

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 City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



April 30, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship: Psalm 70 We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

People: May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

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 10:12-21

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.

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

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).

Song of Repentance

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

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 1:3-9

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

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

Lion and the Lamb Living Hope

Receiving New Members: 10:30am

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.

Azariah Albrecht, Jake Diaz, Nicolette Elswick, Christian Gomez, Bentley Hassett, Jackson Klepper, Katie Beth Klepper, Olivia Klepper, Breeley McCracken, Erik Roldan, Lily Turley

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.

John 6:28-29 (see insert)

Song of Response & Sending

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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.

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28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

Pg. 891 (John 6:28-29 ESV)

Resources

Tim Keller, **Shaped By the Gospel** Richard Lovelace, **Dynamics of the Spiritual Life** Dane Ortlund, **Gentle and Lowly** Eugene Peterson, **Leap Over a Wall**

Family Worship/Group 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: Gospel Fluency Sermon Title: Gospel Renewal Date: April 30, 2023

I. BELIEVING

"Biblical non-doing is neither sloth nor stoicism; it's a strategy." – Eugene Peterson

II. FORGETTING

"Much that we have interpreted as a defect of sanctification in church people is really an outgrowth of their loss of bearing with respect to justification." – Richard Lovelace

III. REPENTING

"'Of works' to fallen people is what water is to a fish." – Dane Ortlund

Announcements

One Service: Beginning **Sunday, May 21**, we will transition to only one service at 10am for the summer.

Senior Recognition Sunday: On **Sunday, May 21**, we'll be recognizing the seniors from the class of 2023. If your senior would like to participate, please contact Austin Snively at **austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org**.

Women's Summer Person of Jesus: Ladies, our Summer Person of Jesus Study is returning May 30. We'll meet weekly on Tuesday mornings (9:30-10am coffee & refreshments, 10-11am lesson) through July 25. Childcare will be offered, but you must register each week. A signup sheet will be available weekly in our Redeemer Women's facebook page: redeemerwh.org/womenfb.

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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