



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

September 24, 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace
Grace Alone

Call to Worship

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

9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.... 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:9-11; 28-31 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).

Song of Repentance

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

Good and Gracious King

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.

4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

(Philippians 3:4-11 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

Before the Throne
Jerusalem

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 60

Q60. How are you right with God?

Answer: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

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.

Ryan & Becca Buskirk

Sacrament of Baptism

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).

Jonah Ryan Buskirk

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 fifth grade 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.

Romans 1:8-17 *(see insert)*

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.

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

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 & Reynolds/Daniel** Community Groups.

Renew Polk Gathering: Join us and our sister churches **TONIGHT from 6:30-8pm at Trinity Presbyterian (301 N. Florida Ave. Lakeland)** for a time of worship, prayer and vision casting. Childcare will be available through pre-k. Please pre-register for childcare by emailing, callie@trinitylakeland.org.

Women's Retreat: Mark your calendars for **November 3-5** for our annual Women's Retreat. We will be returning to the Orange Lake Resort in Kissimmee. The cost is \$185 for a shared room or \$235 for a single room. Scholarships are available. For registration, visit: redeemerwh.org/retreat or the table outside. You may pay in full or provide a \$50 deposit to secure your spot.

Women's Fall Bible Studies: There are two options for the Fall Women's Bible Studies. Both groups will go through "Gospel Love." Monday nights **6:30-8pm**, contact Sally Goodwill for more information. Thursday mornings, **9:30-11am**, childcare provided, contact Vicky Portlock for more information.

Coffee Crew: We looking for a few new volunteers to help with coffee setup on Sunday mornings. Members of the team will only serve once every 5-6 weeks. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please contact lisarepella@gmail.com.

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 (redeemerwh.org/app).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We are proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org), a missional partnership of churches, that exists to catalyze funds and resources for PCA church planting in Polk County. The aim of Renew Polk is to see 20 new churches planted in Polk County over the next 20 years.

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org or visit our website.

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

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