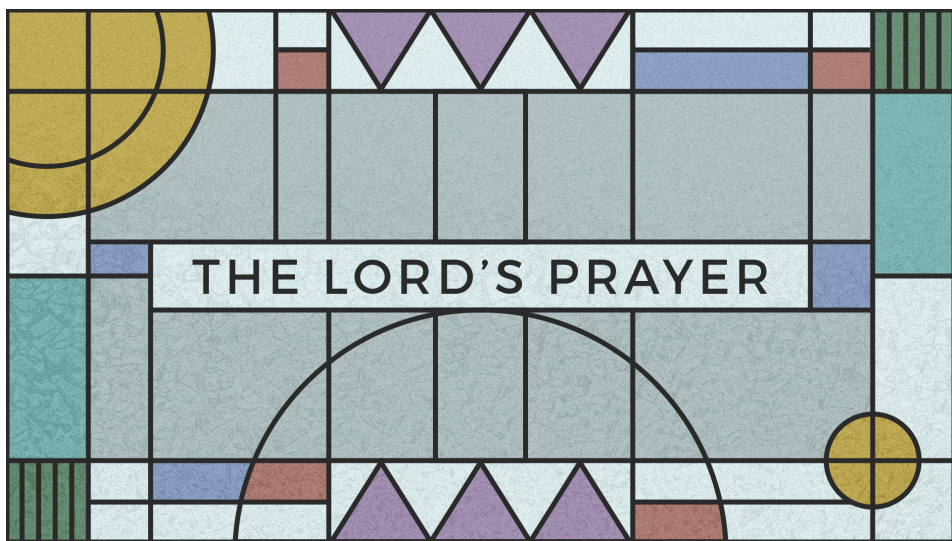


# REDEEMER

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.*



*July 17, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## **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:** Based on Exodus 33

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

### **People: "Show us Your glory!"**

Leader: "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name. The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love... forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty."

## **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.*

Good and Gracious King

## **Reading of the Law:** Luke 6:35-37

*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.*

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven

## **Confession of Faith:** Westminster Larger Catechism 194

*As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe..*

Q194: For what do we pray in the fifth request?

**A: In the fifth request (Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors), we acknowledge that we and everyone else are guilty both of original sin and actual sins and are therefore debtors to God's justice and that neither we nor any other created being can make the least satisfaction for that debt. We pray then for ourselves and others that of his free grace and through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, which is grasped and applied by faith, God would acquit us from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in the One he loves, continue his favor and grace to us, forgive our daily sins, and fill us with the peace and joy that come from the daily gift of growing assurance of being forgiven. We may more boldly make this request and be encouraged to expect to be forgiven, when and if we are assured in ourselves that we have genuinely, from the heart, forgiven others who have wronged us.**

## 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 and Mercy

## Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:25; Micah 7:18-19

*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, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.... Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

## 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*

The Love of Christ is Rich and Free  
Thank You, Jesus

## Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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.*

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:14-15; Colossians 3:12-14

## Song of Response & Sending

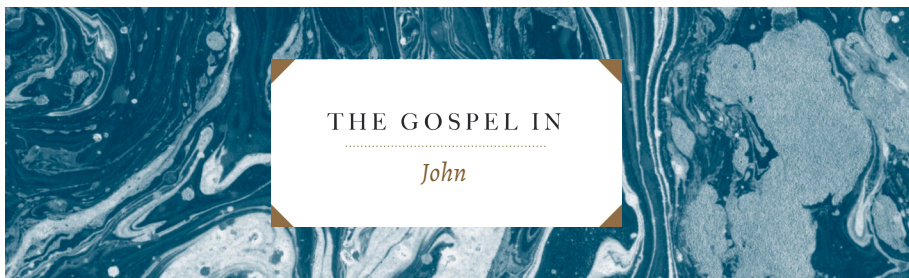
*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

Awake My Soul

## 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.



## Exercise in the Obvious

Setting out to find a gospel-focus in John's Gospel might seem like the "challenge" of finding a mountain in a photo montage of the Swiss Alps—an exercise in the obvious. Yet there is a great difference between holding a travel brochure in your hand and actually standing at the base of the Alps. It is the difference between pleasant thoughts and soul-gripping wonder; a curious imagination and awe-fueled adoration; being well studied, and being knee-buckling stunned. John's Gospel is written not just to inform our minds but to inflame our hearts.

