

REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN



September 11, 2022 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 97

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

Leader: "The Lord reigns!"

Congregation: "Let the earth be silent!"

Leader: "The Lord reigns!"

Congregation: "Let the earth rejoice!"

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.

What A Beautiful Name

Reading of the Law: Psalm 37:1-11

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.

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

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.

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 12:22-32

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 he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

Goodness of God
My Worth Is Not In What I Own

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).

Henry Alexander Turner

Confession of Faith: First Catechism 29-32

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

Q29. What is sin?

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.

Q30. What is meant by lack of conformity?

A. Not being or doing what God requires.

Q31. What is meant by transgression?

A. Doing what God forbids.

Q32. What does every sin deserve?

A. The wrath and curse of God.

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 4:26-32

Song of Response & Sending

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

Build My Life

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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26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Pg. 839 (Mark 4:26-32 ESV)

Resources

Tim Chester, *Crown of Thorns*

Herman Hanko, *The Mysteries of the Kingdom*

David Wenham, *Parables of Jesus*

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 Ways

Sermon Title: The Seeds of Heaven

Date: September 11, 2022

Q. Do you ever get discouraged because it seems like so little is happening (spiritually) in your life?

I. THE INVISIBLE KINGDOM (vs. 26-29)

"The Jews expected the kingdom would come in triumph. But the secret of the kingdom is that it has come secretly. It has come in a hidden way." - Tim Chester

II. THE INEVITABLE KINGDOM (vs 30-32)

"Although the kingdom may have an inconspicuous beginning, and although I may work invisibly, it nevertheless has a mighty growth and a marvelous end." - Herman Hanko



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

Two Services: Due to our growth this year we are transitioning to **2 Sunday worship services on October 9th. The identical services will be at 9 & 10:30am.** In order to do so, we need more volunteers for Kids' Worship, contact Tammy Henderson for more info at tammy@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

BUILD Fall 2022: Runs weekly on **Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm through October 12.** We have classes for all ages:

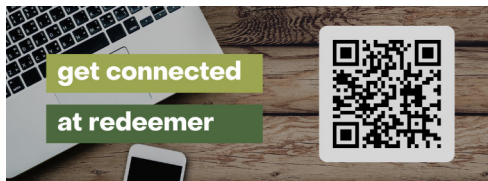
- Infants – PreK | Catechism
- K – 5th | Catechism
- 6th – 12th | Youth Group
- Adults | Faithful Presence

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 30**
- Movement | **Nov 13**

Church Plant Interest Gathering: If you are interested in hearing more about the Elswick's upcoming church plant please join us on **Sunday afternoon, September 25 at 6:00pm in Covenant Hall.** We'll be eating dessert and talking about the vision the Lord has laid on their hearts. Childcare will be provided and it would be helpful if you could let us know ahead of time if you are able to attend by emailing **Amber Elswick at redbug100@aol.com**.

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