



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

November 12, 2017 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

Jesus Lord of Heaven
Great Are You Lord

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 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. 5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64.1-8, 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.

His Mercy is More

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.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5.17-21, 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

Stronger
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism 6-8

Q6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

Answer: No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.

Q7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

Answer: The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.

Q8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

Answer: Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

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.

Scott & Trula Donley (Communing)
Tate Donley (Non-Communing)

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).

Catherine Tate Donley

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 3:9-20 *(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.

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)
You Are the Great I Am

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.

Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **Sirrine & White** Community Groups.

Thanksgiving Service: Join us on **Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30pm.** This will be a brief service as we give thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done. Childcare will be available through pre-k.

Christmas Eve: We will gather in the morning for our regular Sunday morning service. For our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service we will have two services here at Redeemer City. Those services will be at **5 & 6:30pm.** Childcare will be available through pre-k.

Christmas Party: This year our Christmas Party will be **Saturday, December 16 at 6pm at the Sizemore's Home (227 Lake Link Rd).** Childcare will be available at the church from 6-8pm. This event is for adults only. More info to come.

Coffee Crew: We are 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).

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

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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