



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.



September 20, 2020 – Sixteenth 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: Psalm 130

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

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

All: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

All: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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.

God Is For Us

Reading of the Law: Psalm 37:3-9

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.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

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: Jude 20-21

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

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

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

His Mercy Is More

Receiving New Members

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.

Tammi Durham, Connie Osburn,
Sharon Lockwood, Sydney Benson (9am)
Nathan & Anna Diaz, Merritt Simons (10:30am)

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: 9am

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.

Galatians 5:22-23; James 1:12-17; 5:7-12

Song of Response & Sending

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

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)
Sovereign Over Us

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

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Pg. 975 (Galatians 5:22-23 ESV)

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Pg. 1011 (James 1:12-17 ESV)

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Pg. 1013 (James 5:7-12 ESV)

Quote

"If there is a cross, where the Spirit of God prevails in the heart, the man or woman will wonder that it is no greater...and if there is a mercy, he wonders at God's goodness, that (He) granted so great a mercy. The Spirit extenuates all evils and crosses and magnifies and amplifies all mercies!... All mercies seem to be great, and all afflictions seem to be little! But (the flesh) does the opposite: (it) lessens God's mercies, and amplifies evil things. A godly man wonders at his cross that it is not more, a wicked man wonders his cross is so much: 'Oh,' he says, 'none was ever so afflicted as I am.'" - Martin Luther

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about a situation in your life where you need patience.
2. Patience is the virtue. Waiting is the action. Talk about each. Why is it so hard to wait? What are you tempted to do instead?
3. We are warned of two sins here: blame-shifting and grumbling. They are both substitutes for patience. Talk about each.
4. The Bible distinguishes between God's works and His ways. We can't always know what God is doing but we can know what He's like, because He's told us. In the situation where you are needing patience, can you connect what God seems to be doing with what you know He is like. Connect His work to His ways.
5. Read the quote from Martin Luther included in the sermon outline and discuss.

Sermon Series: Character in Crisis: The Fruit of the Spirit

Sermon Title: Patience in a Time of Suffering

Date: September 20, 2020

I. THE DEFINITION OF PATIENCE

You have heard of the steadfastness of Job

II. THE NEED FOR PATIENCE

Refusing to believe dreadful thoughts of God.

III. THE THEOLOGY OF PATIENCE

God's "why?" is mercy.

Resources

Jeremiah Burroughs, *Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*

Tim Keller, *"A Society of Suffering"* sermon

Greg Lukianoff & Jonathan Haidt, *Coddling of the American Mind*

Announcements

Children's Ministry RSVP: We are excited that our classrooms are open again for Children's Ministry (**currently ONLY during the 9AM worship service**).

We are asking that you would RSVP by Friday at Midnight: redeemerwh.org/rsvp

Note: *Pre-registration is NOT required to attend on Sunday, it simply will help us to prepare in the days leading up to Sunday morning.*

Person of Jesus Study: This fall on **Wednesdays at noon (September 30 through November 4) in Covenant Hall**, we will begin the Person of Jesus Study (POJ). We'll spend 6 weeks walking through the Gospels looking at the compassion of Jesus. **Note:** Due to COVID we will not be providing lunch this semester. Please bring your own lunch (we will provide drinks).

Women's Fall Bible Study (Sermon on the Mount): There are two opportunities to join the Women's Fall Bible Study on ***The Sermon on the Mount***.

For additional information or to RSVP for either the Zoom or in-person meeting, please contact either Sally Goodwill (sallyg1110@aol.com or **863.325.5200**) or Gigi Savant (gigisavant@gmail.com or **863.258.0268**).

Mondays, 6:30-8pm in Covenant Hall following COVID protocols
Thursday, 9:30-11am via Zoom

Audio/Video Team Volunteers Needed: The A/V team is in need of volunteers to help with slides, sound, and the live stream. If you're interested, reach out to **Joe Ragsdale** at joe@redeemerwinterhaven.org. He will provide a training in October.

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).

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.

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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