

# 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 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.*



## GOSPEL FLUENCY

*May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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### **Call to Worship:** Psalm 72:18-19

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

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**People: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

## 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.*

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

## Reading of the Law: Colossians 3:12-17

*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.*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## 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).*

## Song of Repentance

*In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.*

As Long As You Are Glorified

## Assurance of Pardon: Lamentations 3:22-24

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

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

## 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*

Be Thou My Vision  
Give Me Faith

## **Sacrament of Baptism: 9:00am**

*The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).*

Arthur Hamilton Gilmore

## **Receiving New Members: 10:30am**

*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.*

Jess Baker, Hannah Lear, Kim Schmucker

## **Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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.*

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## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

Jesus, Thank You

## **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.*

1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them... 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ...7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. — Genesis 1:27; 3:1, 7

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. — John 1:1, 14

3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. — Psalm 127:3-4

21 Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord... 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. — Ephesians 5:21-22, 25

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. — Genesis 50:15-21

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector... 21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. — Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22

3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." 5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" — Luke 17:3-5

## Resources

Kelly Kapic, ***You're Only Human***

Tim Keller, ***Forgive***

Tim and Kathy Keller, ***The Meaning of Marriage***

Paul Tripp, ***Marriage***

Andy Crouch, ***The Tech-Wise Family***

**Sermon Series:** Gospel Fluency

**Sermon Title:** Case Studies

**Date:** May 14, 2023

## **I. FLUENT IN FINITUDE**

*"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King Jr.*

## **II. FLUENT IN FAMILY**

*"All real, life-changing love is substitutionary sacrifice" - Tim Keller*

## **III. FLUENT IN FORGIVENESS**

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" - Luke 17:5*

## Announcements

**One Service:** Beginning **NEXT Sunday, May 21**, we will transition to one service at 10am for the summer.

**Senior Recognition Sunday:** On **Sunday, May 21**, we'll be recognizing the seniors from the class of 2023. If your senior would like to participate, please contact Austin Snively at [austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

**Women's Summer Person of Jesus:** Ladies, our Summer Person of Jesus Study is **returning May 30. We'll meet weekly on Tuesday mornings (9:30-10am coffee & refreshments, 10-11am lesson) through July 25.** Childcare will be offered, but you must register each week. A signup sheet will be available weekly in our Redeemer Women's facebook page: [redeemerwh.org/womenfb](https://redeemerwh.org/womenfb).

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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](https://redeemerwh.org/worship)).

## Our Mission

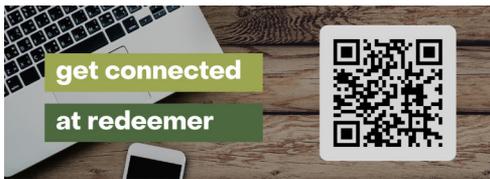
Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

## 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](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](https://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@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org).



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