



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 16, 2024 – Fourth 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.

Call to Worship: Psalm 13

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

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? Will you hide your faith from me?

People: Look at me, O Lord, my God! Renew my strength!

Leader: But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

People: I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Reading of the Law: Colossians 3:23-24

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.

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

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: Luke 12:22, 29-34

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

22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on... 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

...32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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

Child of the King
Christ is Mine Forevermore

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism 107-109

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

Q. 107. What is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God

Q. 108. What does the second commandment require?

A. The second commandment requires us to receive, respectfully perform, and preserve completely and purely all the regulations for religion and worship that God has established in his word. These include: prayer; the reading, preaching, and hearing of the word; the administration of and receiving the sacraments; church government and discipline; the administration and upkeep of the church.

Q. 109. What particular sins does the second commandment forbid?

A. The second commandment forbids: imagining, recommending, demanding, practicing, or in any way approving any religious worship not established by God himself; creating any likeness of God as the Trinity or as anyone of his three persons, either internally in our minds or externally in the form of any kind of image or representation of a created being; any worship of such created likenesses as if God were in them or as if they were a means to worshiping him... Also forbidden are: any departure from the true worship of God by adding to or taking away from it, whether by our own invention or received from some other tradition... and finally any neglect of, contempt for, hindering, or opposition to the worship and regulations established by God.

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.

Tom & Susan Davidson

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.

Matthew 6:1-4

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

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1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Pg. 811 (Matthew 6:1-4 ESV)

Resources

John Mark Comer, *Practicing the Way*

Glen Harrison, *Ego Trip*

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *The Sermon on the Mount*

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: The Practice of Righteousness

Date: June 16, 2024

Hook: *Do you ever feel like you're invisible? Why does that hurt so much?*

I. PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Most people think they will grow to be more like Jesus through trying hard rather than training hard." – Richard Foster

II. HIDDEN SPIRITUALITY

"For Jesus, the secret place wasn't just a place, it was a habit." – John Mark Comer

III. HEAVENLY REWARD

"The proper rewards are not simply tacked on to the activity for which they are given, but are the activity itself in consummation." – C.S. Lewis

Takeaway: *Be rich toward God (Luke 12:21)!!!*



THE GOSPEL IN

2 Thessalonians

Until He Returns

Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians is a letter of comfort to those eagerly awaiting the promised return of Jesus Christ. Since receiving Paul's first letter, the Thessalonians' faith in Christ and their love for one another had continued to grow abundantly while they endured affliction for the sake of the gospel. Paul writes to encourage them to remain steadfast in their commitment to the gospel and the doctrine they had learned from the apostles. False prophets had been spreading rumors suggesting that the "day of the Lord" (2 Thess. 2:2; cf. 2 Thess. 1:10) had already come, and Paul writes to set the record straight by providing further details about the events surrounding the second coming of Christ.

Paul also deals with misbehavior that has been a consequence of the Thessalonians' misunderstanding. While awaiting the coming day of the Lord, some of the believers at Thessalonica had become unwilling to work. Paul urges the believers to continue to work and not to grow weary in doing good while waiting in hope for God's impending vengeance against the wicked and his salvation of his chosen people. Just as God called us through the gospel, so he is faithful to his promise to guard us and establish us in every good work until Jesus returns.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in 2 Thessalonians"

Announcements

Officer Nominations: We have extended 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.

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 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) 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) 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 Ashley Bennett, ashmbennett1013@gmail.com.

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2024 GOAL: \$50,000
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