



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.

Isaiah

Comforting the Disturbed | Disturbing the Comfortable

September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth 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: Psalm 100

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

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

ALL: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his.

ALL: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

ALL: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness endures through all generations.

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.

The Love of God

Reading of the Law: Matthew 11:28-30

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.

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."

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 Shall Not Want

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:11-14

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 every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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.

Songs 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

It Was Finished Upon That Cross
Only A Holy 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.

Isaiah 40:25-31; 30:15-18 (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.

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

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.

25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Pg. 600 (Isaiah 40:25-31 ESV)

15 For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, 16 and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. 17 A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill. 18 Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Pg. 591 (Isaiah 30:15-18 ESV)

Resources

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Whole Christ*

Tim Keller, *"The Restful Burden" sermon*

Alex Moyter, *The Prophecy of Isaiah*

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

Ray Ortlund, *"Waiting for the Lord" sermon*

Discussion Questions

1. Do the words "faint" and "weary" resonate with you? Where do you feel them most in your life right now?
2. According to the Bible, the cure for our weariness is to wait on the Lord. What does it look like to wait on God? What do you do instead of waiting?
3. What wrong thoughts about God do you live with that make it hard to wait on Him?
4. Read Isaiah 40:12-26 and Isaiah 30:18. What is Isaiah's argument for why you should live in "quietness and trust" before God? What is God really like? How does Jesus reveal God's true heart?
5. Specifically, how can you repent and believe in light of who God really is?

Sermon Series: Isaiah

Sermon Title: God Waits for Our Waiting

Date: September 19, 2021

I. WAITING

"There are moments when doing nothing is precisely the gospel thing to do." – Eugene Peterson

II. WORKING NOT WAITING

"All of us are haunted by the work under our work." – Tim Keller

III. GOD WAITING ON OUR WAITING

"The wrong inference from God's transcendence is that he is too great to care; the right one is that he is too great to fail." – Derek Kidner

Announcements

Praying Life Virtual Cohort: Many of us pray badly, yet we long to connect with our Father. If you struggle with keeping a consistent prayer life, we invite you to learn to pray through this 8-week cohort throughout the fall. We will meet on **Wednesdays from 7-8pm via Zoom, beginning September 22**. If you're unable to join a recording will be made available afterwards. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp to register.

Men's Bible Study: Guys, we'd love for you to join us for a weekly Men's Bible Study on **Tuesday mornings at 6:30am beginning September 21** in Covenant Hall. No RSVP or prep work necessary.

Women's Bible Study: Will kick-off on **Monday, September 20 (6:30-8pm)** for the in-person evening study, **Tuesday, September 21 (6:30-8pm) for the evening Zoom meeting**, and **Thursday, September 23 (9-10:30am, w/ childcare)** for the morning study. Come and enjoy gospel friendships as we study the book of 1 John together. If you are attending in person, please wear a mask to care for the group.

Men's BBQ Competition: Guys, it's time to start practicing your best BBQ recipes. We're excited to have our first Men's BBQ Contest. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 13** at Charlie Reynolds' home. We'll have TVs setup so you won't miss your favorite team's football game. The categories will be brisket, pork, ribs, and wings. If you'd like to compete, email jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org. This is a great event to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers.

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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GOAL: \$50,000
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