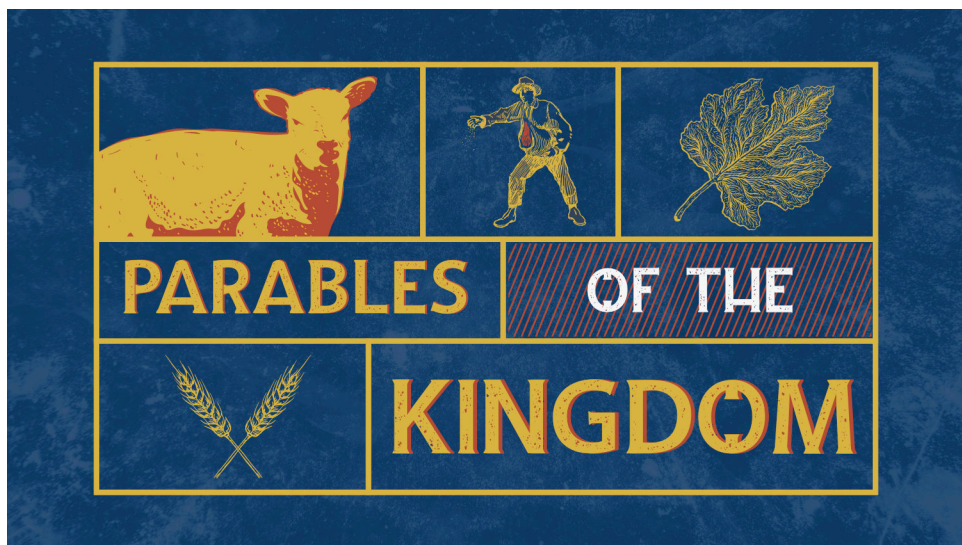




To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



August 25, 2019 – Eleventh 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.

Song of Gathering and Preparation

We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Jesus There's No One Like You

Call to Worship: Psalm 86

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

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

Congregation: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

Be Thou My Vision

Reading of the Law: Jeremiah 9:23-24

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.

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

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).

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

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

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men...

...For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

My Worth Is Not In What I Own
The Power of the Cross

Worship Through Giving

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.

Announcements & 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 13:31-33 *(see insert)*

Song of Response

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

Build My Life

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.

[31] He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. [32] It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." [33] He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Pg. 819 (Matthew 13:31-33 ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of anything that starts very small but grows to have a massive impact?
2. God consistently shows up in ways we wouldn't expect and in this parable Jesus teaches that the Kingdom is no different. How does this give you hope? How does it lead you to reassess your understanding of greatness?
3. This parable teaches that you often can't see the growth of the Kingdom; it's not flashy, but very ordinary. How does that change the way you think about what the work of the Church is? Share examples and ideas.
4. Jesus teaches that the small seed of the Kingdom will grow into a great tree of rest. How do we see that already being true today? Pray, thanking God for his welcoming grace in the gospel, and for those who are yet to find rest in Him.

Sermon Series: Parables of the Kingdom: Gospel Culture

Sermon Title: A Growing People

Date: August 25, 2019

I. START SMALL

II. COMMON CARE

III. GREAT GARDEN

Announcements

Greeting this morning is the **Reynolds** Community Group.

Get Connected Lunch: Are you new to Redeemer? Join us for our Get Connected Lunch on **Sunday, September 15, from 12-2pm** in the fellowship hall. We'd love to help you learn how to get better connected to the life of our church and answer any questions you may have. Lunch and childcare provided. Please RSVP to connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org if you'd like to attend.

Women's Brunch: Ladies, mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 7 from 10am-12:30pm**. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, friendship, & of course, delicious food. Please invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to join you. We would love a full house! Visit redeemerwh.org/brunch to sign up for food and register for childcare.

Vision Dinner/Congregational Meeting: Vision Dinner is a quarterly event where we share a meal together and reorient ourselves towards our mission. **Join us Wednesday, September 11, at 5:30p** for our next Vision Dinner. During our meeting we will vote to elect the nominees for elders and deacons. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP at redeemerwh.org/vd.

The elder candidates are: *Ben Blasio, Sam Portlock & Brad Scholten*

The deacon candidates are: *Andrew Albrecht, Gio Andracchio & Charlie Reynolds*

Renew Polk Gathering: We're happy to announce the upcoming Vision & Prayer Gathering of Renew Polk churches on Sunday, **September 8, 5pm at Trinity Presbyterian in Lakeland**. Renew Polk was birthed out of the church planting momentum of Trinity and her daughter churches. Redeemer was church number 4. There are now 10 churches and we are praying that God would allow us to see 20 new churches planted throughout our county over the next 20 years! All of our churches meet jointly twice a year to worship and pray together. We hope you will join us for this special night. **Childcare will be available through pre-k, help us plan by emailing krissa@trinitylakeland.org**. Consider making this a Community Group outing.

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/RCCmusic.



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