



## Welcome to Redeemer East Side

January 4, 2026

9 and 11am

GOD SEEKS

Prelude *Etude No. 1* — Heitor Villa-Lobos

Call to Worship Leader: Rev. Iain Coston

Prayer of Adoration\*

The Lord's Prayer\*

Hymn of Adoration\* *O Worship the King*

Hymn of Praise\* *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

Prayer of Confession

GOD SPEAKS

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Renewal\* *O Great God*

Ordination of David Park

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Sermon *Life Together*

Dr. Crawford Stevener

GOD SENDS

Offertory *Romance D'Amour* — Anonymous

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Rev. David Ellis

Song of Communion *Rock of Ages*

Song of Sending\* *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Benediction\*

Postlude *Recuerdos De La Alhambra* — Francisco Tarrega

\*Congregation stands.

All ages welcome in worship service.

Cry room with livestream on 4th floor if needed.



## This Week's Scripture

### Exodus 18:1-27

<sup>1</sup> Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, how the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, <sup>3</sup> along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), <sup>4</sup> and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). <sup>5</sup> Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. <sup>6</sup> And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," <sup>7</sup> Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. <sup>8</sup> Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. <sup>9</sup> And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

<sup>10</sup> Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>11</sup> Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." <sup>12</sup> And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

<sup>13</sup> The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. <sup>14</sup> When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" <sup>15</sup> And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; <sup>16</sup> when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." <sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. <sup>19</sup> Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, <sup>20</sup> and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. <sup>21</sup> Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. <sup>22</sup> And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any

small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. <sup>23</sup> If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”

<sup>24</sup> So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. <sup>25</sup> Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.

<sup>26</sup> And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. <sup>27</sup> Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Redeemer Presbyterian Church East Side welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are connected to congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion when they have been confirmed in their faith. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

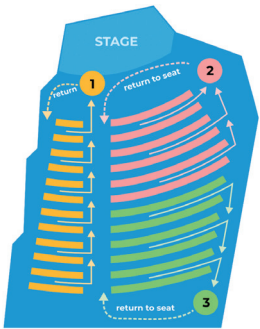
*If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please share with a church leader up front, or let one of the pastors know.*

### Prayer of Commitment

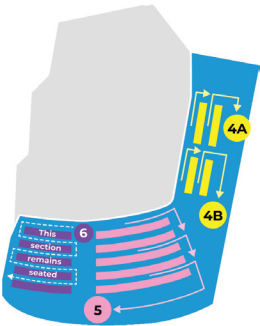
Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your Church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

*\*For personal prayer please come to the front after service.*

# Communion Processional



**SANCTUARY**



**BALCONY**

*Individually wrapped gluten-free bread is available on the bread tray.  
Non-alcoholic grape juice (clear liquid) is available on the wine tray.*

## Worship Musicians

Laura Veldheer — song leader  
Jack Marcin — guitar  
Eileen Buck — piano

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