



## Welcome to Redeemer East Side

February 23, 2025

5pm

GOD SEEKS

Call to Worship *Leader: Iain Coston*

Prayer of Adoration\*

The Lord's Prayer\*

Song of Adoration\* *All the People Said Amen*

Song of Praise\* *Not Forgotten*

Prayer of Confession

GOD SPEAKS

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Renewal\* *All I Have Is Christ*

Prayers of the People *Center for Faith and Work*

Announcements

Scripture Reading

Sermon *Everybody Worships*

*Dr. Crawford Stevener*

GOD SENDS

Offertory *The Gospel*

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Dr. Crawford Stevener*

Song of Communion *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Song of Sending\* *Better Is One Day*

Benediction\* \*\*

*\*Congregation stands.*

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



## This Week's Scripture

### Acts 17:16-34

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

"In him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
"For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

## **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 members of 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.

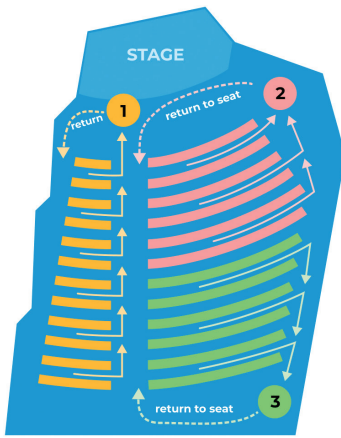
*If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please share with a church leader up front, or let one of the pastors know.*

### **Prayer of Commitment**

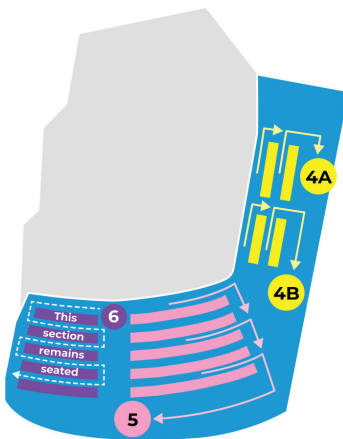
Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your Church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

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