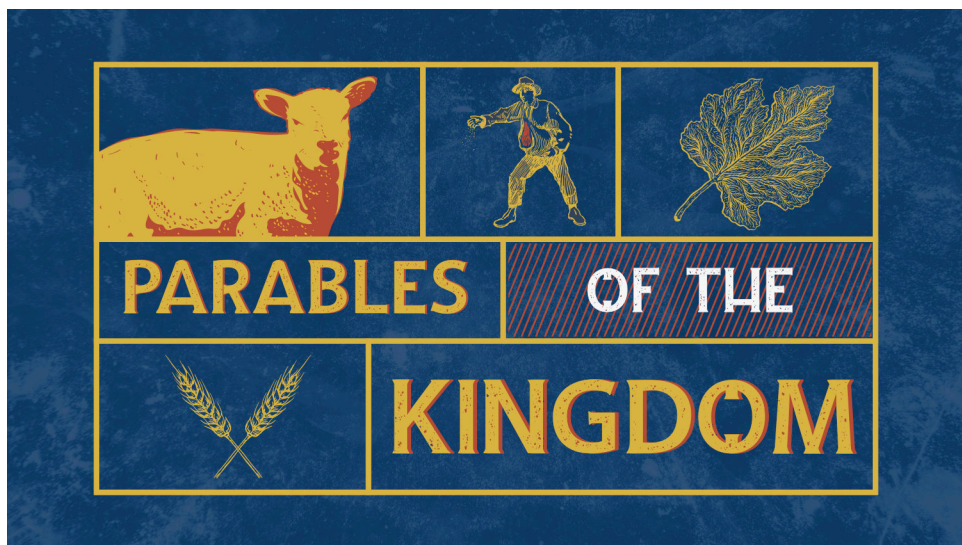




To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



October 20, 2019 – Nineteenth 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.

Song 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

Call to Worship: Micah 6:6-8

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

Leader: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

Congregation: He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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.

As Long As You Are Glorified

Reading of the Law: 1 John 3:16-18

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.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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: Micah 7:18-19

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

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

Build My Life
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Worship Through Giving: Far Kingdom

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

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.

Matthew 25:14-46 (see insert)

Song of Response

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

Tender Mercy (Psalm 28)

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.

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more... 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward...23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant!' ...28 take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents... 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you...?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you...?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Sermon Series: Parables of the Kingdom: Gospel Culture

Sermon Title: A Merciful People

Date: October 20, 2019

Introduction - this week continues the theme of readiness from last week - "Be ready!" But what's that look like?

I. A MAN ENTRUSTED HIS PROPERTY...

How does the master's expectation help us understand what it means to live ready for Jesus' return? What's the major difference between the first two servants and the third one?

II. ARE YOU A CITIZEN?

The difference between the sheep and goats reveals something about what it means to be a citizen of Jesus' kingdom. What's the significance of Jesus' identifying with each group receiving the mercy of his disciples?

Discussion Questions

1. Do we tend to treat things we are entrusted with differently than things we own?
2. If the parable teaches us that our gifts, abilities, and resources are entrusted to us as the Master's "property," how does that change our approach to using them?
3. Discuss membership vow #4: "Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?" What are you able to do that you're not currently doing? Assess your strengths and weaknesses in fulfilling this vow, if you're a member of Redeemer. Pray for one another.
4. How closely is your life connected to the various groups among the "least of these?"
5. What are specific ways your community group could use its gifts as a whole to serve others?

Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **Portlock & Pruitt/Lutz** Community Groups.

Family Fall Fest & Chili Cook Off: Please join us for a Family Fall Fest & Chili Cook Off **THIS Saturday, October 26, from 5:30-7:30pm at the Twelve Oaks Neighborhood (879 Twin Oaks Ln)**. We'll have inflatables and a hayride for the kids; and of course, a bunch of chili!! So get your recipes ready and invite some friends! Help us prepare by letting us know if you are going to bring a chili, sign up at: redeemerwh.org/chili.

Person of Jesus Study: We're offering two opportunities to participate in The Person of Jesus Study. **Join us Wednesdays for lunch from 12-1pm or in the evening 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 the week of Thanksgiving.

MOPS: Are you a mom of preschool age children? Please consider joining our MOPS group, hosted at Redeemer City. MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers, a group of moms of young children banded together to share their lives and parenting journeys. As we grow in Christ, his love pours into us, equipping us to serve one another and our community. For more information about our MOPS group, please contact Susan Walker (863) 412-1163 or Debbie Crosby (863) 604-4091.

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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