



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.



August 28, 2022 – 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: Based on Matthew 11:28

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

Leader: Come to me, if you labor and are heavy laden. If you are struggling and burdened. If you are weary. If you are burned out. If you're tired of carrying a heavy load. I will give you rest.

Congregation: You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.

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: Deuteronomy 5:12-17

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.

"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 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 or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

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 Alone

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:13-17

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

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him...

...Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

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 So Loved
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Confession of Faith: First Catechism 14-21

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

Q14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God?

A. In the Bible alone.

Q15. Who wrote the Bible?

A. Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Q16. Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve.

Q17. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, after his own image.

Q18. Of what were our first parents made?

A. God made Adam's body out of the ground and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam.

Q19. What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

A. He gave them souls that will last forever.

Q20. Do you have a soul as well as a body?

A. Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

Q21. How do you know your soul will last forever?

A. Because the Bible tells me so.

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.

Mark 2:23-3:6

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 There's No One Like You

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

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2:23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" 27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

3:1 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. 837 (Mark 2:23-3:6 ESV)

Resources

Dan Allendar, *Sabbath*

Abraham Heschel, *"Shabbat as Sanctuary in Time"*

Tim Keller, *King's Cross*

Adam Mabry, *The Art of Rest*

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: Lord of the Sabbath

Date: August 28, 2022

Introduction: *"Sabbath is a great cathedral in time." - Abraham Heschel*

I. THE SABBATH IS FOR MAN

"The Sabbath is a day of get-to at the beginning of a week of have-to." - Dan Allendar

II. LORD OF THE SABBATH

"We need rest from the work underneath work, the inner murmur of self-reproach." - Tim Keller



THE GOSPEL IN

Revelation

Jesus Is Coming

John has built the unique application of the gospel he provides in Revelation into the very structure of the book.

The opening (Rev. 1:1–8) and closing (Rev. 22:6–21) reveal things as they are and promise that Jesus is coming soon. Then the letters to the seven churches in the world (Rev. 1:9–3:22) are matched by the concluding depiction of the church in glory in the new heaven and earth (Rev. 21:1–22:5). In the midst of his tribulation and the struggles of the churches, John is given a throne-room vision that includes Christ conquering and opening the scroll (Rev. 4:1–6:17). This is matched near the end of the book by his vision of Christ returning to conquer, set up his thousand-year kingdom, then open the scrolls for judgment (Rev. 19:11–20:15). John's vision of the sealing of the 144,000 saints and the trumpets that bring plagues (Rev. 7:1–9:21) is paralleled by his vision of the redemption of the 144,000 and the outpouring of the bowls of wrath (Rev. 14:1–19:10). John is attested as a true prophet as he eats the scroll-like Ezekiel (Rev. 10:1–11), and the churches are warned against the deception of the false prophet (Rev. 13:11–18).

The two complementary accounts of Satan's war on the church as it proclaims the gospel (Rev. 11:1–14; 12:1–13:10) frame the centerpiece of the book, in which "the kingdom of the world" becomes "the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" at the blast of the seventh trumpet (Rev. 11:15–19). This structure proclaims that Christ is Lord, so that though Satan is persecuting the churches and though they are small and beleaguered, they will yet hold fast the word of God and testimony of Jesus, with the expectation that their patient endurance will be rewarded.

Gospel faith makes people right with God and produces gospel faithfulness, which reaps gospel reward. The book of Revelation is a triumphant vision of God's final victory over all the forces of evil in the world. This final victory is secured because of the blood of the Lamb that purifies God's people for his ultimate reign. Revelation is filled with the gracious purposes of God, to strengthen his people.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in Revelation" written by James M. Hamilton Jr.

Announcements

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.

Membership Course: Redeemer's membership course is divided into three parts, corresponding to the three parts of our theological vision – ***Gospel, City, Movement***. For each part, there is material we ask you to first engage with personally. Once you have done so, we then ask you to attend a 1-2 hour group module that is designed to allow for conversation and Q&A. Each session will be on a **Sunday following the worship service from 11:30am - 1:30pm**, lunch and childcare will be provided. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp to sign up.

- Gospel | **Sep 18**
- City | **Oct 23**
- Movement | **Nov 13**

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).

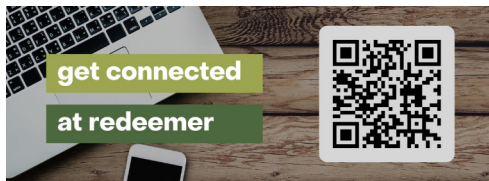
Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RWHmusic.

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

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.



**MISSION
FUND**

**GOAL: \$50,000
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