



# REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN



*August 14, 2022 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## **Call to Worship:** Isaiah 40:9-11

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

Leader: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, fear not, say...

### **Congregation: Behold our God!**

Leader: The Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules with him.

### **Congregation: How good is your greatness, Almighty God!**

Leader: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather his lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead them.

### **Congregation: How great is your goodness, Shepherd King!**

## 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.*

### Goodness of God

## Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

*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.*

"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## 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.*

### O Great God

## Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:8-2:2

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us... My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## 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*

Before the Throne  
God So Loved

## Sacrament of Baptism

*The ritual of baptism is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the cleansing all people need before they are acceptable to God (sign), and it marks, tangibly to our senses, how real God's promise is for all who will trust in Him (seal).*

Theodore Austin Snively

## Confession of Faith: First Catechism 6-8

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

Q6. Is there more than one true God?

**A. No. There is only one true God.**

Q7. In how many Persons does this one God exist?

**A. In three Persons.**

Q8. Name these three Persons?

**A. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

## 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.*

Mark 1:14-21, 27-31, 35-39

## Song of Response & Sending

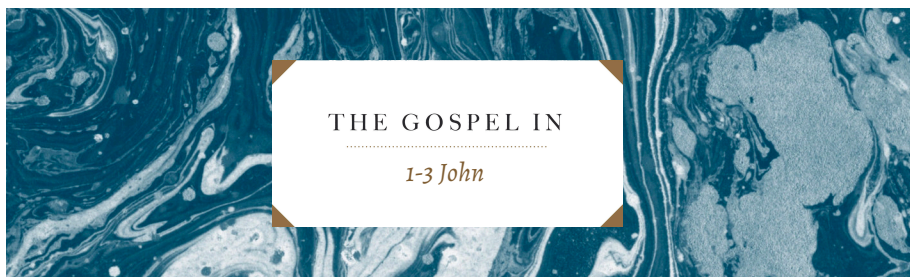
*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

Great Are You Lord

## 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.



## Gospel in the Life of the Church

The word “gospel” never appears in the letters of John. Yet it is hard to imagine a book more intimately connected to the gospel of saving grace in Christ Jesus than John's first letter, and in each of his other two letters John deals with a practical issue arising directly out of a care for the integrity of the gospel in the life of the church.

In 1 John the themes of fellowshiping with God (1 John 1:3, 6; 2:6, 13; 3:1–2), genuinely believing in the unique person and work of Jesus (1 John 2:1–2, 22–24; 4:2–3, 10, 14–15; 5:1, 5–6), walking in the light (1 John 1:7; 2:9–11), practicing righteousness (1 John 2:4; 3:7–10; 5:3), loving other Christians (1 John 2:10; 3:11–17, 23; 4:7, 11, 20–21), and especially, being assured of eternal life (1 John 2:3, 5; 3:10, 14, 19, 24; 4:17; 5:13, 20) are all deeply rooted in gospel reality, especially its transformative power.

John writes his first letter to “you who believe in the name of the Son of God” so “that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). Two purposes are contained here: (1) that professing believers might test themselves to see the genuineness of their faith; and (2) that true believers would be assured of their right standing with God. In these purposes John helps all professing believers avoid a dangerous presumption and he helps all genuine believers avoid a debilitating uncertainty.

## **Truth, Obedience, Love**

The bulk of John’s first letter is taken up with three tests of genuine faith: (1) the moral test—do you obey God’s commands? (2) the doctrinal test—do you believe Jesus is the Son of God? (3) the love test—do you love God and his children? Early in the letter these tests appear distinctly, but as John proceeds they are increasingly intertwined into a unified picture of the truly gospel-transformed life.

In his second letter John reiterates the same themes of truth, obedience, and love. But now he especially addresses the church regarding the danger of false teaching, and in particular teaching that denies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (2 John 7). From the opening verse his emphasis is on “the truth” (2 John 1–4), and he clearly instructs the church to have nothing to do with those who have departed from the truth of the gospel (2 John 10–11). Agreement regarding Christ’s person and work is necessary for church fellowship.

John’s third letter is, to a large degree, addressing the opposite side of the issue raised in his second letter. Here the exhortation has to do with how to respond to faithful ministers of the gospel (as opposed to how to respond to the false teachers addressed in his second letter). John again emphasizes the priority of truth for the health of the church (3 John 3–4), but then proceeds to commend Gaius (and presumably those in fellowship with him) for actively supporting those in gospel ministry, and he encourages all believers to do the same (3 John 8).

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
"The Gospel in 1-3 John" written by Mike Bullmore

## Proclamation of God's Word

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

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." 16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. 21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. 29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pg. 836 (Mark 1:14-21, 27-31, 35-39, ESV)

## Resources

R.T. France, *Mark*

Tim Keller, *King's Cross*

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*

## 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:** Mark: Walk In His Way

**Sermon Title:** King and Kingdom

**Date:** August 14, 2022

## **I. THE KING**

*There is no kingdom without the King.*

## **II. THE KINGDOM**

*You cannot embrace the King without also embracing His kingdom.*

**Application:** *our response - repentance & prayer*

## Announcements

**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)

**BUILD Fall 2022:** We're excited to resume BUILD this fall. We'll meet weekly on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm for a 6-week stretch between September 7 and October 12**. We will begin our first and last meetings of the spring with dinner at 5:30pm.

**Men's Community Bible Reading:** Guys, our Community Bible Reading group has resumed on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am** in Covenant Hall.

**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@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

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**GOAL: \$50,000**  
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