



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.



November 24, 2019 – Christ the King Sunday

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.

God Is For Us

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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.

Lion and the Lamb

Reading of the Law: From Ezekiel 18

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.

"If a man is righteous... he shall surely live, declares the Lord GOD... The soul who sins shall die... "But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?"

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: Romans 2:4 & Titus 3:4-7

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

... Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?... But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

All Creatures of Our God and King
Thank You Jesus

Worship Through Giving: November Memory Verse

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.

Luke 15:1-10, 12-14, 20-25, 28 (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.

God Is For Us

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.

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing...28 But he was angry and refused to go in.

Pg. 874 (Luke 15:1-10, 12-14, 20-25, 28 ESV)

"I have diligently tried to be good. There was always the conscious effort to avoid the pitfalls of sin and the constant fear of giving in to temptation. But with all of that there came a seriousness, a moralistic intensity - and even a touch of fanaticism - that made it increasingly difficult to feel at home in my Father's house. I became less free, less spontaneous, less playful, and others came to see me more and more as a somewhat 'heavy' person."

— Henri Nouwen, Parable of the Prodigal Son

Sermon Series: Parables of Grace
Sermon Title: Do You Have Heaven's Joy?
Date: November 24, 2019

I. ABSENCE OF JOY

The response of the older brother in Jesus' story doesn't fit.

II. OCCASION OF JOY

Heaven celebrates repentance. We should too.

III. EXPRESSION OF JOY

Let's party!

Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **White & Sirrine** Community Groups.

Corporate Prayer: Join us **TODAY at 5pm** for a time of corporate prayer. We will meet at Central Park and walk around the downtown area praying for our city government, businesses, non-profits, and churches.

Thanksgiving Service: Join us **THIS Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30pm** for our annual Thanksgiving Service. This will be a brief service as we give thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done. Childcare will be available through kindergarten.

Christmas Party: Our Christmas Party will be **Sunday, December 8 at 5pm at the Sizemore's Home (227 Lake Link Rd)**. This event is for adults only. Childcare will be available at the church from 5-7pm.

Advent Decorating: If you'd like to assist us in decorating the sanctuary for Advent, we'll begin immediately after the Thanksgiving Service on **Wednesday, November 27**.

MOPS: Are you a mom of preschool age children? Please consider joining our MOPS group, hosted at Redeemer City. MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers, a group of moms of young children banded together to share their lives and parenting journeys. As we grow in Christ, his love pours into us, equipping us to serve one another and our community. For more information about our MOPS group, please contact Susan Walker (863) 412-1163 or Debbie Crosby (863) 604-4091.

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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