



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.

BY
FAITH
HEBREWS 11

April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Season of the Cross: White & Gold for Eastertide

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide — the season leading up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

Call to Worship: Exodus 15:1-3, 11, 13

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

Leader: Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

ALL: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name.

Leader: "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

ALL: "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode."

Songs 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.

A Mighty Fortress

Reading of the Law: Psalm 46:8-11

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.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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: Titus 3:5-7

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

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Mighty to Save
Nothing But the Blood

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 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.

Hebrews 11:29; Exodus 14:10-14 (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.

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

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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29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

Pg. 1008 (Hebrews 11:29 ESV)

10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Pg. 56 (Exodus 14:10-14 NIV)

Resources

Eugene Peterson, *Leap Over a Wall*

A.W. Pink, *Gleanings from Exodus*

Charles Spurgeon sermon, *"Direction in Dilemma"*

Discussion Questions

1. Where in your life do you need God to fight for you?
2. Why is it so hard to do nothing?
3. Discuss the difference between doing nothing because of cynicism (cf. Ex 14:11) and doing nothing as an act of faith.
4. The Psalmist says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). How do you do that? What action is involved in being still?
5. What do you have to know about God in order to be still? What does the gospel reveal to be true of him, so that, if you believe it, it will calm and quiet your soul (cf. Psalm 131:2)?

Sermon Series: By Faith: Hebrews 11

Sermon Title: Strategic Not-Doing

Date: April 25, 2021

DOCTRINE: *You won't know God is all you need until He's all you have.*

APPLICATION: *SEE the salvation of the Lord!*

APPLICATION: *Life-strategy: Be still!*

Announcements

Online Giving Transition: Redeemer is switching our online giving platform from Subsplash Giving to Planning Center Giving. This is good news as the change will result in less expensive transaction fees and more seamless contribution reports. Visit redeemerwh.org/give for instructions on switching to the new platform. Thank you for your patience and diligence in making this change with us.

Communicants Class: The communicant's class is a three-week course that is required for children to become communing members of the church. If your child is interested in participating or if you would like more information on what communicant's classes are, please register them at redeemerwh.org/communicants. The classes will be on **Wednesday nights (April 28, May 5 and 12) from 6:30-8:00pm**.

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Our student ministry is hosting a **spaghetti lunch & dessert auction NEXT Sunday, May 2** to raise money for camp. This will take place directly following the second worship service. There will be a to-go option as well as curbside if you are unable to stay.

Men's Workday: We are having a work day on **Saturday, May 15, from 8am-12pm, at the Idols Aside Ranch in Lake Wales**. More details to follow.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, save the date for our upcoming Women's Retreat. The event will be **October 1-3, 2021**. Our speaker will be Abby Hutto, author of *God for Us*.

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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