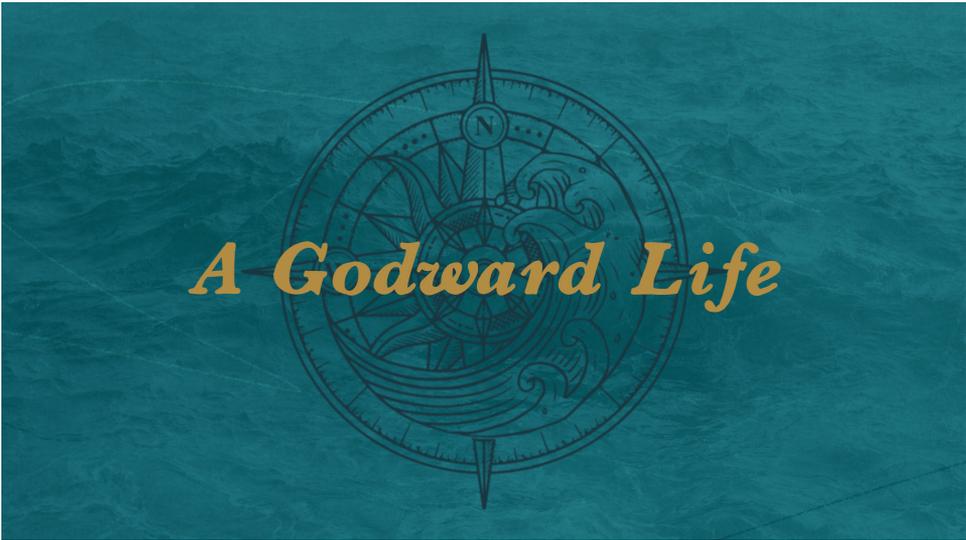




REDEEMER

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

July 2, 2023 – 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: Exodus 15

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

Leader: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength, and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him... The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name."

ALL: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

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 Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Reading of the Law: Psalm 78:1-8, 10-11, 21-22

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.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God... They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them... Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel, because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power.

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Chronicles 20:12-17

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

O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you..."

...Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah. And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's. Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you."

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

Only A Holy God
His Mercy Is More

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession: Article 1

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

We all believe with the heart and confess with the mouth that there is one only simple and spiritual Being, which we call God; and that He is eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, immutable, infinite, almighty, perfectly wise, just, good, and the overflowing fountain of all good.

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).

Ben Smith

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.

Ben Smith

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 kindergarten** 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 107

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.

Before the Throne

Song of Response & Sending

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

Christ My Hope In Life and Death

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 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble 3
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; 5 hungry
and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 7 He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in. 8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man! 9 For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in
irons, 11 for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel
of the Most High. 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell
down, with none to help. 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he
delivered them from their distress. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the
shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. 15 Let them thank the LORD for his
steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 16 For he shatters
the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. 17 Some were fools through
their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; 18 they loathed
any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. 19 Then they cried to
the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 20 He sent
out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. 21 Let
them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children
of man! 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in
songs of joy!

23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; 24
they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. 25 For he
commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. 26
They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted
away in their evil plight; 27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were
at their wits' end. 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered
them from their distress. 29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea
were hushed. 30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought
them to their desired haven. 31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for
his wondrous works to the children of man! 32 Let them extol him in the
congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, 34 a fruitful
land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. 35 He turns a desert
into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. 36 And there he lets the
hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; 37 they sow fields and plant
vineyards and get a fruitful yield. 38 By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he
does not let their livestock diminish. 39 When they are diminished and brought
low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, 40 he pours contempt on princes and
makes them wander in trackless wastes; 41 but he raises up the needy out of
affliction and makes their families like flocks. 42 The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness shuts its mouth. 43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these
things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Sermon Series: A Godward Life
Sermon Title: God's Wondrous Works
Date: July 2, 2023

I. A WONDER-LESS LIFE

"Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so" (Psalm 107:2).

II. THE WONDER-FULL GOD

"He turns rivers into a desert" (Psalm 107:33)

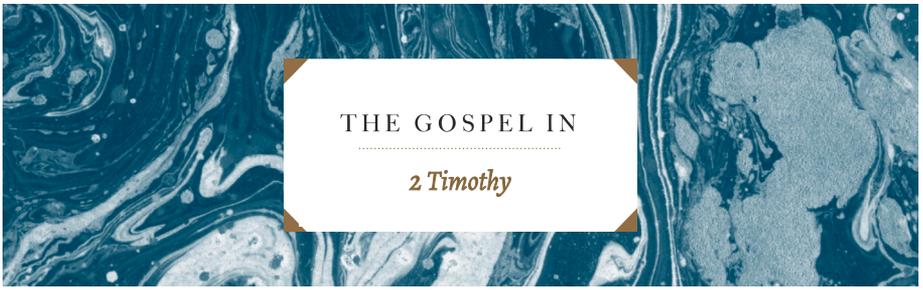
Resources

Derek Kidner, *Psalms*

Collin Hansen, *Our Secular Age*

Alan Noble, *Disruptive Witness*

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



A Call to Endure

Paul's second letter to Timothy is a call to endurance amid opposition and suffering for the sake of the gospel. The theme of endurance is present throughout the letter through the use of Greek words that variously express the idea (2 Tim. 2:10, 12, 24; 3:11; 4:5). Suffering for the gospel is explicitly stated in 2 Tim. 1:8, 12 (cf. 2 Tim. 2:3; 3:10–11).

Paul's exhortation to endure has shaped the very structure of the letter. After expressing his affectionate greetings to Timothy, his "beloved child," and recounting his fond remembrance of the young man's spiritual beginnings (2 Tim. 1:1–5), Paul issues an extended exhortation to endurance (2 Tim. 1:6–2:13). This exhortation begins with a powerful call to gospel-centered endurance (2 Tim. 1:6–14), followed by contrasting real life examples of two who failed to endure and one who did (2 Tim. 1:15–18). Paul then resumes his call to gospel endurance (2 Tim. 2:1–13), with directives to be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:1–2), to share in suffering as a good soldier (2 Tim. 2:3–7), to remember Jesus Christ as preached in Paul's gospel (2 Tim. 2:8–9), and to endure through the work of Christ (2 Tim. 2:10–13).

In the next section (2 Tim. 2:14–3:9) Paul provides wisdom for enduring false teachers. Timothy is charged to rightly handle the word (2 Tim. 2:14–19), remain an honorable vessel, be ready for every good work (2 Tim. 2:20–21), avoid ignorant controversies (2 Tim. 2:23), and correct opponents with gentleness (2 Tim. 2:24–26). As Paul moves to the end of his letter (2 Tim. 3:10–4:8), he issues a mounting, ascending call to endure for the gospel. Paul encourages Timothy to follow his own astonishing example of endurance (2 Tim. 3:10–13), continuing in the God-breathed Scriptures that make souls wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:14–17) and taking up the stunning call to preach the word (2 Tim. 4:1–8).

The apostle closes with a moving example of enduring to the end in gospel ministry (2 Tim. 4:9–22). Second Timothy is, so to speak, Paul's last will and testament and, as such, it bears power and soul-moving piquancy—all rooted in the beauty of the gospel of grace (2 Tim. 1:8–11).

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