



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

The Gospel

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

April 14, 2022 – Maundy Thursday

Season of the Cross: Red for Holy Week

Since the early church, Christians have observed the week leading up to Easter as a time of particular devotion. Two events mark Maundy Thursday recorded in the Gospels the night before his betrayal and arrest: Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment - to love one another as he has loved them. This was also the night that he instituted the Sacrament of Communion to his disciples.

Call to Worship: Mark 10:42-45

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

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Explanation of Liturgy

Liturgy refers to the structure of the worship service. Through the liturgy we tell the story of Jesus' Passion and also remind ourselves of what it means to be people who follow Jesus in the Way of love and sacrifice

BELIEVING the Gospel: the FAITH Command

The Christian life starts with believing the Gospel. We take time on this Maundy Thursday to consider the Great Commandment: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer... And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves... And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table... A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them... "Let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:14-15, 17, 19-21, 24-27 (ESV)

Congregational Prayers

We pause to pray around the table, CELEBRATING the gospel of God's great love for us in Jesus.

Song of Response

We sing in response to the wonder of God's great love for us. He generously gave his only Son for us so that we might be made his sons and daughters.

The Love of God

BECOMING the Gospel: the LOVE Command

Believing the Gospel always leads to becoming the gospel. We take time on this Maundy Thursday to consider the second great commandment: to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.... Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 3:16; 4:7-12 (ESV)

Congregational Prayers

We pause to pray around the table, ASKING the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and power to "become" the gospel to others.

Song of Response

We again sing in response to the wonder of Jesus' s humility and love. He is a King who came to serve, not to be served.

Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Meditation: John 13:1-8

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

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."

The Sacrament of Communion

With this meal we re-enact Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The sacrament of communion is the power for both believing and becoming the gospel

Closing Hymn: We Will Feast In the House of Zion

After Jesus and his disciples celebrated Passover together, they sang a hymn and departed. So we sing in celebrate of God's salvation.

Sermon Series: The Gospel: 2022
Sermon Title: Jesus' Love (And Ours)
Date: April 14, 2022

I. THE SPECIFICS OF HIS LOVE

Why is John so specific in his description of this scene?

II. THE SILENCE OF HIS LOVE

How much explanation does Jesus give them as he prepares to wash the disciples' feet?

III. THE SHOCK OF HIS LOVE

Jesus' actions are shocking because they are so humiliating

The Love of God

Verse 1

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

Chorus

O love of God how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints and angels song

Verse 2

When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall
When men who here refuse to pray
On rocks and hills and mountains call
God's love so sure shall still endure
All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints and angels song

Verse 3

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

Riches I need not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

Verse 4

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
Bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Announcements

Marriage Conference: Registration is open for our marriage conference with Ray & Jani Ortlund on **Saturday, April 23, 9am-2pm**. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp to register.

Good Friday: Our Good Friday service (**April 15, 6pm**) is a reflective service where we meditate on the Passion and Cross of Christ. ***We will have childcare for through kindergarten.***

Easter Sunday: We are having TWO worship services on **Easter Sunday, April 17, 9 & 10:30am**. ***Childcare will be available through 5th grade for both service times.*** However, we will only be live streaming the 9am service.

Ladies Night Out: Ladies, please plan to join us **Friday, May 6, from 6-8pm at Marley McAdams' home (1115 Interlochen Blvd)** for a ladies night out. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or appetizer and we'll provide the drinks.

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).

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@redeemewinterhaven.org.

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