

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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Our Week as Redeemer Church: News, Updates, & Resources

For the time being, most of our meetings and events will continue to be on Zoom. You can use Zoom from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can also dial in from any phone without requiring an internet connection.

LAST SUNDAY

On Sunday we talked about the problem of good things—good gifts from God—that we end up overvaluing. When we forget the *why* of good things, we lose perspective. This can cause us to devalue the people and things we intend to prioritize and even to compromise on our integrity in pursuit of more and more of the good things that have become idols to us. Wisdom offers us a way to deal with this, by placing God right at the center of our lives and remembering that all other good things are gifts from him.

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

Next Faithful Steps

Here are some helpful questions we can ask ourselves that help us to prioritize correctly and keep the good gifts as good gifts:

1. Why is this important to me? What purpose does this have in my life?
2. What does God have to say about this area of my life (either directly or indirectly)?

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, THIS EVENING, 7:30PM

This evening we will join together on Zoom for an Ash Wednesday worship service, at 7:30pm. If you're interested in joining, please email peter@redeemerchicago.com. Before worship, please gather the following items that will allow you to fully participate in worship:

- A black pen or marker
- A small strip of paper
- A cup or glass of water
- For communion, a bite of something to eat
- Also for communion, a sip of something to drink (separate from the cup or glass of water mentioned above)

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

[Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church](#)
[Restore in Us, O God](#)

THIS SUNDAY: WORSHIP AT 10AM

We'll gather from our homes for worship, prayer, and discussion of God's word. 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. If you're interested in joining, please email peter@redeemerchicago.com.

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

[Holy Spirit](#)
[How Firm a Foundation](#)

MEN'S GROUP

Beginning Thursday, February 25, at 7pm, the Redeemer Men's Group will begin meeting every other week. If you haven't participated previously, there's no better time to start. We are going to gather in a hybrid format with some guys gathering in person (socially distanced and masked) along with those who would like to participate from home via Zoom. Contact Joe Duea (duea1rep@sbcglobal.net) or Dick Buchholtz (rcbuchholtz@gmail.com) with any questions.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP, WEDNESDAYS, 7:30PM

The 40 days of Lent are an opportunity to reflect on our faith as we move toward observing Jesus' death and celebrating Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Beginning Wednesday, February 24, at 7:30pm, we will gather weekly via Zoom for a 30-minute worship service rooted in the devotional resource *Lenten Journey: Water Marks*. Each week, we'll spend time meditating on a different image of water in Scripture. Our worship gatherings will include simple music, readings from Scripture, a short devotion, silence for prayerful reflection, and the option to stick around for a short time of discussion. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan, at dan@redeemerchicago.com.

SENIORS ZOOM GATHERING

On Tuesday, March 2, at 11am, we are going to gather on Zoom by video and phone to spend some time checking in and encouraging one another. During our time together, each person will have an opportunity to share the highs and lows of the past few months along with anything

they'd like the group to be praying for. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan, at dan@redeemerchicago.com.

HELP WITH THE FINANCE TEAM

Hello Redeemer Family! The Finance Team is looking for new members! We are a team of people who meet about four times a year to dive into the details of the church's finances. We review contributions and expenses and see how they compare to our budget. No prior financial experience is required! If you have any interest, please contact our Treasurer, Dan Glowen, at dglowen@gmail.com.

THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S CONNECTION GROUP

A new women's connection group is meeting on Thursdays, from 7-8pm, on Zoom. Starting this week, we'll be doing a Lenten Bible study using the book [*40-Day Journey with Maya Angelou*](#). All women are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Shannon Latko (shannonlatko1117@gmail.com) or Karen Katamay (karen@redeemerchicago.com).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

1. Anytime you attend an in-person Redeemer Church or Third Place Chicago event, if you're able to, please bring one or more non-perishable food items to donate to our local food pantries.
2. We're also collecting items for homeless care kits that people can give away when they see a neighbor in need. The most helpful items for those kits are wool socks, tuna or chicken cracker packs, nail clippers, large and small bandages, and individually wrapped wet wipes. [Or click here for a more extensive list of useful items.](#)
3. Volunteer at Third Place Chicago this Saturday, February 20, anytime from 10am-2pm, to help collect items for St. Cyprian's Food Pantry and homeless care kits. Or come donate food and items for the kits that day. Contact karen@redeemerchicago.com with questions or to volunteer.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7-8PM, ONLINE

Maria Anzalotti's high school choir department hosts an annual daddy daughter dance as a fundraiser for the department. While this year they cannot host the event in person, they are hosting a free virtual livestream party on Saturday, February 20, from 7-8pm. The Prospect High School choir department has put together an evening of songs and dances for dads and daughters to dress up and enjoy from home, (including the appearances of some of your favorite princesses!). To register to receive the link or donate to the program, go to <https://tickets.d214.org/>. Please email Maria at hamiltonizlife@gmail.com with any questions!

ONGOING GROUPS, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GUIDED PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS, 7-7:20PM

Each Wednesday evening, reflect upon your day through quiet guided prayer. No preparation is required; just find a meditative space in your home and drop in as you're able. 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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Connect with others and study God's word. These are drop-in Bible studies. No preparation is needed. If you're interested in joining, please email peter@redeemerchicago.com.

- Tuesdays, 12:00-12:30pm, on Zoom
- Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm, on Zoom

YOGA & DEVOTION, MONDAYS, 8:30PM

Please join us for a nighttime yoga practice and devotion on Monday evenings. Dress comfortably and follow the 15-30-minute video sent out each week. After you are nice and relaxed, join us on Zoom for a short devotional and prayer. We hope this will be a nice way to start your workweek and end your day. All are welcome. If you're interested in joining, please email office@redeemerchicago.com.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, MARCH 1, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting will be Monday, March 1, at 6:30pm, and we'll be discussing *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins. Please contact Linda Gonzales (cpd5137@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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 redemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)

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.

FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements of financial giving to Redeemer in 2020 were mailed out earlier this month. If you don't receive your statement in the mail or have any other questions, please email office@redeemerchicago.com.