



# 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.*



*June 9, 2024 – Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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## **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 95:1-7

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

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

## 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.*

Immortal, Invisible

## Reading of the Law: Leviticus 19:17-18 / Romans 12:17-21

*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.*

17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Prayer of Adoration and 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).*

## Songs of Repentance

*In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.*

Upon a Life

## Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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

19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## 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.*

## Songs 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 Love of Christ  
Sovereign Over Us

## Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism 103-105

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

Q. 103. What is the first commandment?

**A. The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods before me.**

Q. 104. What does the first commandment require?

**A. The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God and to worship and glorify him as such by valuing, meditating on, remembering, highly regarding, honoring, adoring, preferring, loving, desiring, fearing, believing, trusting, hoping, delighting, and rejoicing in him.**

Q. 105. What particular sins does the first commandment forbid?

**A. The first commandment forbids: atheism; idolatry; ignorance of him; forgetting him, misunderstanding him, untrue opinions about him, and evil or unworthy thoughts about him; hating God; self-love; self-interest; and all other disorderly or excessive attention, mental, willful, or emotional, to things that divert our attention partially or completely from God...**

...Also included are: worthless beliefs, lack of faith; not trusting God; spiritual despair; hardness of heart; pride; willfulness; worldly complacency; putting God to the test; being lukewarm; spiritual deadness; deserting and forsaking God; making men the rulers of our faith and conscience; slighting and despising God and his commandments; resisting and grieving his Spirit; and finally being dissatisfied and offended by the things God provides in our lives.

## Receiving New Members

*As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.*

Ben Olson

## Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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.*

Matthew 5:38-48

## Song of Response & Sending

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

Behold Him

## 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

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

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'  
39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Pg. 810 (Matthew 5:38-48 ESV)

## Resources

Lee Camp, *Mere Discipleship*

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Sermon on the Mount*

Paul Miller, *Love Walked Among Us*

John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

## 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:** The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Ethics

**Sermon Title:** When There's Major Beef

**Date:** June 9, 2024

**Hook:** *Gandhi said, "An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind." Agree or disagree?*

## **I. AN EYE FOR AN EYE**

*"We must not repay injury but suffer it, and so overcome evil with good." - John Stott*

## **II. DO NOT RESIST**

*"Where the sin of others abounds, grace (from us) should abound much more." - Sinclair Ferguson*

## **III. THE HEAVENLY LIFE**

*"The very essence of a Christian is that he is an enigma. There is something unusual, something inexplicable and something elusive about him from the standpoint of the natural man." - Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

**Takeaway:** *Just Do It!*



## THE GOSPEL IN

### *1 Thessalonians*

## Power of God for Salvation

Paul's letters to the Thessalonians bear witness to the glorious reality that the gospel is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes". In 1 Thessalonians, Paul cannot stop rejoicing that the gospel came to the Thessalonians in word, in power, and with full conviction by the Holy Spirit. Paul and his companions labored diligently among the Thessalonians, and by God's grace they could glorify God as they witnessed the steadfast faithfulness of the body of Christ in Thessalonica. The Thessalonians were a congregation who genuinely loved one another as they followed the example of Christ and his apostles, and they lived each day in light of the promised return of Jesus Christ.

As the Thessalonian believers waited, Paul urged them to be steadfast in their faith in Christ, to continue to grow in love for one another, and to remain sexually pure according to God's holy calling. Such living, Paul explained, must be grounded in the daily heart-application of the gospel itself. In this way the Thessalonians would continue to manifest their genuine faith in the resurrected and returning Jesus Christ—living gratefully, prayerfully, and expectantly. The gospel promise is that we who are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in the sinless life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ can eagerly look forward to his return that will come "like a thief in the night" to rescue us and unite us with his loved ones from all the world and from all ages.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
"The Gospel in 1 Thessalonians"

# Announcements

**Officer Nominations:** We have begun the process of nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Please take the time to read and pray over the qualifications for elder & deacon submitting a nomination. You can find that information and submit an online nomination at: [redeemerwh.org/nominations](https://redeemerwh.org/nominations).

**Kids' Bowling:** During the summer our Children's Ministry is hosting monthly events for children and their parents. **Saturday, July 13, from 12:30-2pm at Incredibowl (formerly Cypress Lanes)** we'll have a bowling day. The cost to attend is \$10. Children MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Visit [redeemerwh.org/bowl](https://redeemerwh.org/bowl) to register.

**Women's Ministry:** There will be no women's Bible study this summer. Instead, **we will join the Men's Ministry at Grove Roots from 4-6pm on June 18 & July 23.** In the place of formal gathering times, we'd encourage those with pools to open their homes to moms that are home with their children during the summer. If you are hosting a group from Redeemer, Vicky would be happy to help facilitate lunch for everyone. We hope this summer can be a time of refreshment as well as new friendships – especially across generational lines. If you'd like to host or help with lunches, contact Vicky Portlock ([vicky@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:vicky@redeemerwinterhaven.org)) or 863-289-1516.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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](https://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](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](https://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 Ashley Bennett, [ashmbennett1013@gmail.com](mailto:ashmbennett1013@gmail.com).

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**2024 GOAL:** \$50,000  
**RECEIVED:** \$12,231

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