



*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 City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.*

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is a large, bright, glowing orb in the upper right quadrant, casting a shimmering path of light across the dark water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with distant mountains visible on the horizon.

# **ecclesiastes**

**life is gift not gain**

*June 28, 2020 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## **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:** Psalm 84:1-4

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

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord.

**All: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God!**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

## **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.*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

## **Reading of the Law:** Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15

*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.*

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."...The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

## **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:** John 15:9-11

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

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

## **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*

All I Have Is Christ

## **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.*

## **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.*

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26; 4:4-6; 5:15-20; 9:7-10

## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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

18 I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, 19 and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, 21 because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? 23 For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. 24 There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, 25 for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? 26 For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Pg. 554 (Ecclesiastes 2:18-26 ESV)

4 Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind. 5 The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh. 6 Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

Pg. 555 (Ecclesiastes 4:4-6 ESV)

15 As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. 16 This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? 17 Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. 18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. 19 Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil--this is the gift of God. 20 For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Pg. 555 (Ecclesiastes 5:15-20 ESV)

7 Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. 8 Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. 9 Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. 10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Pg. 558 (Ecclesiastes 9:7-10 ESV)

**Sermon Series:** Ecclesiastes: Life Is Gift Not Gain

**Sermon Title:** The Vanity of Toil

**Date:** June 28, 2020

## **I. LIVING FOR WORK**

*What argument does the Preacher make as to why living for work is foolish?*

## **II. LIVING ONE-HANDED**

*Our sin can lead us toward either idle laziness or manic busyness...*

## **III. GOD'S APPROVAL**

*Where does the power to enjoy your work as a gift come from?*

## **Resources**

Zack Eswine, *Recovering Eden*

David Gibson, *Living Life Backwards*

Derek Kidner, *The Message of Ecclesiastes*

# Announcements

**Corporate Prayer for Justice & Mercy:** On **Tuesday, June 30** we'll be offering two times of corporate prayer as we continue to pray for justice and mercy. We'll meet **in-person at 7:30pm at Redeemer** and for those unable to join in-person there will be an option to join **via Zoom at noon**. The Zoom link will be available on our website & app.

**Women's Summer Book Study:** Please join the women of Redeemer this summer as we study the book Identity Theft. Each chapter "stands alone" and is written by a different author. We meet **Mondays at 7pm via Zoom** and discuss the chapter together. Come and meet some new friends and journey together as we look into the promises that are ours in Christ Jesus.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Sally Goodwill (**sallyg1110@aol.com** or **863.325.5200**) or Gigi Savant (**gigisavant@gmail.com** or **863.258.0268**). Please RSVP so we can send you the ZOOM link. See the remaining schedule below.

**June 29 – Fruitful: Filled with the Holy Spirit**  
**July 13 – Member: Connected to the Church**  
**July 27 – Beautiful: Clothed in Splendor**  
**August 10 – Servant: Reaping a Reward**  
**August 24 – Worshiper: Shining Brightly in the Darkness**  
**August 31 – Citizen: Longing for Home**

**Online Directory:** Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit **redeemerwh.org/directory** to access your profile.

**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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