

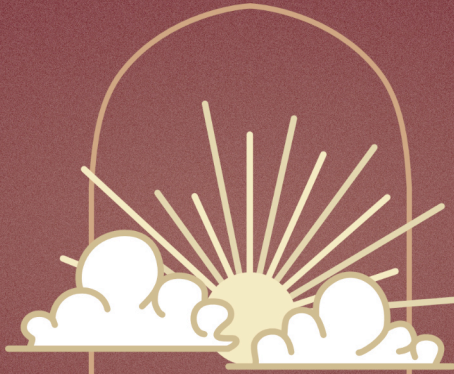


# REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

*"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

*Psalm 46:10 (ESV)*



WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

*The Gospel of John*

*March 29, 2026 – The Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday*

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## **Season of the Cross: Red for Holy Week**

Since the early church, Christians have observed the week leading up to Easter as a time of particular devotion. The first Sunday of Holy Week is commonly called "Palm Sunday." It's important to capture the irony of the day. This is the day on which Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as a part of his journey to the cross; this is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to "Crucify him!"

## Call to Worship: Psalm 104

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

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us... You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**ALL: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Song of Ascent

*The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.*

Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

## Reading of the Law: Exodus 31:12-17

*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.*

12 And the LORD said to Moses, 13 "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death. 16 Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. 17 It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.'"

## 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).*

## Corporate Confession of Sin: Thomas A' Kempis

*In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.*

**Grant me, O most loving Lord, to rest in you above all else -  
above all creatures,  
above all health and beauty,  
above all glory and honor...**

**...above all power and dignity,  
above all knowledge and cleverness,  
above all fame and praise,  
above all sweetness and comfort,  
above all hope and promise,  
above all gifts and favors that you can give,  
above all happiness my mind can feel;  
above all that is not you, O God.**

**Anything you bestow on me or reveal to me or promise to me is too small  
an unsatisfying if I do not see or meet you in it.**

**For surely my heart cannot truly rest, or ever be fully contented, unless  
it rest in you.**

**Amen.**

## **Song of Repentance**

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

Your Will Be Done

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Hebrews 4:9-16

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

9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **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.*

It Was Finished Upon That Cross  
All Sufficient Merit

## 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.*

Rhett Charles Shipps  
Richard Walker McAdams Jr.

## 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.*

## 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.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Jesus taught this prayer to guide His people in how to pray (Gospel of Matthew 6:9–13). When we pray it together, we address God as our Father, ask for His kingdom to come, depend on Him for daily provision, seek forgiveness, and look to Him for strength to walk in faithfulness.*

## Proclamation of God's Word

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

John 5:1-18

## Song of Response and Sending

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

## 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

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***There is a prayer team available following the worship service for anyone in need of prayer.***

## Proclamation of God's Word

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." 11 But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. 16 And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." 18 This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:1-18

## Resources

Dan Allender, *Sabbath*

Abraham Heschel, *The Sabbath*

Tim Keller, *Every Good Endeavor*

Adam Mabry, *The Art of Rest*

**Sermon Series:** We Have Seen His Glory

**Sermon Title:** The Sabbath Rest

**Date:** March 29, 2026

**Hook:** *How is your work-life balance?*

## **I. THE GOODNESS OF WORK**

*"In the beginning, there was work." – Tim Keller*

## **II. THE WORK UNDER WORK**

*"For followers of Jesus, rest isn't a sign of weakness. Rest is an act of profound resistance against the siren call of self-justification." – Adam Mabry*

## **III. OUR SABBATH REST**

*"'It is finished' is the lullaby of all things, our restless hearts included." – Justin Whitmel Earley*

## **IV. THE SABBATH DAY**

*"Labor is a craft, but perfect rest is an art. ... The (Sabbath) day is a palace in time which we build. It is made of soul, of joy and reticence." – Abraham Heschel*

**Takeaway:** *God's rules are the walls of a playground.*

# Holy Week

MAR 29 — APR 5



SUN, MAR 29 (10AM)

MON-FRI (12PM- lunch & childcare provided)

FRI, APR 3 (6PM)

SUN, APR 5 (9 & 10:45AM)

PALM SUNDAY

PERSON OF JESUS

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

## Holy Week Playlist

Available on our app



## Announcements

**Holy Week POJ:** Holy Week Person of Jesus (**Mon. Mar 30-Fri. Apr 3, Noon**) is an opportunity to slow down and look at the way Jesus loved. Seeing the pattern - and power - that He has given us to love in the same way. **Lunch and childcare will be provided.**

**Good Friday:** Good Friday (**Apr 3, 6pm – Sanctuary**) is a reflective service where we meditate on the Passion and Cross of Christ. **We will have childcare for 3 and under.**

**Two Easter Services:** Easter Sunday (**Apr 5, 9 & 10:45am**) we will have two identical worship services with childcare through 1st grade.

**Hearing Assistance:** If you are in need of hearing assistance during the service, please join our "Redeemer Guest" Wifi and download the Listen Wifi App at [redeemerwh.org/listen](https://redeemerwh.org/listen).

**Food, Fellowship, & Formation:** Our men's ministry is offering Food, Fellowship, and Formation (FFF) beginning this spring. As the name implies, we will gather for a meal in the evening, enjoy fellowship, and continue our study of the intersection of faith and vocation from **6-7:30 pm on April 16 and May 7** at Redeemer.

**Community Group Open House:** If you are looking for a community group, we invite you to be part of our Community Group Open House on **April 19** and **May 31** after worship. This monthly gathering is designed for those hoping to join a regular group. Lunch will be provided, and you'll experience a typical community group format—time to connect, discuss the sermon, and share prayer requests. Please sign up at [redeemerwh.org/rsvp](https://redeemerwh.org/rsvp).

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](https://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](https://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/worship](https://redeemerwh.org/worship)).

### 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 proudly partner with Renew Polk ([renewpolk.org](https://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([fchurchplanting.org](https://fchurchplanting.org)).

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FUND

**2026 GOAL:** \$50,000

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