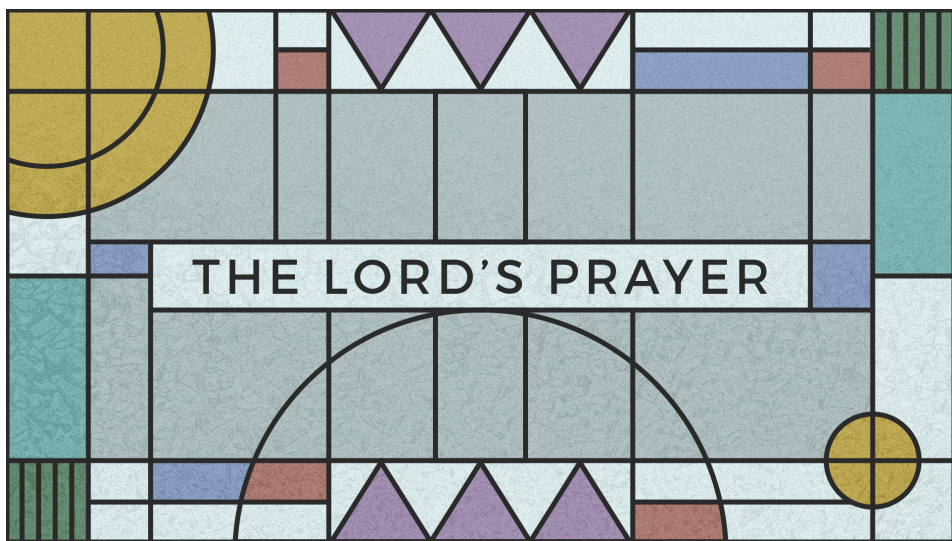


# REDEEMER

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 31, 2022 – Eighth 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: Psalm 73:25-26

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

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you?

**Congregation: And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.**

Leader: My flesh and my heart may fail,

**Congregation: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

## 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.*

Holy, Holy, Holy

## Reading of the Law: Psalm 119:57-64

*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.*

The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words. I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law. At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules. I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts. The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

## Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism 183–185

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

Q183: For whom should we pray?

**A: We should pray for the entire church of Christ on earth, for civil authorities and ministers, for ourselves and fellow believers, and, yes, for our enemies. We should pray for all humans who are alive, and those who are going to live in the future. But we should not pray for the dead or for those who are known to have sinned the sin that leads to death.**

Q184: For what should we pray?

**A: We should pray for things that promote the glory of God, the welfare of the church, and our own or others' good, but not for anything that is unlawful.**

Q185: How should we pray?

**A: In prayer, we should approach God with a reverent awareness of his majesty and a deep sense of our own unworthiness, inadequacies, and sins. Our hearts should be filled with repentance, thanks, and confidence, and our prayers should be marked by understanding, faith, sincerity, fervor, love, and perseverance, while we wait on him and humbly submit to his will.**

## 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.*

Vision Of Your Love

## Assurance of Pardon: John 6:35-40, 68

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."... Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words 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*

There Is One Gospel  
All I Have Is Christ

## 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 10:38-11:4; Philippians 4:4-6; John 15:4-5

## Song of Response & Sending

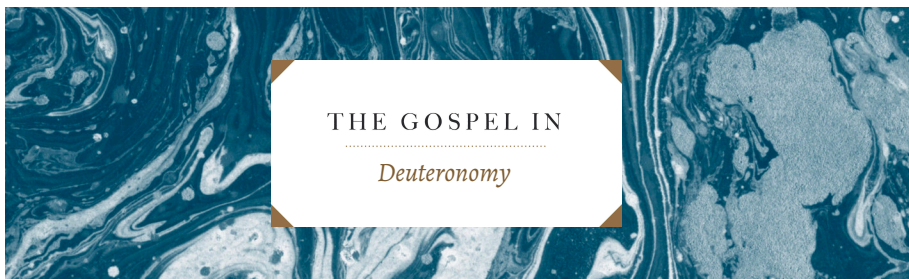
We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

This Is My Father's World

## 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.



## An Important Role in Jesus's Ministry

Deuteronomy is clearly one of the most important books in the Old Testament. First, Jesus quoted the book of Deuteronomy more than any other book in the Old Testament. Second, Jesus used the book of Deuteronomy in his own life more than any other book in the Old Testament. For example, Jesus answered all three of his temptations in the wilderness with quotations from the book of Deuteronomy (Luke 4:1-13). Since the person of Jesus is at the very heart of the gospel and Deuteronomy was so important in his life, it should therefore not be hard to find the gospel in this last book of Moses' Pentateuch.

