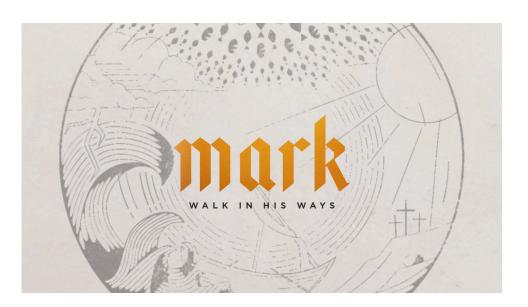


To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



October 16, 2022 - Nineteenth 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 51

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

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

ALL: Cast me not away from from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

ALL: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**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 Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)

# Reading of the Law: Isaiah 6:1-5

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.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

**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.

In the Night

#### **Assurance of Pardon:** Ezekiel 36:24-29

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

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

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

O God of Mercy Hear Our Plea Come Lord Jesus

# Sacrament of Baptism: 9am

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).

Hope Kathleen Savant

# Confession of Faith: First Catechism 19-22

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

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.

Q22. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?

A. He made them holy and happy.

# 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: Mark 7:1-23

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

## **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.

1 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, 2 they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, 4 and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" 6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." 8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

9 And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! 10 For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' 11 But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban" (that is, given to God)— 12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, 13 thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

14 And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." 17 And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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# **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: True Filth and Real Cleansing Date: October 16, 2022

### I. OUR CONDITION

## **II. OUR EFFORTS**

## **III. OUR RESCUE**



## Hardship & Holiness

Hardship and holiness: these are the twin themes of Peter's first epistle, written to a church composed of Gentile converts from licentious hedonism on the one hand and Jewish converts with Old Testament traditions on the other hand. Together they experienced an alien and exile status in a hostile world. Persecution against and oppression of the church of Jesus Christ had already begun, and Peter writes to encourage this "mixed bag" of believers with dear but easily forgotten truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peter provides this encouragement through a combination of proclamation and exhortation, and curiously, one of the proclamations is that suffering is inevitable for followers of Jesus. Such brutal facts may be difficult to take initially. But as trials come, the understanding that such suffering can be the mark and measure of faithfulness helps these early Christians to see that affliction is one more means of Christlikeness and, indeed, one more avenue of true joy.

Peter's words on holiness and hardship are inextricably connected. Because of the way the Spirit conforms us to the image of Christ, Peter not only sees holiness as necessary for enduring hardship; he sees hardship as a way the Spirit makes us holy.

# **Practical Application**

Peter is gracious to apply these truths generally at first, and then gradually more specifically to the practical challenges of everyday life. The connection between hardship and holiness is applicable for Christian citizenship (1 Pet. 2:13–25), Christian families (1 Pet. 3:1–7), and Christian churches (1 Pet. 5:1–11).

From Peter's instructions, believers in Jesus are trained in seeing the role and even the value of suffering. Christians learn that hardship is not outside God's sovereign will and is used by God to fashion us according to Christ's image. Authentic holiness in this adversity-filled life is possible through the power of the Spirit in the gospel, and indeed it is this very adversity that trains us for godliness. Through it all, however, we remember that the hardships of the world are temporary blips on the radar of the joyful life of eternal glory that begins when our flesh gives way and we go to be with the Lord. And one day, Christ will return to avenge our persecution and vindicate our suffering.

#### **Announcements**

Scotland Vision Dessert: Wade and Aly Savant are having a Vision Dessert about their upcoming work in Scotland on Wednesday, October 19, 7:30pm at the Snively's home (205 W. Lake Summit Dr.)

Renew Polk Vision & Prayer Gathering: On Sunday, October 30, 5:30pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church (301 N. Florida Ave, Lakeland) we will gather with the churches and church plants of our Renew Polk Network for a night of worship & prayer.

Fall Fest & Chili Cook-Off: Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5 at 4pm in the Twelve Oaks Neighborhood (879 Twin Oaks Ln). We'll have inflatables and a hayride for the kids; and of course, a bunch of chili!! So get your recipes ready and invite some friends! Signup to bring a chili at: redeemerwh.org/chili

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