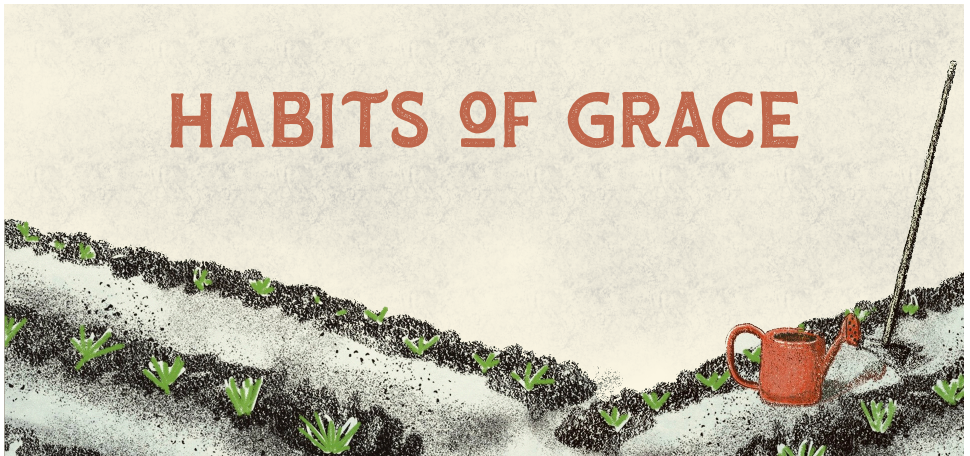




REDEEMER

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.



HABITS OF GRACE

August 1, 2021 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship: Based on Lamentations 3

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

Leader: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases.

ALL: Your mercies never come to an end;

Leader: They are new every morning; so let us proclaim –

ALL: Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy. And greatly is Your name to be praised!

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.

Come Thou Fount

Reading of the Law: Zechariah 8:16-17

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.

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."

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.

Daughters of Zion

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

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

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

God Is For Us
Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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 **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.

Ephesians 4:17-20, 25-32; 5:1-2 (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 (universal) 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.

Jesus, What A Friend For Sinners

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.

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you... 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Resources

Justin Whitmel Earley, *The Common Rule*

Tim Keller, *"Befriending Grace"* sermon

Sherry Turkle, *Reclaiming Conversation*

Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

Discussion Questions

1. Who are your friends? Is there anyone in your life who knows everything about you?
2. Put your finger on some of the hindrances to friendship in your life. Is it location? Time?
3. What one change might you make to give yourself a better chance at true friendship?
4. How would believing the gospel more deeply improve your friendships? (Do you need to be stronger or softer?)

Sermon Series: Habits of Grace
Sermon Title: Words With Friends
Date: August 1, 2021

I. ALIENATED BY SIN (AND TECHNOLOGY)

"Technology proposes itself as the architect of our intimacies... suggesting solutions that put the real on the run." - Sherry Turtle

II. BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS

"Friendship is vulnerability across time." - Justin Earley

III. AS GOD IN CHRIST

"We didn't come from chaos... We did not come forth from loneliness... We came from friendship." - Justin Earley

Announcements

Ladies Night Out: Ladies, please plan to join us **THIS Thursday, August 5, from 6-8pm at Montigne Hassett's home (423 Horseshoe LN NE)** for a ladies night out. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or appetizer and we'll provide the drinks. This is a great event to come and catch up with other Redeemer ladies and meet new people. Please help us prepare by providing a quick RSVP: redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Splash Bash: Our Children's Ministry is happy to announce our annual Splash Bash at **Lake Eva Water Park in Haines City** on **Saturday, August 14, from 9:30-11:30am**. Come out and help us kick-off the school year. We will be reserving the entire park so please invite friends and neighbors to this event.

Men's Workday: Guys, join us for a morning of landscaping work at the church **THIS Saturday, August 7, from 7-10am**. We'll be pulling weeds, removing some plants, etc. Help us plan by providing a quick RSVP at redeemerwh.org/workday. Breakfast will be provided.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, registration is now open our upcoming Women's Retreat on **October 1-3, 2021**. Please visit: redeemerwh.org/retreat to register. **The deadline to register is September 1**. 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).

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.

MISSION
FUND

GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$15,607



PLEDGED: \$751,789
RECEIVED: \$727,398

Grace Abounding is Redeemer's campaign to raise funds for repairs and maintenance to the existing facility. Campaign information is available at graceabounding.org.

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