

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.



November 6, 2022 – 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: Based on Psalm 24

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

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, the the King of glory may come in!

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

ALL: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle... The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

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.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Reading of the Law: 1 Chronicles 16:23-29

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.

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

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).

Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 1:3

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

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

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

Come Ye Sinners / Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

Confession of Faith: First Catechism 33-37

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

Q33. What was the sin of our first parents?

A. Eating the forbidden fruit.

Q34. Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin?

A. Satan tempted Eve first, and then he used her to tempt Adam.

Q35. How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?

A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Q36. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of life?

A. No. He represented the whole human race.

Q37. What effect did the sin of Adam have on all people?

A. We are all born guilty and sinful.

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: Mark 9:2-9; 14-29

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

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We 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. We 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

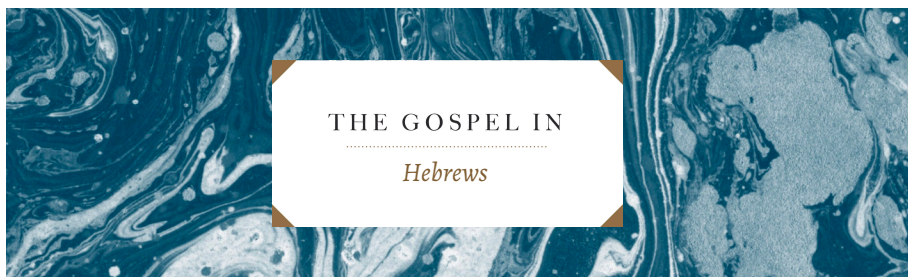
We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Is He Worthy?

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.

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Pg. 844 (Mark 9:2-9, 14-29 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?

Sermon Series: Mark: Walk In His Ways

Sermon Title: Help My Unbelief

Date: November 6, 2022

I. FAITH

"Faith means, not that I try to reason myself to God, but that, believing the revelation given by God, I reason from it." - Martyn Lloyd-Jones

II. GLORY

"Glory is what God looks like when for the time being all you have to look at him with is a pair of eyes." - Frederick Beuchner

Resources

James Edwards, **Mark**

Tim Keller, **King's Cross**

C.S. Lewis, **The Weight of Glory**

Announcements

Sing the Gospel w/ Jeremy Casella: We're excited to host Jeremy Casella (of Indelible Grace) **NEXT 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.

Thanksgiving Service: Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be **Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30pm**. This is a brief service where we give thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done. Childcare will be available through PreK.

Christmas Party: Our Christmas Party will be **Sunday, December 4 at 5pm at the Grove Roots' Packing House (302 3rd St SW)**. This event is for adults only.

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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