



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH



Ephesians

RICHES OF GRACE

February 6, 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Call to Worship

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

ALL: O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. 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 Thou Fount

Reading of the Law: John 3:3-7

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.

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

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.

Jesus Paid It All

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-27

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

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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

Goodness of God
What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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.

Announcements & 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.

Ephesians 1:3, 13-14 (see insert)

Confession of Faith: Nicene 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 one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

Song of Response & Sending

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

Thank You Jesus

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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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Pg. 976 (Ephesians 1:1-6 ESV)

Resources

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, ***God's Ultimate Purpose***

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, ***Joy Unspeakable***

Eugene Peterson, ***Practice Resurrection***

John Stott, ***Baptism and Fullness***

Discussion Questions

1. Do you know that Jesus died for YOUR sins? All of them. Even the big nasty ones!
2. In Ephesians, Paul commands us to be (being) filled with the Holy Spirit. Do you ever pray for God's Spirit to fill you? If not, why not?
3. Paul tells us that there is an inheritance waiting for us in heaven. How do you imagine that inheritance? How does knowing that future is awaiting you help you live faithfully in the present?
4. Practically, how do you live "to the praise of his glory"?

Sermon Series: Ephesians: Riches of Grace

Sermon Title: The Spirit's Grace

Date: February 6, 2022

I. WITNESS

"You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit"

II. DOWN-PAYMENT

"... who is the guarantee of our inheritance"

III. SPIRITUAL POWER

"... to the praise of his glory"

Announcements

Renew Polk: Our network is having a Vision & Prayer Gathering on **TONIGHT at 5pm at Trinity Presbyterian in Lakeland**. Consider making this a Community Group outing.

Community Bible Reading Lab: If you're interested in learning more about our CBR plan or how to use the journaling tools consider joining us for a CBR Lab on the last Sunday of the month. **Our first lab will be February 27 from 9-9:45am**. We'll have coffee and childcare.

Saturday in the Psalms (Zoom): Kick-off your weekend by joining us as we look at our weekly Psalm together. We'll meet briefly **via Zoom on Saturdays at 8am**. Visit redeemerwh.org/cbr to join.

Person of Jesus Study: Heart for Winter Haven is hosting a community wide Person of Jesus Study on the **2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 12-1pm** lunch is provided. Their office is located on the second floor of the BB&T Building downtown.

Men's Retreat: Guys, our men's retreat is **March 4-5 at Dark Hammock Ranch**. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp for more details and to register.

Spring BUILD: We are continuing our midweek BUILD classes on **Wednesday at 6:30pm**. We're meeting weekly through March 16.

Men's Bible Study: Our men's Bible Study as resumed on **Tuesdays at 6:30am**.

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).

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@redeemewinterhaven.org.

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