

Our Week as Redeemer Church

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News, Updates, & Resources

Many of our meetings and events 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 continued our message series looking at responses to the good news of what Jesus accomplished for the world with his incarnation, death, and resurrection. We're looking at stories from the book of Acts, and on Sunday we read the story of a Roman soldier named Cornelius. Cornelius is described as devout, God-fearing, generous, and prayerful. In Acts 10, he's visited by a messenger from God who tells him to send for Simon Peter. Simon Peter is led to overcome his assumptions about who God will call to faith in Jesus, and Cornelius and his household hear the good news and are gifted with God's Holy Spirit. In the same way, it's important that we remain prayerfully open to where God is moving, because many times that will be in unexpected places and in unexpected people.

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

Question for Reflection

How can my prayer life help me to be more open to, and aware of, where God is working around me?

ONLINE WORSHIP: SUNDAYS 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):

[They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love](#)

[The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve](#)

IN-PERSON WORSHIP FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE: SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

Our 8:30am weekly worship service has resumed meeting in person. For now, participation is limited to people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. (The exception to this is that our musician and pastors are only partially vaccinated at this point.) We are requiring masks (other than for speakers) until the pastors and musician are fully vaccinated. Our 10am online worship service will continue to be available until we're able to resume in-person worship at 11am, hopefully sometime this summer. Contact [Pastor Peter](#) or [Pastor Dan](#) with any questions.

BABY WIPES & DIAPERS DRIVE

We're collecting baby wipes and diapers of all sizes to help the Kids Above All Moms in Need drive through this weekend. You can drop them off at the Redeemer sanctuary or arrange an alternate drop off time with Pastor Dan. Kids Above All also has an [Amazon wish list link here](#), in case you would prefer to donate that way. Questions? Contact Karen Katamay (karen@redeemerchicago.com) for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: NEIGHBOR DAY AT THIRD PLACE CHICAGO, MAY 15, 10AM-2PM

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers for our Neighbor Day event at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave) on Saturday, May 15, from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers will greet people and pass out water bottles and granola bars to our visitors. Choose a shift from 10-12 or 12-2. Come join us! Have questions or want to sign up? Contact Karen Katamay (karen@redeemerchicago.com).

CONSTITUTION UPDATES

Last Sunday we previewed the changes to the constitution that we will vote on at our annual meeting in June. For those who were unable to attend or would like to read through the updated constitution, you can do so [here](#). If you have questions regarding any of the changes being made, contact Pastor Dan (dan@redeemerchicago.com).

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS

We'd love to hear your ministry ideas for the 2021-2022 budget. [Click here](#) to fill out a form by this Saturday, May 1.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY MOVING TO FALL

We typically spend a few weeks each spring focusing on stewardship ahead of voting on the next year's budget at the annual meeting. This year, we are moving our financial stewardship focus to the fall when we expect that both services will have resumed in-person worship and we can better encourage one another to take steps to grow in generosity. As we approach the fall, please begin to prayerfully consider how you will support our shared mission of helping people find a better way to live through following Jesus. Please contact Pastor Dan (dan@redeemerchicago.com) with any questions.

ONGOING GROUPS, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITIES

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.

BIBLE STUDIES: EVERY TUESDAY & EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

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.

- Every Tuesday, 12:00-12:30pm, on Zoom
- Every other Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm, on Zoom (**next meeting April 29**)

ONLINE GUIDED PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS, 7:00-7:30PM

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

WOMEN'S GROUP: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

A women's connection group meets every other Thursday, from 7-8pm, on Zoom. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 6. All women are welcome to participate. For more information, contact Shannon Latko (shannonlatko1117@gmail.com) or Karen Katamay (karen@redeemerchicago.com).

MEN'S GROUP: EVERY OTHER THURSDAY, 7PM

The Redeemer Men's Group has just begun meeting every other Thursday evening. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 6, at 7pm. 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 in the church sanctuary (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.

REDEEMER BOOK CLUB: MONDAY, MAY 3, 6:30PM

Everyone is welcome to participate in Redeemer's book club. The next meeting will be this coming Monday, May 3, at 6:30pm, at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave), and we'll be discussing *Go Set a Watchman*, by Harper Lee. 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 redeemerprayerteam@gmail.com. (Do you have updates on your recent prayer requests? Please send a quick email to let our team know!)

NEED FINANCIAL ADVICE?

Joe Duea, a member of Redeemer and financial planner with PrairieView Wealth Partners (an office of Thrivent Advisor Network), is available every Friday at Third Place Chicago (4651 N Milwaukee Ave), from 9am to 1pm. Stop by if you need any financial guidance or have any financial questions.