

REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



A Godward Life

July 9, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

Call to Worship: Psalm 36:5-9

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens; your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

ALL: In your light do we see light.

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 6:16-19

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

"You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Assurance of Pardon: Exodus 33:13-14, 18-19; 34:5-9

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."... Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy....The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

...And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

The Solid Rock
Good and Gracious King

Confession of Faith: 39 Articles: Article 1

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there be three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Psalm 95

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Build My Life

The Installation of Wade Savant

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O Church Arise

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

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1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

Pg. 499 (Psalm 96 ESV)

Resources

Derek Kidner, *Psalms*

C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

Charles Spurgeon, *Treasury of David*

Discussion Questions

1. Prayerfully reflect on your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc. How did you "come" into worship today?
2. Where did the gospel "dwell in you richly" in the service today? In the prayers? In the singing? In the sermon?
3. Specifically, how were you led to turn from sin and trust in Jesus?
4. What is the one thing from the sermon this morning that you would most want to pass on to someone else?

Sermon Series: A Godward Life

Sermon Title: Seeing God's Work, Knowing His Ways

Date: July 9, 2023

Hook: *Who is in the dock? You? Or God?*

I. A HARD HEART - TESTING GOD

"...do not harden your hearts" (Psalm 95:8)

II. A DEEP REST - TRUSTING GOD

"For the Lord is a great God!" (Psalm 95:3)

Takeaway: *Come and worship!*



A Call to Endure

Paul's second letter to Timothy is a call to endurance amid opposition and suffering for the sake of the gospel. The theme of endurance is present throughout the letter through the use of Greek words that variously express the idea (2 Tim. 2:10, 12, 24; 3:11; 4:5). Suffering for the gospel is explicitly stated in 2 Tim. 1:8, 12 (cf. 2 Tim. 2:3; 3:10–11).

Paul's exhortation to endure has shaped the very structure of the letter. After expressing his affectionate greetings to Timothy, his "beloved child," and recounting his fond remembrance of the young man's spiritual beginnings (2 Tim. 1:1–5), Paul issues an extended exhortation to endurance (2 Tim. 1:6–2:13). This exhortation begins with a powerful call to gospel-centered endurance (2 Tim. 1:6–14), followed by contrasting real life examples of two who failed to endure and one who did (2 Tim. 1:15–18). Paul then resumes his call to gospel endurance (2 Tim. 2:1–13), with directives to be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:1–2), to share in suffering as a good soldier (2 Tim. 2:3–7), to remember Jesus Christ as preached in Paul's gospel (2 Tim. 2:8–9), and to endure through the work of Christ (2 Tim. 2:10–13).

In the next section (2 Tim. 2:14–3:9) Paul provides wisdom for enduring false teachers. Timothy is charged to rightly handle the word (2 Tim. 2:14–19), remain an honorable vessel, be ready for every good work (2 Tim. 2:20–21), avoid ignorant controversies (2 Tim. 2:23), and correct opponents with gentleness (2 Tim. 2:24–26). As Paul moves to the end of his letter (2 Tim. 3:10–4:8), he issues a mounting, ascending call to endure for the gospel. Paul encourages Timothy to follow his own astonishing example of endurance (2 Tim. 3:10–13), continuing in the God-breathed Scriptures that make souls wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:14–17) and taking up the stunning call to preach the word (2 Tim. 4:1–8).

The apostle closes with a moving example of enduring to the end in gospel ministry (2 Tim. 4:9–22). Second Timothy is, so to speak, Paul's last will and testament and, as such, it bears power and soul-moving piquancy—all rooted in the beauty of the gospel of grace (2 Tim. 1:8–11).

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in 2 Timothy" written by R. Kent Hughes

Announcements

Kids' Bowling: During the summer our Children's Ministry is hosting monthly events for children and their parents. **Saturday, July 22, from 3-5pm at Cypress Lanes** we'll have a bowling day. The cost to attend is \$10. Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please help us plan by registering: redeemerwh.org/rsvp

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: (redeemerwh.org/worship).

Our Mission

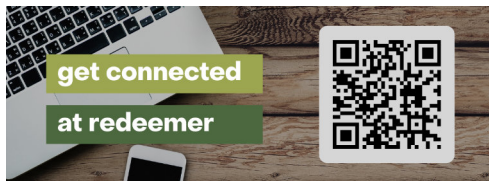
Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org.



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