



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, May 18, 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.

“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.”

— Ambrose of Milan

“Gratitude is the *antidote to pride*, that life is not our achievement but a gift. This is not our world! Gratitude is the *antidote to despair* because in every circumstance we still live by gifts faithfully given ... Gratitude is the disciplined affirmation that the temptations of pride and despair are null and void and have no power over us.”

— Walter Brueggemann

“Again and again, the psalmists tell us that man’s ultimate calling is to use the resources of human language to celebrate God’s greatness and to express gratitude for His beneficent acts.”

— Robert Alter

“The song of thanksgiving is praising God for what He’s done in *my* personal history. ... I was in trouble, and I prayed to God, and God got me out of trouble, and now I want to publicly declare my thanksgiving.”

— Mark Futato, *Help Me Teach the Bible* podcast
with Nancy Guthrie

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

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

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 7:14-17

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

Minister: Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.

People: I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

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.

Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory
Nothing in my hands, I bring
But the promise of acceptance
From a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden
As You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to You this praise

*You deserve the greater glory
Overcome, I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing
Empty-handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy, I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me
As Your child and as Your friend
Safe, secure in You forever
I pour out my praise again

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious
Good and gracious
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious 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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord).

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

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: O most merciful God, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins. We are ungrateful for your blessings in our lives. We too easily look at what others have: their homes, their jobs, their families, their vacations. Lord, the list of things we covet is long. We too often allow things to take the place in our hearts that rightfully belong to you. Our greed reflects a lack of trust in your providence and an inordinate desire for the material world. Forgive us, Heavenly Father. Help us by your Spirit to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. 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 145: 14, 17-18

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

Minister: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Together: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith - from The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 94

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

Minister: What is Baptism?

Together: Baptism is a sacrament in which the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our grafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

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

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Please be seated.

Micah Elian Vijay

Parents: Theodore and Rebecca Vijay

Hannah Keisam

Parents: Trinijith and Annie Keisam

Miriam Anya Prabhakar

Parents: Rakshith and Kelley Beth Prabhakar

Baptism Corporate Liturgy

An affirmation spoken by the congregation in light of their vow to support the parents of the baptized in the covenantal nurture of their children.

Together: For you, little ones, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with His people. It was for you that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. For you—Micah, Hannah, Miriam—Jesus Christ suffered death, crying out at the end, “It is finished!” For you, Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all. All of this was done for you, little ones, though you do not know any of this yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: “We love because God first loved us.”

Pastoral Prayer

Please be seated. This 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 - Psalm 34

God speaks to us by His Word.

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

¹² What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord
hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will
be condemned.

²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

Sermon - Grateful Heart. Joyful Melody.

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

1. Anchor in Refuge
2. Bask in Goodness
3. Chase Peace

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

It Was Finished Upon that Cross

How I love the voice of Jesus
On the cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that cross

Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon he has offered
Great, the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that cross

Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed!
Free from every plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen!
It was finished upon that cross

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that cross

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 Colossians 3: 16-17

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: May the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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.

Congregational Meeting | May 25

We will hold a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, May 25, immediately following the worship service. This will be an opportunity to share important updates about church life and upcoming plans. All members and regular attenders are encouraged to stay and participate.

Worship Time Transition: Preparing for a New Rhythm

Starting June 1, we will move to Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM. This shift supports our church's growth and mission. Over the next few weeks, we'll prepare for this new rhythm together — thank you for your flexibility and prayers as we take this next step.

"God Told Me So?!" — A Conference on Discerning God's Will | June 7

Do you ever struggle to make big decisions — like who to marry, what job to take, or where to live? You're not alone. We all long for guidance. Many Christians believe God leads His people but often feel unsure how that actually happens.

Join us on Friday, June 7th, as we explore what the Bible says about how God guides us — through His character, His Word, and His wisdom. Whether you've wrestled with "God told me..." moments or just want greater clarity and confidence, this conference will equip you to seek God's will with faith and discernment.

Register at www.redeemberbangalore.com/events/god-told-me-so.



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Sermon Series | Summer in the Psalms

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

We're nearing the end of our five-part journey through the Psalms! Join us for the final two sermons as we explore how these songs help us navigate life with honesty, hope, and trust in God. Bring a friend!

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.

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.