

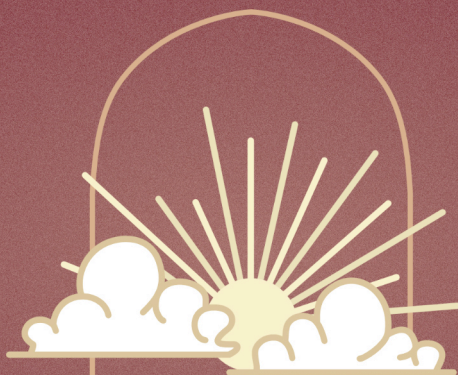


REDEEMER

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

April 12, 2026 – Second Sunday of Eastertide

Season of the Cross: Gold for Eastertide

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide — the season leading up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

Call to Worship: Psalm 62

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

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

People: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O People; pour out your heart before him.

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.

All Creatures of Our God and King

Reading of the Law: Proverbs 3:5-8

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.

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

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

Upon A Life

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 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 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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 of God Above
King of Kings

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.

Devon & Shiloh Taylor

Mercy Offering & Mission Update

Southland Student Camps

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.

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 3:31-36; 5:31-47

Song of Response & Sending

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

There Is One Gospel

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

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

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3:31 He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. 33 Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. 34 For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. 35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

5:31 I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. 32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, this form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39 vYou search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

John 3:31-36; 5:31-47(ESV)

Resources

Oliver Burkeman, ***Meditations for Mortals***

C.S. Lewis, ***Screwtape Letters***

Michael Reeves, ***Delighting in the Trinity***

Ed Welch, ***When People are Big and God is Small***

Sermon Series: We Have Seen His Glory

Sermon Title: The Witness

Date: April 12, 2026

I. THE CASE

"We want cattle that can finally become food; He [God] wants servants who can finally become sons. We want to suck in; he wants to give out. We are empty and would be filled; He is full and flows over." – Screwtape, from C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters

II. THE WITNESS

"Allah's word is a book. Thus, when Allah gives his Quran, he gives some thing, a deposit of information about himself and how he likes things. ... However, when the triune God gives us his Word, he gives us his very self, for the Son is the Word of God. This God does not give us some thing that is other than himself, or merely tell us about himself; he actually gives us himself." - Michael Reeves

III. THE VERDICT

"It is only in the gospel of Jesus Christ that you get the verdict before the performance. ... In Christianity, the verdict leads to the performance." - Tim Keller

Take-away: *You are a witness!*



THE GOSPEL IN

1 Corinthians

The Gospel as a lens for life

1 Corinthians was written to a church community that Paul knew well. Corinth was a major port city in the ancient world with several temples, making it a huge economic-religious center in the Roman world. Paul strategically traveled there as a missionary, spending about a year and a half getting to know the people and telling them about Jesus. Many people there became followers and eventually formed the first church community in the city.

After Paul left to start churches in other cities, he soon began receiving reports of conflict at the church in Corinth. The people were facing all kinds of problems, so Paul wrote this letter to offer guidance, teaching, and encouragement.

The book of 1 Corinthians is broken up into five main parts and a final greeting. The five sections correspond to the five problems Paul addresses, and the letter reads like a collection of short essays. In each section, Paul defines a problem and responds to it with some part of the Gospel story, illustrating how these church members were not actually acting or living out what they said they believed. This pattern of a problem followed by a Gospel solution shows us how Paul is teaching the Corinthians to think as Christians. Following Jesus means developing the skill of seeing all areas of life and relationships through the lens of the Gospel.

From *The Bible Project*, "1 Corinthians"

Announcements

Food, Fellowship, & Formation: Men, come enjoy food and fellowship, and learn more about the formative resources that Redeemer uses to build our character in Christ. **Thursday April 16 and May 7 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** in the Lakes Room.

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.

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Our annual student ministry wild game lunch and dessert auction will be **Saturday, May 30**. More information to come.

Summer Fest: During our annual student ministry fundraiser on **Saturday, May 30**, we will be having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, and face painting. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend! More info to come.

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.

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/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) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

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2026 GOAL: \$50,000
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