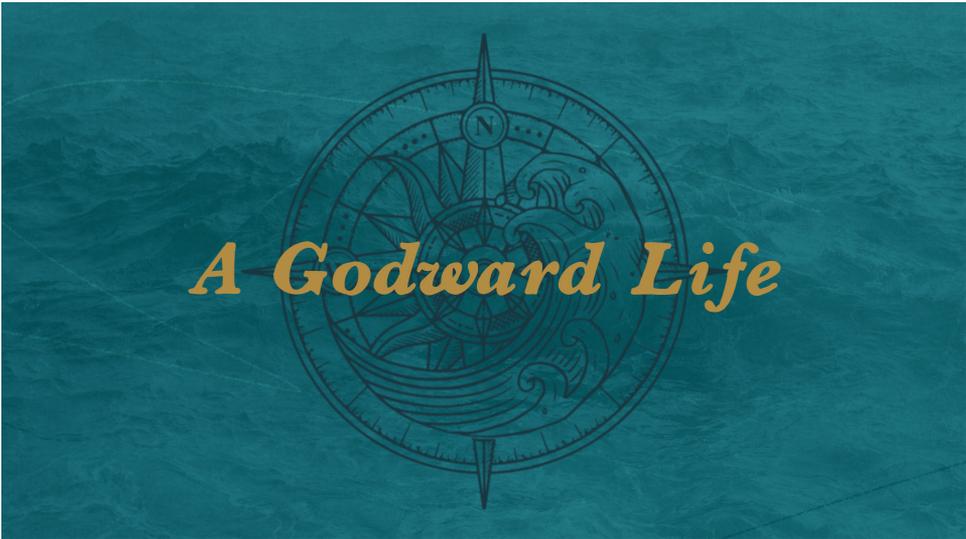




REDEEMER

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.



A Godward Life

June 25, 2023 – 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 89:14-17

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

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

ALL: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day, and in your righteousness are exalted.

Leader: For you are the glory of their strength.

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.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Reading of the Law: Romans 12:17-21

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.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.

Psalm 42 (I Will Praise You Again)

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:23-26

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

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith...

...This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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.

Song 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

Satisfied
Give Me Jesus

Confession of Faith: Augsburg Confession 1.1-4

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

There is one Divine Essence which is called and which is God: eternal, without body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness, the Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible; and yet there are three Persons, of the same essence and power, who also are coeternal, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. And the term "person" they use as the Fathers have used it, to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself.

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.

Psalm 37:1-15, 27-28, 35-40

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 I My Cross Have Taken

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 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! 2 For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! 8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. 9 For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. 10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. 11 But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace. 12 The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming. 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; 15 their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

27 Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. 28 For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

35 I have seen a wicked, ruthless man, spreading himself like a green laurel tree. 36 But he passed away, and behold, he was no more; though I sought him, he could not be found. 37 Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace. 38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed; the future of the wicked shall be cut off. 39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. 40 The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Pg. 466 (Psalm 37 ESV)

Resources

Derek Kidner, *Psalms*

Eugene Peterson, *Leap Over a Wall*

James K.A. Smith, *How to Inhabit Time*

David Taylor, *Open and Unafraid*

Christopher Wright, *Old Testament Ethics*

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: A Godward Life
Sermon Title: The Lord Loves Justice
Date: June 25, 2023

I. THE LIMITS OF ANGER

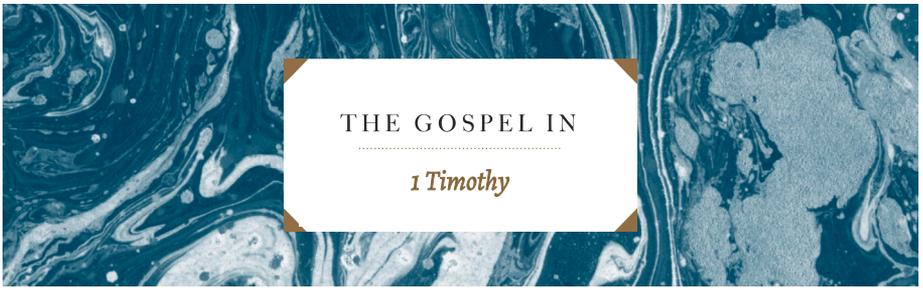
"Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath" (Psalm 37:8).

II. THE TRIUMPH OF MEEKNESS

"The meek shall inherit the land" (Psalm 37:11).

III. THE INEVITABILITY OF JUSTICE

"For the Lord loves justice" (Psalm 37:28).



THE GOSPEL IN

1 Timothy

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 (1 Tim. 2:2, 10; 3:16; 4:7, 8; 5:4; 6:3, 5, 6, 11), 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 (1 Tim. 1:6, 19–20; 4:1; 5:6, 8, 11–12; 6:9–10). 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" (1 Tim. 2:3–4). Paul follows this declaration of God's gospel heart with consecutive detailed directives for godliness to three groups: women (1 Tim. 2:9–15), overseers (1 Tim. 3:1–7), and deacons (1 Tim. 3:8–13). These instructions are followed by what are the universally acknowledged key verses of the letter (1 Tim. 3:14–16), 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" (1 Tim. 4:1–5). This is followed by the famous non-ascetic command to Timothy to "train yourself for godliness" and its accompanying array of applications and benefits (1 Tim. 4:7–16). 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 (1 Tim. 5:1–2), widows (1 Tim. 5:3–16), elders (1 Tim. 5:17–25), and masters (1 Tim. 6:1–2). 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" (1 Tim. 6:3–5). Godliness and greed are juxtaposed (1 Tim. 6:6–10). Paul closes by exhorting Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." And, in this Christlike spirit, "Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Tim. 6:11–16).

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.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in 1 Timothy" written by R. Kent Hughes

Announcements

Kids' Bowling: During the summer our Children's Ministry is hosting monthly events for children and their parents. **Saturday, July 22, from 3-5pm at Cypress Lanes** we'll have a bowling day. The cost to attend is \$10. Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Women's Summer Person of Jesus: Ladies, our Summer Person of Jesus Study **meets 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.

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 Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org.



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