



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, September 28, 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 to Redeemer

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

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

“How our churches react to conflict can make all the difference in whether our gospel witness is obstructed or accelerated. Acts 6 is a story of church conflict handled well. . . . The seven weren’t merely deployed to solve a food problem. Food was the occasion, sure, but it wasn’t the deepest problem. The deepest problem was a sudden threat to church unity. . . . Faithful deacons should see their fingerprints in the unity of their congregation, for which Jesus prayed (John 17:22).”

— Matt Smethurst

“Deliverance from affliction and oppression, whether from the bondage of Egypt or from poverty, was not an end in itself. People were not granted freedom so that they could simply rejoice. Liberation from bondage had the overriding purpose of setting the people free to serve the Lord their God according to His will. . . . A person could function best in God’s service when unencumbered by affliction and material needs. Then he could truly do his calling joyfully and to the full, as God intended for His people”

— Cornelis Van Dam

“[Deacons are called] to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed.”

— PCA’s Book of Church Order

“[We should appoint deacons] to protect the joy of the fellowship of believers”

— Cornelis Van Dam

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.

We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crown
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of His mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

We cry, "holy, holy, holy!"
We cry, "holy, holy, holy!"
We cry, "holy, holy, holy is the Lamb!"

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 119

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

Minister: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Blessed are you, O Lord, teach us your statutes.

Minister: Your testimonies are our delight; they are our counselors.

People: Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things in your law.

Minister: O come, let us worship the Lord who reveals himself to his people.
Hallelujah!

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.

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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.

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

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

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

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

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: God of truth and grace, we humbly confess our sin before You. Your law is perfect, but we have both added to it and taken away from it. Your testimonies are sure, but we have doubted them. Your precepts are right, but we have rejected them. Your commandments are pure, but we have polluted them. Forgive and subdue our stubborn hearts we pray. Give us ears not only to hear your word but to obey it now and always in Jesus' 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 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

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

Minister: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to God. Rejoice! Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Together: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith - from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86

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

Minister: We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good?

Together: To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like Himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all He has done for us, and so that He may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ. Thanks be to God!

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.

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

⁸ Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹ They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹ Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³ For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Acts 6:1-7

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Sermon - Wanted: Deacons

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

1. Why?
2. Who?
3. What for?

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

I Stand Amazed (How Marvellous)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned, unclean

*How marvellous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows
And made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for 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.

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good; He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever*

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

*From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise*

Benediction - from Romans 15:13

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 God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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: Calling Servant-Leaders for Redeemer

A team needs a captain. But a church needs a team that serves under the captaincy and Lordship of Jesus Christ. In September, Redeemer enters a joyful and prayerful season of seeking out those men whom God may be raising to serve as elders and deacons among us. These are not positions of prestige, but callings to humble service, spiritual care, and shepherding of Christ's flock.

Join us as together we reflect on what God's Word says about servant leadership, consider the biblical marks of faithful shepherds and stewards, and ask the Lord to raise up and equip such men for Redeemer's next chapter.

Let us pray with expectancy, trusting that Christ, the Chief Shepherd, will provide for His people as He has promised.

Ask the Pastor Q&R | Today

In view of our officer nomination series, we will have a 20-minute Q&R session after the service today. Please bring your questions about the process and the sermons regarding raising qualified leaders for the offices of elder and deacon at Redeemer.

Redeemer Game Day | October 11

Let us gather as a church family for a joyful time of fun, games and fellowship! We will gather at the Ruah Recreation Centre, located off Doddagubbi Main Road, on Saturday, October 11th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served, and it is a fantastic opportunity to bring a friend who is exploring Christianity or seeking a church home. Keep an eye on the Redeemer WhatsApp group for registration details.



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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Intro to Redeemer | October 12

Curious about Redeemer Church? Considering membership? This class is your next step. In this two-and-a-half-hour session, you will explore Redeemer's vision, distinctives, and key theological beliefs that shape our ministry. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular attendee ready to take the next step, we would love for you to join us. Childcare will be provided and lunch will be served. To RSVP, contact Snehil at +918679731765.

Reformation Seminar | October 18

*This is My Body: The Spiritual Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper
in the Theology of Peter Martyr Vermigli*

Join us for a thought-provoking exploration of one of the great Reformation voices whose insights still speak with clarity today.

In this seminar, we will look deeply into how Vermigli's careful theology sheds light on one of the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith – the presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Come ready to reflect, question, and be enriched as we recover the wisdom of this reformer for our own life and worship today.

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.