

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.



January 8, 2022 – Epiphany Sunday

## Season of the Cross: Gold for Christmastide

Christmastide runs from Christmas Day until Epiphany Sunday. It is a celebration of the birth and incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God and true man. While many Christians recognize Christmas as a celebration of Jesus' birth, the season is also a time to celebrate the incarnation, that is, God becoming human in the person of Jesus. This season is commonly referred to as the twelve days of Christmas.

Call to Worship: Daniel 4:34-35

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

Leader: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to His will, and none can say to Him, "What have you done?"

People: We praise and extols and honor you, King of heaven! All Your works are right and Your ways are just; and those who walk in pride You are able to humble.

**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.

## Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

#### Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 4:23-24

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.

Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

**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:** Luke 1:51-54

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

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

**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

How Great Thou Art Only A Holy God

## 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.

## Praver 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.

James 4:1-10 (see insert)

**Confession of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed
As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

## Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

#### Song of Response & Sending

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

Doxology (Romans 11)

## 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**

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

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Pg. 1012 (James 4:1-10 ESV)

#### **Resources**

Hannah Anderson, *Humble Roots*Chris Hutchinson, *Rediscovering Humility*Andrew Murray, *Humility* 

# **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: Humility

Sermon Title: Humble Yourself

Date: January 8, 2023

#### I. THE OBSTACLES

"Christian discipleship cannot be supplemented with a dash of humility for flavor, but must have humility as the main ingredient." — Chris Hutchinson

#### II. THE BLUEPRINT

"Humility is not a mere ornament of a Christian, but an essential part of the new creature. It is a contradiction in terms to be a Christian, and not be humble." – Richard Baxter

#### III. THE STRENGTH

"Religion is merely the final conflict between human self-esteem and divine mercy, and the one is as frequently victorious as the other." – Reinhold Neibuhr

#### **Announcements**

**2023 Bible Reading Plans:** We have 2023 Community Bible Reading/Seeing Jesus Together journals available in the foyer. They can be purchased for \$10 or online at **redeemerwh.org/books.** 

Men's Retreat: Guys, registration is now open for our men's retreat: **February 17-18** at **Dark Hammock Ranch.** The \$40 registration fee covers all of your meals. There are 4 lodging options: on-site camping, on-site lodging (limited), nearby hotel (must book yourself), & commuting. Visit **redeemerwh.org/rsvp** to register.

**Worship Team Questionnaire:** Our worship team is looking for new musicians – particularly instrumentalists – for the upcoming year. If you have gifts in these areas, take a minute to fill out this quick survey form: **redeemerwh.org/survey** 

**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**).

**Online Directory:** Our online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit **redeemerwh.org/directory** to access your profile.

**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)**.





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