

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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As we face this challenging season together, we're reminded that God's promises to his people have endured, do endure, and will endure, no matter what comes against us. In the weeks ahead, may we be a community of people who encourage one another, who pray for one another, who call one another to lives of compassion and courage and faithfulness.

Each Wednesday, check your email for the latest Redeemer news and upcoming events. You're always welcome to share these resources and invite friends and family to any of our virtual gatherings! For the time being, our large group interactions as a congregation will continue to be on Zoom, a conferencing tool. You can use Zoom from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can also dial in from any phone without requiring any internet connection.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday, we read an interaction between Jesus and a group of Pharisees and teachers of the law. The Pharisees had developed extensive inflexible laws concerning things like cleanliness, diet, and Sabbath. Jesus challenged these laws saying that they were an outward expression that did nothing to transform one's heart. Our challenge as followers of Jesus is to daily strive to more fully love God and neighbor.

[Click here to see a recording of last Sunday's service.](#)

For Further Reflection

Pastor Dan gave 3 steps toward experiencing heart transformation. Which step do you need to focus on today?

Step 1 – Close the ledger. *God has already wiped our debt clean. Ask for forgiveness, trust in the promise that you are forgiven, and move forward.*

Step 2 – Expand your focus. *Look past where you are falling short. Remember that what Jesus did on the cross means that you are being remade right now.*

Step 3 – Create a compelling picture of your future with God. *Do you want to be more loving? More joyful? More peaceful? More faithful? Kinder? Gentler? More self-controlled? These are the qualities that are promised to us when we live and love like Jesus. Believe them and strive after them.*

THIS SUNDAY: WORSHIP AT 10AM

We'll gather from our homes for an interactive worship experience. We'll celebrate holy communion together, trusting in Christ's presence. Before worship, gather your own

communion elements. Whatever you have on hand is fine—just a bite of something to eat and sip of something to drink.

Here are lyrics for the songs we'll sing together this Sunday (they'll still be shown on your screen, as well):

[Gather Us In](#) (Evangelical Lutheran Worship #532)
[Who You Say I Am](#)

[Click this link to participate in all worship gatherings.](#)

OR

Follow these steps to call in on your phone:

1. Dial +1 312 626 6799
2. Enter this Meeting ID: **364 293 576** followed by # when prompted.
3. No Participant ID is required. Just press # when prompted.
4. Enter this Password: **642381** followed by # when prompted.
5. Press *6 to mute and unmute yourself.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! SIGN UP FOR OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: SATURDAY, AUG. 22, 7-9PM
Grab your lawn chair or picnic blanket and come watch [The Prince of Egypt](#) on the east lawn at church. To maintain social distancing, an RSVP is required and space is limited.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

(If spaces fill up, we can plan to organize more outdoor fellowship events while temperatures are still warm.)

STARTING THIS WEEK - BIBLE STUDY ON HOPE: THURSDAYS, 7-8PM, THIRD PLACE CHICAGO
Everything feeling hopeless and overwhelming? The Bible contains many passages about hope. Join us for a six-week Bible Study on “hope” at Third Place Chicago, beginning August 20, from 7-8pm. Note: Group size will be limited to 8 people to allow for social distancing, so please reserve your spot with karen@redeemerchicago.com.

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

1. Volunteer at Third Place Chicago on Saturday, August 29, from 9:30am-2:30pm to help collect items for St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. Come donate food that day, as well. The items most needed are cereal, canned fruits and veggies, bread, pasta, and canned spaghetti sauce. Contact karen@redeemerchicago.com with questions or to volunteer.
2. Anytime you attend an in-person Redeemer Church or Third Place Chicago event (including in-person communion, service events, fellowship events, and discussion groups), if you're able to, please bring one or more items to donate to our local food pantries.

PRACTICE A QUIET TIME WITH DEVOTIONS ON THE DAILY TEXTS

A short devotional is available first thing each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. These reflections are based on [the Daily Texts](#), a resource we have been using as a community for many years. Whether the Daily Texts are part of your routine or not, these brief devotions offer space for us to meditate together on God's Word throughout our week. [Simply bookmark this page](#) to participate three times a week.

SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH REDEEMER'S PRAYER TEAM

We have a faithful team continually praying for our congregation. To share your prayer requests or to be added to the team, please email redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

Connect with others and study God's word. No preparation is needed.

- Tuesdays, 12:00-12:30pm on Zoom
- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm at the parsonage patio (across the street from church)
Next week's topic: What does the Bible say about jealousy/envy?
- Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom
- Thursdays (Aug 20-Sept 24), 7:00-8:00 at Third Place Chicago
RSVP to karen@redeemerchicago.com

[Click this link for all of our Zoom midweek Bible studies.](#)

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3. No Participant ID is required. Just press # when prompted.
4. Enter this Password: **842432** followed by # when prompted.
5. Press *6 to mute and unmute yourself.

ONLINE GUIDED PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS, 7-7:30PM

Each Wednesday evening, reflect upon your day through quiet guided prayer. No preparation is required; just find a meditative space in your home. This will be a meaningful way for us to peacefully connect with God together in the middle of our week.

Email rachel@redeemerchicago.com with questions or if you might like to help facilitate our prayer time.

[Click this link to participate in Guided Prayer.](#)

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Follow these steps to call in on your phone:

1. Dial +1 312 626 6799
2. Enter this Meeting ID: **881 8926 2874** followed by # when prompted.
3. No Participant ID is required. Just press # when prompted.
4. Enter this Password: **806347** followed by # when prompted.
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