



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 23, 2024 – Fifth 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 119:169-172

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

Leader: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

People: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Reading of the Law: Luke 11:9-13

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.

9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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).

Songs of Repentance

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

Upon a Life

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 3:1-3

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

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

It Was Finished Upon that Cross
Satisfied

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism 111-113

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

Q. 111. What is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Q. 112. What does the third commandment require?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use in our thoughts, meditations, words, and writings, of God's name, titles, qualities, regulations, word, sacraments, prayer, oaths, vows, casting lots, his works, and anything else by which he makes himself known.

Q. 113. What particular sins does the third commandment forbid?

A. The third commandment forbids: not using God's name as is required; the abuse of it through ignorance, irreverence, blasphemy; perjury; violating our oaths and vows, if lawful, and keeping them, if aimed at unlawful things; complaining and quarreling about or misapplication of God's decrees and acts of providence as well as unwarranted curiosity about them; misinterpreting or misapplying God's word or perverting all or part of its meaning in any way; pointless arguing, meaningless talk, or supporting false doctrines; abusing God's name, his creatures, or anything included under his name... maligning, scorning, reviling, or opposing in any way God's truth, grace, and actions; pretending to be religious or using religion for evil purposes; being ashamed of God's name or a shame to it by stubbornly refusing to obey him and by living unwisely, unfruitfully, or in such a way as to offend him or backslide away from him.

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.

Bob & Lori Grode, Chandler Trueheart

Sacrament of Baptism

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).

Chandler Trueheart

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 6:5-15

Song of Response & Sending

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

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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.

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5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Pg. 812 (Matthew 6:5-15 ESV)

Resources

Sinclair Ferguson, *Sermon on the Mount*

O. Hallesby, *Prayer*

Tim Keller, *Prayer*

Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*

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: Gospel-Fueled Praying

Date: June 23, 2024

Hook: *Why is prayer so hard?*

I. RELIGIOUS AND IRRELIGIOUS PRAYERS

"The gospel differs from both religion and irreligion." – Tim Keller

II. UNBELIEVING PRAYERS

"If we think we can do life on our own, we will not take prayer seriously." – Paul Miller

III. GOSPEL-FUELED PRAYERS

"If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much how he makes of having God as his Father." – J.I. Packer

Takeaway: *Always pray more in private than you do in public.*



THE GOSPEL IN

1 Timothy

Godliness and the Gospel

The thrust of 1 Timothy is that godliness is central to the Christian's continuing in the gospel and the church's proclamation of the gospel. Words relating to "godliness" occur ten times in this short book, and throughout the letter Paul grounds godly behavior in Christ's gospel. Sadly, those whose behavior is contrary to the gospel of Christ deny the reality of their faith. Indeed, personal godliness (Christ-infused godliness) is not only indispensable to perseverance in faithfulness, but absolutely essential to the proclamation of the gospel to the lost world. In a nutshell, the theme of 1 Timothy is Christ-centered godliness for the sake of the gospel.

This gospel theme is explicit in 1 Tim. 2:1–7, where Paul urges that prayers be made for all people so that believers may lead godly lives. He comments, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." Paul follows this declaration of God's gospel heart with consecutive detailed directives for godliness to three groups: women, overseers, and deacons. These instructions are followed by what are the universally acknowledged key verses of the letter, calling the church to conduct that is radically Christ-centered and Christ-generated—which is to say, gospel-centered godliness.

Chapter 4 begins with a warning against pursuing godliness through man-centered asceticism, which Paul terms the "teaching of demons". This is followed by the famous non-ascetic command to Timothy to "train yourself for godliness" and its accompanying array of applications and benefits. Chapter 5 flows into chapter 6 with directives regarding how the treatment of various groups in the church must be shaped by godliness: older men and women, younger men and women, widows, elders, and masters. In chapter 6 Paul warns against those who teach a different doctrine that "does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness". Godliness and greed are juxtaposed. Paul closes by exhorting Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." And, in this Christlike spirit, "Fight the good fight of the faith".

So we see that 1 Timothy is not simply a moralistic manual for church conduct. It is rather a call to Christ-centered, gospel-centered godliness for the sake of the church—and a lost world.

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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