



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.



GALATIANS

KEEP YOURSELF
IN GOD'S LOVE

September 29, 2024 – Nineteenth 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 19

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

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul... the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, sweeter than honey.

People: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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.

This Is My Father's World

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 28:1-2; 15-16; 30:19-20

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.

1 "And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.

15 "But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. 16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field.

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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.

Help Us See Christ

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 4:7-9; 13-16

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

7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." 9 Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. 16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

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

His Be the Victor's Name
Cornerstone

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.

Galatians 3:9-14

Song of Response & Sending

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

All Sufficient Merit

Commissioning: Mercy Hill Church

O Church Arise

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

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9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Pg. 973 (Galatians 3:9-14 ESV)

Resources

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Whole Christ*

Tim Keller, *Galatians*

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

Eugene Peterson, *Traveling Light*

Sermon Series: Galatians: Keep Yourself in God's Love

Sermon Title: Blessing a Cursed World

Date: September 29, 2024

Hook: *What is the Story that makes sense of our stories?*

I. LAW-DENYING

"Let your heart sweetheart be your compass when you're lost; you should follow it wherever it may go." - Lady A

II. LAW-RELYING

"Of works' to fallen people is what water is to fish." - Dane Ortlund

III. LAW-OBEYING

"At no point did Jesus find the law irritating; nor did it diminish his joy. He is the ultimate illustration of a person who says, "O how I love your law!" - Sinclair Ferguson

Takeaway: *Be a blessing!*



THE GOSPEL IN

Hosea

One particularly poignant way in which the theme of salvation is seen in Hosea involves the covenant between God and Israel initiated at Sinai being treated as a marriage. This analogy sees all the indictments of Israel's idolatry as spiritual adultery. In addition, when God promises to save his people after he judges them, he depicts their future salvation as a new marriage ceremony at a new Sinai. Jesus later came calling himself the bridegroom of God's people (e.g., Matt. 9:15), and Paul strikingly states that the great mystery of marriage "refers to Christ and the church". Jesus comes to initiate the new covenant, which is like the new betrothal prophesied in Hosea 2:14–23, and it will culminate in "the marriage of the Lamb", when "the Bride, the wife of the Lamb," comes "down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God".

Hosea also prophesies of the sinful nation of Israel being struck down by Yahweh, who comes at them like a lion. But, with striking echoes of future salvation events, the prophet says that this death of the nation will happen when the people are driven into exile. Then, after the exile, Yahweh will raise his people from the dead on the third day.

These redemptive themes in Hosea's prophecy are supremely fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus came as Israel's representative, and in his death he became the one who bore the curse of the covenant (Gal. 3:13). He was struck down under the wrath of God, and "he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures". Jesus laid down his life for his bride, the church, buying her back from slavery to sin. He ransomed her as God had ransomed Israel at the exodus, and in his resurrection he justifies her, accomplishing the prophesied new exodus and setting the return from exile in motion. The great consummation will be celebrated at the marriage feast of the Lamb, in fulfillment of all the prophets, not least Hosea.

This prophetic book sobers us and fills us with renewed hope. As ugly as Israel's adulterous faithlessness has been, it cannot extinguish God's resilient, redemptive love that defies human calculation or annulment.

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

Announcements

Person of Jesus Study: Join us for the Person of Jesus study on **Thursdays from 12-1pm (October 3 through November 21)** in Covenant Hall. Lunch & Childcare will be provided. This is a co-ed study open to anyone.

Women's Night Out: Ladies, please plan to join **Friday, October 18, from 6-8pm at Brittany Chambless' home (3208 Heron Cove)** for a night out. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or appetizer and we'll provide the drinks. Let us know if you plan on attending by providing a quick RSVP: redeemerwh.org/wno

Renew Polk Worship Service: On **Sunday, October 27**, Renew Polk will be hosting a combined worship gathering at **The King's Church (730 S Florida Ave) at 5:30pm**. This evening is an opportunity to hear updates on how God is moving in and through church plants here in Polk County while also praying for the gospel to continue to bear fruit in our area. Consider making this a Community Group outing.

Women's Bible Study: Our Women's Bible study has resumed on **Thursdays from 10-11:30am in the Blue Room**. We're going through Vaughan Robert's book *God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible*.

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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2024 GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$27,427

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