We can see the gospel in the overall structure of the book of Deuteronomy. While it is true that the majority of the book and the center of the book are occupied with laws (Deut. 5–26) and the consequences of keeping or breaking those laws (Deut. 27–30), this “law” section is surrounded by grace. The first four chapters are in effect an account of how gracious God has been to Israel in the past. So, God’s grace in the past serves as the context and motivation for Israel’s keeping the law.

Likewise, the last four chapters are in effect an account of how gracious God will be to Israel in the future. So also, God’s grace in the future serves as the context and motivation for Israel’s keeping the law. Thus, in the book of Deuteronomy, the law is surrounded by grace, and keeping the law is a response to grace received and anticipated.

## **Obedience as a Response**

We can also see the gospel within the central section of the book of Deuteronomy. Keeping the law in the book of Deuteronomy is a response to God’s grace and not a means to earn God’s favor. This truth is articulated nowhere more clearly than in the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 5), where all of the commandments are rooted in God’s gracious redemption. The apostle Paul certainly saw the gospel in the book of Deuteronomy.

In his letter to the Romans, for example, Paul drew on Deuteronomy to teach that the law reveals sin (Rom. 7:7), that righteousness is by faith (Rom. 10:6–8, 19 [Deut. 30:12–14]), that a circumcision of the heart is necessary for true obedience (Rom. 2:29 [Deut. 30:6]), that keeping the law is the way to love one’s neighbor (Rom. 13:9 [Deut. 5:17–19, 21]), that we should not seek personal revenge (Rom. 12:19 [Deut. 32:35]), and that we should expect Gentiles to be added to an originally all-Jewish people of God (Rom. 15:10 [Deut. 32:43]).

Finally, Jesus saw the gospel in the book of Deuteronomy. This is revealed not only in that he quoted extensively from Deuteronomy and used it in his own life, but also in that he reflected theologically on Deuteronomy. When asked, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” (Mark 12:28), Jesus answered by including a quote from Deuteronomy 6:4–5: “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength’” (Mark 12:30). Jesus taught that we love God because of who he is, “the Lord our God.” We love him by keeping his commandments because he is our God; he is not our God because we love him by keeping his commandments. That is grace. It is gospel. And because we have received this grace, we keep the second greatest commandment, “you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). We love because he loved (1 John 4:19). We extend grace because he extended grace.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
“The Gospel in Deuteronomy” written by Mark Futado

## Proclamation of God's Word

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38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

11 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, 4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

Pg. 869 (Luke 10:38-42; 11:1-4 ESV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Pg. 982 (Philippians 4:4-6 ESV)

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Pg. 901 (John 15:4-5 ESV)

## Resources

Paul Miller, ***A Praying Life***

## 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:** Mary and Martha

**Date:** July 31, 2022

## **I. MARTHA - SERVING DISTRACTED**

*Who was she serving?*

## **II. MARY - LISTENING SATISFIED**

*What does her posture say about her heart?*

## **III. JESUS - OFFERING INTIMACY**

*"A praying life feels like our family meal times because prayer is all about relationship." — Paul Miller*

## Announcements

**Communicant Classes:** The communicant's class is a four-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/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp). The classes will be on Sunday mornings during Kids Worship (**Aug 7 through Aug 28**).

**Women's Night Out:** Ladies, please plan to join us **Friday, August 19, from 6-8pm at Montigne Hassett's home (423 Horseshoe Ln)** for a night out. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or appetizer and we'll provide the drinks. [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp)

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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](https://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](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](https://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](mailto:jonathan@redeemewinterhaven.org).

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