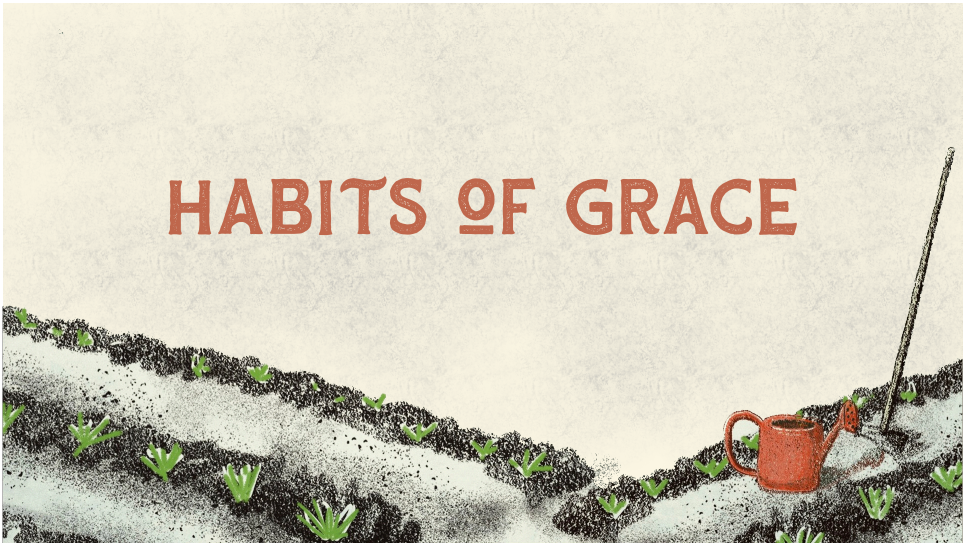




REDEEMER

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 15, 2021 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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: From Psalm 118

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

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let us worship God!

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 Away From Rush And Hurry

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:8-11

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.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

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.

Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

Assurance of Pardon: Matthew 11:25-30

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

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

'Tis So Sweet
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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).

Logan Michael Conway, Liam Allen Conway

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 **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.

Genesis 2:1-3; Mark 3:1-6; Hebrews 4:1-3, 9-11 (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.

Jesus I Come

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.

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Pg. 2 (Genesis 2:1-3 ESV)

1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. 2 And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." 4 And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Pg. 838 (Mark 3:1-6 ESV)

1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. 2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. 3 For we who have believed enter that rest...9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Pg. 1002 (Hebrews 4:1-3, 9-11 ESV)

Sermon Series: Habits of Grace
Sermon Title: The Sabbath Habit
Date: August 15, 2021

Introduction: *Hope you've had some time to reflect on this series this summer. Two quick testimonies...*

I. WORKING, TRYING TO REST

Why is this habit of Sabbath and rest so elusive? Why are we so committed to resisting the design of our Creator?

II. RESTING, FREE TO WORK

The habit of Sabbath was a reminder to Israel (and us!) that slavery to work is soul and body crushing.

III. THE LORD OF REST

Jesus says, "Come and sabbath with me!" How does living under the rest of Jesus allow us to bring rest to others?

Announcements

Worship Ministry: Here at Redeemer, we're always looking to equip the saints to love and lead others in various ways inside and outside the church. If you're interested in serving on the worship team through singing, playing, or both, please email patrick@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Vision Dinner: Our next Vision Dinner will be **Wednesday, August 18 from 5:30-7:15pm**. We'll begin with dinner in Covenant Hall and then relocate to the sanctuary around 6:30pm. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Please help us prepare by taking a moment to RSVP: redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

A Praying Life Seminar: We're hosting A Praying Life Seminar on **Saturday Aug 28 (9-11:30am) & Sunday, Aug 29 (12-2pm)**. Childcare will be available for both sessions and lunch will be provided on Sunday. **The deadline to register is August 22.**

The Seminar explores Jesus' simple yet powerful teachings on prayer to help badly praying Christians—that's 99% of us—discover the joy of prayer. We practice becoming child-like, patterning our prayers after Jesus' own teaching and prayers, using practical prayer tools. If you've ever struggled with or felt defeated during prayer, this seminar is for you!

Register: redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

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.



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