



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

October 3, 2021 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship: Psalm 107

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

Leader: Oh give thanks to the lord, for his is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

ALL: For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Leader: Thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works.

ALL: We give thanks to the Lord.

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 35:1-4

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.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

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.

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7-10

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

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

All I Have Is Christ
In Christ Alone

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 kindergarten** 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 41:17-20; 43:1-7 (see insert)

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Song of Response & Sending

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

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

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.

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them. 18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys. I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. 19 I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive. I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together, 20 that they may see and know, may consider and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Pg. 601 (Isaiah 41:17-20 ESV)

1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Pg. 603 (Isaiah 43:1-7 ESV)

Resources

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Whole Christ*

Kelly Kapic, *Embodied Hope*

Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*

Discussion Questions

1. Are you surprised when life gets hard? Are you more naive or more cynical about suffering?
2. What flood or fire are you going through? How high have the waters risen?
3. Do you sense that God is with you in the midst of your suffering? If so, can you try to explain how you sense his presence? If not, can you express the pain of feeling alone?
4. What "hard thoughts" about God are you most tempted to, especially when life gets hard?
5. What is the one thing you learned about God in the sermon this morning that helps you fight against your unbelief? Asking this another way, what part of your theology (if you could really believe it) would most help your psychology?

Sermon Series: Isaiah
Sermon Title: God, the Redeemer
Date: October 3, 2021

I. THROUGH (NOT AROUND) FLOOD & FIRE

"In suffering we ask, 'Why?' ... and the answer is rarely, 'Because.' Rather, God's answer is, 'Here I am!'" – T.C. Ham

II. GOD, THE REDEEMER

"The principal idea (of redemption) is that of cost to God." – Fleming Rutledge

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 meet on **Wednesdays from 7-8pm via Zoom**. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp to register.

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

Women's Bible 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 **Mondays in person (6:30-8pm), Tuesdays via Zoom (6:30-8pm), & Thursdays (9-10:30am, if you need childcare RSVP to 863-325-5200).**

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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