Think of John's Gospel not so much as a book but as a destination. John is a tour guide of the Alps of the gospel. He says to us, his readers, "You've got to see Jesus for yourself. There's so much more to Jesus, and what he's done for you, than you can possibly imagine or even hope."

Indeed, John didn't write merely to communicate trustworthy data (which he did), but to generate transforming doxology (which he does). As we meet Jesus in the text, John anticipates we will respond like the Samaritan woman whose story he shares with us: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (John 4:29). To see Jesus in John's Gospel is to discover Christ and, consequently, to be changed forever.

John speaks from a firsthand encounter with Jesus. He doesn't just tell about the One who came from "the Father's side" (John 1:18); he writes as one who felt close enough to Jesus to rest his own head against Jesus' side (John 13:23). This beloved disciple (John 20:2) wants us to discover what he discovered—that from Jesus' fullness we receive "grace upon grace" (John 1:16).

From his prologue to his epilogue, John sets out to answer two primary questions: "Who is Jesus?" and "What has Jesus come into this world to accomplish?" John fixes our eyes on Jesus himself, the very embodiment of the gospel. John begins his Gospel heralding the advent of the new creation story—positioning Jesus as the principal character and carrier of the whole narrative.

Unlike the other three Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), John did not structure his Gospel with a strict chronology in mind. His is both a selective and a strategic record. In fact, while all four Gospel writers focus their accounts ultimately on the death and resurrection of Jesus, John spends a full 40 percent of his account on this last week—the most crucial week of our Lord's life and of human history (John 12:1–20:25). Everything John tells us about Jesus leads us to his cross and his empty tomb—to his substitutionary death and glorious resurrection.

We don't have to guess about John's purpose and goal in writing his Gospel. John tells us that he chose particular stories and "signs" so that "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30–31).

Who is Jesus? He is the promised Messiah. Why did he come? Jesus has come to give us life—abundant life (John 10:10), eternal life, the life of "the age to come" (cf. Luke 18:30; Heb. 6:5). The gospel of God's grace is so much more than a story about life after death. It is also a story about life before death—how through Jesus' death and resurrection the kingdom of God has already arrived and has restored fallen creatures, and the fallen creation, to their right relationship with the Lord of life. And one day this kingdom will arrive in fullness, eradicating all remaining sin and sadness. With John, we will discover that there's not more than the gospel to bring fulfillment to our lives, just more of the gospel.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
"The Gospel in John" written by Scotty Ward Smith

## Proclamation of God's Word

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us..."

Pg. 869 (Luke 11:1-4 ESV)

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Pg. 811 (Matthew 6:14-15 ESV)

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Pg. 984 (Colossians 3:12-14 ESV)

## Resources

Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Wes Hill, *The Lord's Prayer*

Lewis Smedes, *Forgive and Forget*

## 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 Series:** The Lord's Prayer  
**Sermon Title:** Forgive Us Our Sins  
**Date:** July 17, 2022

## **I. FORGIVEN**

*"Forgiveness is abolishing the moral hindrance to fellowship (with one another)." – Lewis Smedes*

## **II. FORGIVEN AS YOU FORGIVE**

*"The pride which keeps us from forgiving is the same pride which keeps us from accepting forgiveness.." – Frederick Buechner*

## **III. FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE**

*"Forgiveness flounders when I exclude my enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners." – Miroslav Volf*

## Announcements

**Coffee Crew:** If you are interested in joining the coffee crew rotation (once every 6 weeks) on Sunday mornings, please reach out to [connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](http://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](http://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/RCCmusic](http://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).

## 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](http://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](http://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](mailto:jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

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