



# 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 20, 2022 – Twenty-fourth 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:** James 4:8, 10

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

Leader: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

**People: Here we are, 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.*

Take A Moment

## **Reading of the Law:** Leviticus 18:1-5

*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.*

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

## **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*

With Great Gentleness

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 10:4-11

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

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

## 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 I Come

## Confession of Faith: First Catechism 43-49

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

Q43. Can anyone be saved through the covenant of life?

**A. No. No one can be saved through the covenant of life.**

Q44. Why can't anyone be saved through the covenant of life?

**A. Because all have broken it and are condemned by it.**

Q45. How did you break the covenant of life?

**A. Adam represented all people, and so I fell with Adam in his first sin.**

Q46. How, then, can you be saved?

**A. By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.**

Q47. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?

**A. His elect people.**

Q48. How did Christ fulfill the covenant of grace?

**A. Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.**

Q49. Did Jesus ever sin?

**A. No. He lived a sinless life.**

## Worship Through Giving: Give Online at [redeemerwh.org/give](https://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 10:13-31

*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.*

Nothing But the Blood

## **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.*

13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. 17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" 20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." 28 Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Pg. 844 (Mark 10:13-31 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

James Edwards, *Mark*

Tim Keller, *King's Cross*

Chris Hutchinson, *Rediscovering Humility*

Andrew Murray, *Humility*

**Sermon Series:** Mark: Walk In His Ways

**Sermon Title:** The Door of Humility

**Date:** November 20, 2022

## **Introduction:**

*"Pride is the root of every sin and evil. The gate, the birth, and the curse of hell... Therefore it is reasonable to say that nothing can be our redemption except the restoration of the lost humility, the original and only true relationship of the creature to its God. So Jesus came to bring humility back to earth, to make us sharers in it, and by it, to save us... It brought Him, and He brought it... His humility is our salvation. His salvation is our humility." – Andrew Murray*

## **I. "WHAT MUST I DO?"**

*"All you need is nothing. But nothing is the one thing nobody has." – Tim Keller*

## **II. "WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED?"**

*"All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him." – Joseph Hart*



## THE GOSPEL IN

### *Ruth*

## Covenant Love

Ruth is the story of a young Moabite widow who comes to know the covenant love of the one true God and the joy of belonging to his people through her Jewish mother-in-law, Naomi. As these two women navigate through difficult as well as ordinary circumstances, there is unmistakable evidence of God's sovereign hand at work to redeem a people for himself.

He is the hero of the story as the faithful God who with great loving-kindness (*hesed*) cares for his own and provides what they need. In Ruth's story we see a reflection of our own. For we too were "alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world" (Eph. 2:12). Like Ruth, we too need a Kinsman-Redeemer who will do what is necessary to remedy our helpless condition.

## True Redeemer

The language of redemption permeates the story of Ruth: words built on the root "redeem" (*ga-al*) appear 23 times. Key to understanding the narrative is the concept of the kinsman-redeemer, the closest living male relative who had the duty to preserve the family name and land. He could do this in a number of ways: buying back either land that a poor relative had to sell or the family member that had sold himself into slavery to pay debts (Lev. 25:25, 47–49), avenging the death of a family member (Num. 35:19–21), or marrying the widow of a deceased relative (Deut. 25:5–10). All of these duties could be refused, including marriage to the late relative's widow (now known as "levirate" marriage, *levir* being the Latin translation of the Hebrew word for brother-in-law). In certain cases, one could be a *goel* (Hebrew for "close relative" or "redeemer") without being a *levir* (one who would provide an heir to the deceased relative through marrying his widow). In Ruth's case, the kinsman-redeemer Boaz elects to carry out the duties of both, buying her estate and taking her as his bride.

Readers of the New Testament will recognize Jesus Christ as the ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer who voluntarily paid the price for the redemption of his people and takes them as his beloved bride (Eph. 5:23–32; Rev. 19:7).

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
"The Gospel in Ruth" written by Mary Beth McGreevy

## Announcements

**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](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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](https://redeemerwh.org/worship)).



MISSION  
FUND

**GOAL:** \$50,000  
**RECEIVED:** \$37,515

[redeemerwinterhaven.org](https://redeemerwinterhaven.org) | (863) 298-9849  
Mobile App: [redeemerwh.org/app](https://redeemerwh.org/app) | [facebook.com/redeemerwhc](https://facebook.com/redeemerwhc)