



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

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 City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary time runs between Epiphany and Lent. 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: From Psalm 95

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

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

ALL: For he is our God, and we are his people. He is our good shepherd, and we are his flock led with care.

Leader: Today, as we hear his voice, let not our hearts be hardened. Lord, open our hearts!

ALL: For he is our God, and we are his people. He is our good shepherd, and we are his flock led with care.

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

Who You Say I Am

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 57:15

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.

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

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).

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 12:18-24

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 you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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

Jesus Thank You
Build My Life

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: 9am

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.

Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:3-10 (*see insert*)

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.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic 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.

Song of Response & Sending

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

In Christ Alone

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.

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4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

Pg. 1007 (Hebrews 11:4 ESV)

3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. 6 The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

Pg. 3 (Genesis 4:3-10 ESV)

Sermon Series: By Faith
Sermon Title: Commended By God
Date: February 7, 2021

I. THE CROUCHING SIN

Why is sin so deadly?

II. THE BELIEVING SACRIFICE

Why did God accept Abel's sacrifice and not Cain's?

III. THE SPEAKING BLOOD

What is the "better word" that Jesus' blood speaks?

Announcements

Mask Only Service on Communion Sundays: Beginning this month we are offering a **mask only service at 8am** on Communion Sundays. The next service will be March 7.

Men's Bible Study: Guys, we'd love for you to join us for a weekly Men's Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am** in Covenant Hall. No RSVP or prep work necessary.

Men's Hangout: Our next men's hangout will be **Saturday, February 27, 4pm at the Idols Aside Ranch in Lake Wales**. As always, bring your appetite and some friends.

Women's Bible Study: What would it have been like to follow Jesus in His earthly ministry as he walked the hills of Galilee, taught in parables, journeyed up to Jerusalem, healed the sick, and cared for the outcast? Come and join the women of Redeemer and walk with Jesus as he loves. See his heart for the hurting, lost, and lonely.

For addition information or to RSVP for either the Zoom or in-person meeting, please contact either Sally Goodwill (sallyg1110@aol.com or 863.325.5200) or Gigi Savant (gigisavant@gmail.com or 863.258.0268).

Mondays, 6:30-8pm in Covenant Hall following COVID protocols
Thursday, 9:30-11am via Zoom

Through Stained Glass: Check out our new podcast *Through Stained Glass*. The first season is called *How to Disagree Well*. Visit redeemerwh.org/podcast to find the podcast in your favorite podcasting apps or on the RedeemerWH app.

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).

Online Directory: Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit redeemerwh.org/directory to access your profile.

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/RCCmusic.



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