

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 20, 2021 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

## Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

The Season after Epiphany is one of two periods in the Church calendar known as "ordinary time;" and it runs from Epiphany until Ash Wednesday. During Epiphany we focus on the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth, and the great gift of God's grace in revealing the Light to the world.

Call to Worship: Psalm 104:31-34

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

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

ALL: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**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.

Your Ways (Isaiah 55)

### Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 10:12-17

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.

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

**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.

Grace Alone

## **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:11-15**

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

...Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light...

...He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**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

All I Have Is Christ Reckless Love

## 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 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.

Ephesians 2:1-7 (see insert)

**Song of Response & Sending** 

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

The Love of God

### **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 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Pg. 976 (Ephesians 2:1-7 ESV)

#### Resources

Bryan Chapell, **Ephesians**Martyn Lloyd-Jones, **God's Way of Reconciliation**Eugene Peterson, **Practicing Resurrection**Tim Keller, **"The Grace of God"** sermon

# **Family Worship/Group 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 Discussion Questions**

- 1. Describe the before-and-after of your conversion experience.
- 2. Read Ephesians 2:1-3 together. What part of how Paul describes the "before" of our salvation stands out most to you? Why?
- 3. Read Ephesians 2:4-6 together. What part of how Paul describes the "after" of our salvation stands out most to you? Why?
- 4. How has God been kind to you recently? Stop and give him thanks.

**Sermon Series:** Ephesians: Riches of Grace **Sermon Title:** But God...

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### I. THE DEPTH OF SIN

"You were dead in trespasses and sins..." (Eph 2:1).

#### II. THE HEIGHT OF SALVATION

"...made alive with Christ..." (Eph 2:5)

# III. THE RICHES OF GRACE

"... by grace..." (Eph 2:6)

## IV. THE GREATNESS OF HIS KINDNESS

"... to display his kindness" (Eph 2:7)

#### **Announcements**

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.

Baby Shower: There will be a baby shower honoring Aubrey Ann Snively on Saturday, February 26 at 10am at the Attaway's home (1730 Crump Rd). RSVP to Brenda at 863.224.2416. You can view her registry at babylist.com/aubreyann-snively.

**Person of Jesus Study:** Heart for Winter Haven is hosting a community wide Person of Jesus Study on the **2**<sup>nd</sup> & **4**<sup>th</sup> **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. The deadline to register is February 27.

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

Men's CBR: Our men's Community Bible Reading Group 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@redeemerwinterhaven.org.



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