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## Weekly Worship

### Sundays

9am **Informal Worship**

10am *Faith Formation for All Ages*

11am **Traditional Worship**

**Online Worship** is also available:  
[ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship](http://ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship)

**Childcare:** Sunday mornings (newborn - age 4)

### Wednesdays

4pm Centering Prayer



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# Welcome!



## Winter/Spring 2022

*In the model of Christ,  
and for the life of the world,  
we are an inclusive, devoted, caring,  
and spiritual community that  
accepts challenges, takes risks,  
and grows!*

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redeemer's**  
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# What we do *as a community in the model of Christ*



## Worship & Music

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**Informal Worship** Sundays 9 AM ~ Come as you are and celebrate God's presence with an eclectic mix of music and more.  
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**Traditional Worship** Sundays 11 AM ~ Join us for a spirited traditional approach to worship. kathyh@ourredeemers.net

- Holy Communion in celebrated each week at both services.
- Nursery available all Sunday morning, newborn to age 4
- The "Prayground" in the sanctuary is available to families with little ones. This intentional space helps them participate fully in worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate.

**Centering Prayer** Each Wednesday 4 ~ 4:35 PM ~ Recharge with silence and this simple form of Christian meditation. No experience necessary. kathyh@ourredeemers.net

**Baptism of Infants, Children, and Adults** Immersed in God's grace; raised to love and live in Jesus' way. For more information and scheduling, contact one of our pastors.

## Musical opportunities at Our Redeemer's

- Adult & Youth Choir, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM (adults & middle school/high school age)
- Informal Music Ensemble, Thursdays, 7:30 PM
- Handbells (Christmas & Easter)



## TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY Faith Formation

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**Sprouts** Sundays, Ages 3-5 during 9 AM service and online at 10 AM on Zoom. Children explore an age-appropriate Bible-based curriculum. Contact Pastor Gretchen for Zoom information.

**O-ROCK:** Our Redeemer's Outstanding Church Kids is our version of Sunday school. After the 9 AM service, we welcome kids from kindergarten to 5th grade to explore Bible stories, get to know each other and caring adults, and invite questions about God, life, and everything they can imagine.

**Middle School Hang Out** A time for 6th and 7th graders to get to know each other, and about how God's love makes a difference in our lives and around the world. The hangout starts after the 9 AM service.

**Youth Confirmation** For 8th graders. Fun, faith, and service, preparing to publicly say "Yes" to God. Includes retreats, summer camp, and visits to other faith communities.

**Adult Forums** Sundays, 10 AM ~ A variety of topics & speakers from current issues to faith practices.

**Bible Study** Meets Wednesdays, 10:30 AM - noon on Zoom. Everyone is welcome! Contact Carolyn Swanson, cdkswan@gmail.com for information.

**Theology on Tap** 4th Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 PM ~ A safe place to explore and question a different topic each month. Currently meeting at Reuben's Brews in Ballard.

**The Journey** Get to know this church better! Ask questions, get acquainted, deepen faith, and explore Our Redeemer's community. Contact the pastors. Six Sundays in Lent, March 6 - April 10, 4 PM.

**Retreats** Getting away to deepen community and faith

- EarthCare Retreat (April)
- Women's Retreat (May)
- Lutherhaven Confirmation Camp (July)
- Vacation Bible School (August)
- Holden Village in North Cascades (Summer 2022)



## A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE Social Justice & Service

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**We Give Globally and Locally** More than 7% of all offerings are directed to the ELCA's excellent hunger, immigration, relief and development ministries that work nationally and internationally. We also give 3% to our community through local partners, for a total of over 10% of Our Redeemer's budget.

**Advocating for Compassion & Justice** We partner with the Faith Action Network, Earth Ministry and the ELCA Advocacy Action Center to enable members to advocate for policy changes that address poverty, injustice, health care, and climate change.

**Ballard Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinners** On the third Sunday of each month, volunteers prepare dinner and serve about 50 hungry neighbors at Ballard First Lutheran Church. Every year we host a large Thanksgiving feast for the wider community in need.

**Food Bank and Clothing Collections** Nonperishable food and gently-used clothing collections at Our Redeemer's help our neighbors who are hungry and unhoused.

**EarthCare** We seek to live greener through community involvement, educating our church, advocating and/or working in Our Redeemer's Peace Garden. We often have an Earthcare Retreat/Service Project in April. Twice a year, we recycle electronics, metal, and styrofoam in our parking lot. Year-round, we collect and recycle used batteries.

**Lutheran World Relief** We send quilts, school kits, and personal care items through Lutheran World Relief to those in need in the U.S. and around the world. We are also the LWR loading site for NW Washington.

**Quilters** Quilters meet at 10 AM each Monday to make quilts to warm people around the world through Lutheran World Relief. No sewing experience needed.

**Racial Justice Advocates** This group educates ourselves about racial inequity and its outcomes, and coordinates efforts within the congregation to move toward a more racially just world.

**Road to Housing (R2H)** Our Redeemer's provides church parking spots, hospitality, and access to bathroom, shower, and electric cooking appliances for those living in their vehicles.



## CREATING INCLUSIVE Community

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**Welcome Team** Ensure all are truly welcomed, and can become involved. (Mandy Neill - welcome@ourredeemers.net)

**Circles of Connection** Meet weekly for 20-30 minutes via zoom in relaxed groups of 5-8. Check in, visit Sunday's gospel reading, pray, and care for each other. Times arranged by each group.

**Caring Community Team** Share comfort and support through visits, meals, cards, communion, and prayer shawls. The team meets bi-monthly.

**LGBTQ Support/Advocacy** As a congregation, we publicly and warmly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and march in the annual Pride Parade.

**Madonna's Book Group** Meets monthly on Sundays at 4 PM to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. All women are welcome.

For more details, go to [www.ourredeemers.net](http://www.ourredeemers.net) or call the church, 206.783.7900, Monday-Friday 9 AM -3 PM.