



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 24, 2021 – Twenty-second 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 105:1-3

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; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!"

ALL: We will give thanks!

Leader: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

ALL: We will sing!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

ALL: We will 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.

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Reading of the Law: Psalm 105:5-8

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.

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

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 Valley

Assurance of Pardon: John 20:19-20, 24-27

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord...Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came...

...So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

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

Jesus Is Alive
Come Lord Jesus

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 49:5-16 (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.

Before the Throne
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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.

5 And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— 6 he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." 7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

8 Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, 9 saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; 10 they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. 11 And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. 12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Pg. 610 (Isaiah 49:5-16 ESV)

Resources

John Calvin, *Isaiah Commentary*

Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*

Ray Ortlund, *God Saves Sinners*

James K.A. Smith, *On the Road with St Augustine*

Discussion Questions

1. Read Isaiah 49:13-14 together. Do you live more from vs. 13 or vs. 14?
2. Have you ever felt abandoned by God

Sermon Series: Isaiah
Sermon Title: God, the Mother
Date: October 24, 2021

I. THE FUTURE PROMISED

"We are hope-shaped creatures." – Tim Keller

II. FEAR OF ABANDONMENT

"Afflictions trouble our consciences, and cause them to waver in such a manner that it is not so easy to rest firmly on the promises of God." – John Calvin

III. FULLNESS OF LOVE

"(Good) mothers are sacramental echoes of the unfailing love of God. They are preamble to grace. Natal grace." – James K.A. Smith

Announcements

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, 5pm** 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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