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory  
You are God forever praise

# 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.*

### Your Words are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

Your words are wonderful  
Unfolding like the dawn  
A wellspring and the rock we rest upon  
We trust Your promises  
That keep our hope alive  
They steady us throughout  
Life's weary climb

*Where else can we go?  
Where else can we go?  
You have the words of life  
The words of life*

Come write Your holy truth  
Upon our longing hearts  
And strengthen us to shine against the dark  
Lord, guard us from the lies  
The enemy will speak  
No guilt remains for  
Those You have redeemed

*Where else can we go?  
Where else can we go?  
You have the words of life  
The words of life  
Make Your glory known  
Make Your glory known  
Through all Your words of life  
Your words of life*

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see  
Help us in our doubt and unbelief

## 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 turn his face 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.

## Rest Month | May

During the month of May, we will take a collective pause from our regular Community Group and Discipleship Group gatherings as part of our Rest Month. We encourage all members to read the pastoral letter shared on the Redeemer WhatsApp community and consider how you might use this season for rest, renewal and reorientation. May this be a month of deeper rest in Christ, both for yourself and for those around you.

## Worship Time Transition: Preparing for a New Rhythm

Over the past several months, our afternoon services have been a meaningful start to our life together as a church plant. We are grateful for the Lord's provision during this formative season.

As we look ahead, we believe transitioning to Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM will better serve the life and mission of our congregation, as well as those we hope to welcome into our community.

We'll take the next five weeks to intentionally prepare for a full transition to morning worship beginning June 1. We are thankful for your flexibility and partnership in this next step, and we invite you to join us in praying for a smooth and joyful transition as we continue to grow together in worship and mission.



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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Sermon Series | Summer in the Psalms

*Navigating The Complexities of Life Through the Songs of God's People*

Starting April 27, join us for a five-part sermon series through the Psalms, where we'll explore how God's Word guides us through the full range of human experience, offering wisdom for seasons of joy, sorrow, hope, and lament. Drawing on the three primary categories of Psalms – Psalms of Praise, Lament, and Thanksgiving – we will discover how these songs give voice to the complexities of life, orient us to the truth of God's character and shape our response to Him. Come join us, and feel free to bring a friend along!

*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.*