

REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

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 30, 2022 – Twenty-first 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: Based on Lamentations 3

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

Leader: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases.

ALL: Your mercies never come to an end;

Leader: They are new every morning; so let us proclaim –

ALL: Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy. And greatly is Your name to be praised!

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: Psalm 119:44-48, 59-60

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.

I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts. I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love. I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes... When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

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.

Rock of Ages

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 6:14-16

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

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

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

Nothing But the Blood
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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: Mark 8:27-38

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

Song of Response & Sending

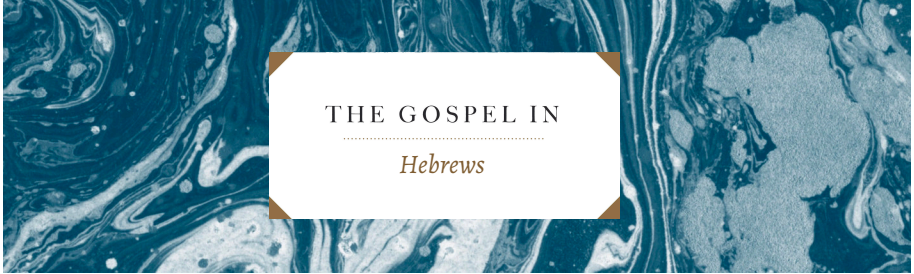
We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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.



The Deity & Superiority of Christ

The book of Hebrews unfolds the gospel in at least five ways: it shows the connection between Christ's person and his work, shows his superiority to Old Testament persons and institutions, underscores humanity's need for redemption, warns of apostasy, and exhorts professed believers to persevere.

First, Hebrews remarkably combines the person and work of Christ. Chapter 1 teaches the deity of Christ as powerfully as any place in Scripture. Chapter 2 highlights Christ's humanity. Chapters 7–9 constitute the most extensive teaching on Christ's priesthood and atoning sacrifice. What is the point? The person of Christ as God and man constitutes the basis for his saving work. His identity undergirds his performing the unique saving deeds of dying for sinners and rising from the dead. Because he is God, he is able to save us, for only God can save. Because he became a man of flesh and blood, he is able to save us, for one of our human race died in our place and overcame death and the Devil in his resurrection.

Second, Hebrews shows Christ's superiority to Old Testament persons and institutions. He is the great and final Prophet, far surpassing Old Testament mediators of revelation—prophets and angels (Heb. 1). Therefore, the gospel that he brought is even more important than the law that was given to Moses through angels (Heb. 2:1–4; Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19). He is superior to Moses, Aaron, and all Israel's subsequent high priests (Heb. 3:6; Heb. 5; 7). This is because Jesus is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek who, unlike the sons of Aaron, lives forever and thus has a perpetual priesthood. He is the Great High Priest who presents himself as the final offering, bringing the end to sacrifice and saving to the uttermost those who come to God through him (Heb. 9–10).

Need for Christ

Third, Hebrews underscores humanity's need for redemption. As children of Adam we are fallen, and we do not exercise proper dominion over creation (Heb. 2:8). We are held in bondage by the fear of death and by him who had the power of death, the Devil (Heb. 2:14–15). Left to ourselves, like Israel of old, our hearts are unbelieving and rebellious (Heb. 3–4). We are unclean and need Christ's purifying blood, his violent death, to be cleansed to serve the living God (Heb. 9:14, 23; 10:22). Even as believers we are prone to wander from our first love and thus we need God's warnings, exhortations, and grace to persevere. In a word, we are needy sinners in need of a gracious and mighty Savior. And that is just what God has provided in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ.

Fourth, as strongly as any place in the Bible, Hebrews warns of the danger of apostasy—in five passages: Hebrews 2:1–4; 3:7–4:13; 5:11–6:12; 10:19–39; and 12:1–29. Plainly, the original readers of Hebrews were in danger of turning from the faith they had formerly professed. However, Hebrews also asserts that God not only saves his people from their sins but also keeps them saved to the end (Heb. 6:13–20; 7:23–25). And one of the means that God employs to keep us is to warn of the folly of deserting him who saves us freely by his grace. There is nowhere else to turn.

Steady On

Fifth, Hebrews exhorts professed believers to persevere (Heb. 2:1; 4:14; 6:1–3; 10:23, 36; 12:1–2). It is true that God saves us once and for all. But that salvation is not static but dynamic. It is as dynamic as the living relationship between God and his people (made formal in the new covenant; Heb. 8). The covenant is God's pledge to be God to us and to make us his own. Because he loves us, he not only assures us of his love with both promise and oath but also exhorts us to keep on living obediently in the faith, to keep on gathering with other believers for worship, and not to harden our hearts against him in rebellion.

While Hebrews clearly makes its own unique contribution, it joins other New Testament books in exulting in the same amazing grace in Jesus that forms the Bible's main message. The message of Hebrews is, at its core, the gospel: the good news of redemption for struggling sinners.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in Hebrews" written by Robert A. Peterson

Proclamation of God's Word

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

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pg. 844 (Mark 8:27-38 ESV)

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?

Resources

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

Tim Chester, *Crown of Thorns*

Tim Keller, *King's Cross*

Sermon Series: Mark: Walk In His Ways

Sermon Title: You Are the Christ

Date: October 30, 2022

I. THE CHRIST

"Jesus cannot just be liked. His claims make us either kill him or crown him." - Tim Keller

II. THE CHRIST OF THE CROSS

"The Lord has established his sovereignty from a tree." - St Augustine

III. THE CROSS OF THE CHRIST

"When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Announcements

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

Fall Fest & Chili Cook-Off: Come on out **THIS 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 chili, sides or a dessert at: redeemerwh.org/chili**

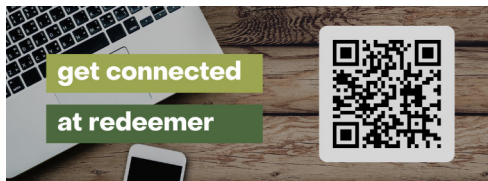
Sing the Gospel w/ Jeremy Casella: We're excited to host Jeremy Casella (of Indelible Grace) on **Sunday, November 13, at 6:30pm**. He will lead us in an evening of worship, songs and stories. This is a FREE event. All are invited and welcome to join.

Director of Worship: We are currently looking for a new Director of Worship. The position is posted at redeemerwinterhaven.org/employment if you are aware of someone that may be a candidate.

A/V Team: We're looking for a couple of volunteers to join the AV Team. It's a great way to serve on a Sunday while still being present for the worship service. The goal is for volunteers to only serve once every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested in helping out, contact joe@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

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/worship).



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