



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

March 5, 2017 – First Sunday of Lent



Order of Worship

Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

Forever Reign

Call to Worship

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

1 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. (1 Peter 2:1-3 ESV)

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).

Corporate Confession of Sin

Leader: O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below.

People: I covet the honor and riches of the mighty; and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. If I behold beauty it is a bait to lust, or to see deformity, it stirs up loathing and disdain; How soon do slanders, vain jests, and wanton speeches creep into my heart!

Leader: Am I lovely? What fuel for pride!
Am I deformed? What an occasion for repining!
Am I gifted? I lust after applause!
Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not!
Am I in authority? How prone to abuse my trust, make my will my law, exclude others' enjoyment, serve my own interests and policy!
Am I inferior? How much I grudge other's pre-eminence!
Am I rich? How exalted I become!

People: Keep me ever mindful of my natural state, but let me not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every sin.

All: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

Jesus I Come

Assurance of Pardon

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

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:1-6 , ESV)

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

Be Thou My Vision
What A Beautiful Name

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.

(Children through kindergarten are dismissed for kid's worship)

Proclamation of God's Word

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

1 Samuel 18:1-16 (see insert)

The Apostles' Creed

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I 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 Pontius 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus.

Only Jesus

Songs of Response & Sending

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

10,000 Reasons

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.

(There is no offering taken during the service. An offering box is located at the front and the back of the sanctuary.)

Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **Diaz & Daniel/Reynolds** Community Groups.

Vision Dinner: Our next Vision Dinner is Wednesday, **March 8 at 5:30p**, RSVP to connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Ladies' Spring Luncheon: Join us **March 11 from Noon-2pm** in Covenant Hall. RSVP to connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

Golf Tournament: Heart for Winter Haven is having their annual golf tournament at the Country Club of Winter Haven on **Monday, March 27 at 8:30am**. If you're interested in participating in a foursome or being a sponsor, visit heart4wh.org/golf.

Elbert Elementary: If you are interested in volunteering at Elbert Elementary, please contact Rachel (rachelalutz@gmail.com). There are some classroom needs at Elbert right now. If you would like to purchase something you can drop it off in the Elbert box in the foyer of the sanctuary or in the church office. Supplies include: copy paper, pencils, crayons, staplers, Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, wide ruled paper, folders, and composition books.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (bit.do/redeemerwh) and our mobile app (get.theapp.co/2045).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. Below is a list of current Redeemer Community Groups and contact information:

"The purpose of Community Groups is to create a community where Jesus Christ is experienced and mutual ministry is enjoyed."

Beatty Group: 2nd/4th Sundays
(863)662-4761 | beattyvalde@aol.com

Bennett Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)326-9358 | bwbenett@tampabay.rr.com

Daniel/Reynolds Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)206-8149 | kbd148@aol.com

Diaz Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)529-5350 | chickplum@aol.com

Henderson Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)293-2861 | tammyhenderson@me.com

Lear Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)604-9369 | connie_lear@msn.com

Lutz Group: Every Other Thursdays
(407)247-4265 | brandon@redeemerwinterhaven.org

Pruitt/Nederveld Group: Every Other Thursday
(863)280-5768 | cpruittwh@yahoo.com

Sirriner Group: 2nd/4th Sundays
(863)956-6245 | sirriner3@msn.com

Smith/Albrecht Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)594-0064 | david@redeemerwinterhaven.org

White Group: 1st/3rd Sundays
(863)557-6180 | whites.acehardware@verizon.net

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