



February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Song of Gathering and Preparation

We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Living Waters

Call to Worship: Worship Sourcebook

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

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

All: And drink the water of life.

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

Our Great God

Reading of the Law: Jeremiah 17:5-8

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.

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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: 2 Samuel 22:2-4

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 said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

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

Shepherd
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Worship Through Giving: I Shall Not Want

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.

Receiving New Members: Turner (9am) | Bretz (10:30am)

As was the case for believers in the Old and New Testaments, we are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God (circumcision in the Old and baptism in the New), and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Neal & Helen Turner

Lauren, Peter, Lilian, Caleb, & Timothy Bretz (*communing*)

Barnabas Bretz (*non-communing*)

Sacrament of Baptism: 10:30am

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).

Barnabas Edward Bretz

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.

Psalm 125 (*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.

This is My Father's World

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.

Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary time runs between Epiphany and Lent. 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.

Proclamation of God's Word: See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers *A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. 2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. 3 For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. 4 Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! 5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Pg. 517 (Psalm 125 ESV)

Resources

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Eugene Peterson
On the Road with St. Augustine, James K.A. Smith
Longing for Home, J. Stephen Yuille

Quotes

"Living as Christian is not walking a tightrope without a safety net high above a breathless crowd, many of whom would like nothing better than the morbid thrill of seeing you fall; it is sitting secure in a fortress." - Eugene Peterson

Discussion Questions

1. As you think of your life, is it more thermostat or thermometer?
2. Do you feel more like you're on a tightrope high above the crowd or safe in a fortress?
3. Where are you tempted to put your hands on your life? Why is it so hard to take your hands off that situation and put it in God's hands?
4. Do you struggle to believe that God is trustworthy? If so, why?
5. How can you know for sure that God is both great and good?

Sermon Series: Psalms of Ascent: On the Way

Sermon Title: Like Mount Zion

Date: February 16, 2020

I. AN IMMOVABLE MOUNTAIN

The key to trust is to think great thoughts of God.

II. STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND

Your strength is not the solution to the problem you're facing; its part of the problem.

III. THE NAME OF THE LORD

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower.

Announcements

Greeting this morning is the **Beatty** Community Group.

Guy's Hangout: Guys, join us **THIS Saturday, February 22 from 5-8pm for a hangout at Charlie Reynolds' house (2045 W Lake Hamilton Dr)**. We'll have cornhole, venison and a bonfire. Bring a friend and a chair.

Communicants Class: The communicants class is a four-week course that is required for children to become communing members of the church. If your child is interested in participating or if you would like more information on what communicants classes are, please fill out the form below. **The classes will be on Wednesday nights (Feb 19 & 26, Mar 5 & 11) from 6:30-8pm.** You can sign up at redeemerwh.org/communicants.

Redeemer 101: If you're wanting to learn more about the beliefs, values and practices of Redeemer, or if you'd like to become a member, join us for this three-part class **Feb 23, Mar 1 & 8 from 12-2p** following the second worship service. Lunch and childcare will be provided, you can sign up at redeemerwh.org/101.

Person of Jesus Study: There are two opportunities to join us on Wednesdays for the Person of Jesus study. We have **a lunch-time group from 12-1pm and an evening group from 7-8pm**. Pizza will be provided for the lunch-time group or you can bring your own lunch. These groups will meet weekly until April 29.

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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