



REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

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 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.



psalms of praise

May 4, 2025 – Third 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, exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

Call to Worship: Psalm 18

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

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer., my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

Leader: This God - his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in his. For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?

People: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation!

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: Psalm 150

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.

150:1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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: 1 Peter 2:9-10

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

2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Who Is Like The Lord (Psalm 113)
Holy Holy Holy

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 kindergarten** 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.

Psalm 113-114

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontus Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Mercy Offering: Give online at redeemerwh.org/give

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Neal and Debbie Williams, *Mission to the World*

Song of Response & Sending

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

Holy Forever

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.

Resources

Christopher Ash, ***Psalms***

David Taylor, ***Open & Unafraid***

A.W. Tozer, ***Knowledge of the Holy***

Resources for Daily Worship

Jonathan Gibson, ***Be Thou My Vision***

Trevin Wax, ***Psalms in 30 Days***

Proclamation of God's Word

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113:1 Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

4 The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

5 Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,

6 who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?

7 He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

114:1 When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

2 Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

3 The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

5 What ails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?

6 O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

Sermon Series: The Psalms of Praise

Sermon Title: Nothing Too Big, No One Too Small

Date: May 6, 2025

Hook: *Do you have a habit of daily worship?*

I. ALL THE TIME, EVERYWHERE

"In singing praise, all claims for the self are given up as the self is ceded over to God."

– Walter Brueggemann

II. THE LORD IS HIGH

"God is as high above an archangel as above a caterpillar, for the gulf that separates the archangel from the caterpillar is finite, while the gulf between God and the archangel is infinite. The caterpillar and the archangel both belong in the category of that-which-is-not-God and are separated from God by infinitude itself." – A.W. Tozer

III. TREMBLE WITH TRUTH

"True worship must be more than guess-work. It is the loving homage of the committed to the Revealed" – Derek Kidner

Takeaway: *Praise the Lord!*



THE GOSPEL IN

Leviticus

On the one hand, it is very natural to think of Leviticus in terms of the grace of the gospel. This is because of the many ways it speaks of ideas and concepts that find their ultimate fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus—sacrificial atonement, for example, or the priesthood. The book of Hebrews makes much of these connections, emphasizing again and again that Jesus is the Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14; 10:21), the one without any sin (Heb. 9:14; cf. Heb. 9:7), who offers himself as the ultimate sacrifice that cleanses all our sin (Heb. 1:3; 7:26–27; 9:12, 14, 26, 28; 10:10, 12, 14; 13:11–12) and therefore gives us confidence to draw near to God (Heb. 10:19–22).

On the other hand, it is sometimes difficult to think of Leviticus in terms of the grace seen in the gospel. This is because Leviticus is primarily a collection of laws, and it is common to view these laws as being disconnected from grace. This is tremendously unfortunate and a very different view of the law than the Israelites held. For example, the longest psalm in the Bible—Psalm 119—is a celebration of the Lord's law, something the psalmist longs for (Ps. 119:20, 40, 131) and delights in (Ps. 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 143, 174). Significantly, the “law” he is speaking of included Leviticus!

The psalmist's love of the law should not surprise us. The law was given by the Lord to the Israelites in order to guide them in how to live as the “kingdom of priests and . . . holy nation” he had called them to be (Ex. 19:5–6). This in itself was actually an act of grace. In his kindness, the Lord gave his people these laws in order that they might know how to live properly in relationship with him, with one another, and with his world. No wonder the psalmist sings over it with joy! What is more, the law was given by the Lord after he had redeemed the Israelites, not before (cf. Ex. 1–19 with Ex. 20–24). As a result, they were not to follow these laws in order to earn salvation from the Lord, but as the appropriate response of reverential love and worship to the Lord who had already redeemed them. This should sound very familiar to Christians, who are exhorted to live lives of wholehearted obedience as the only appropriate response to the amazing mercies of God found in Jesus (cf. Rom. 12:1 with Rom. 9–11).

In order to read Leviticus well we must therefore remember these two things: (1) the many ways that Jesus has become the far greater priest who intercedes for us on the basis of his perfect and far greater atoning sacrifice; and (2) that obedience to God's law is not meant to earn his salvation but to be an appropriate response to the salvation he has so richly provided.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in Leviticus"

Announcements

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Sunday, May 18, following the worship service, we are hosting a lunch to raise scholarship money for students to attend summer camp! Come support the student ministry in Covenant Hall where students will serve lunch and wait tables. Price per plate is whatever you are willing to pay to help send students to camp. Lunch will be followed by a dessert auction. If you have a dessert you think others would enjoy, please sign up at redeemerwh.org/dos.

Family Fest: During the student ministry fundraiser Sunday, May 18, we will be having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, and face painting. You won't want to miss this! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend!

Water Day: We're excited for **Water Day, Saturday May 31, from 9:30am-12pm at Redeemer**. We will have inflatables for the kids and a Kona Ice truck. Please bring sunscreen, towels, and lawn chairs- snacks and drinks will be provided. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Summer Camps: Parents of middle and high school students, please mark your calendars for **June 9-14 (Southland High School Camp)** and **July 7-11 (Southland Middle School Camp)**. These camps are great opportunities for fellowship, worship, and fun, and we encourage all students to attend. To learn more information and register for camp, please visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Women's Retreat: Ladies of Redeemer, please save the date for our **Women's Retreat, January 30- February 1, 2026**. More details will be announced in the coming months. We hope to see you there!

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).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Ashley Bennett, ashmbennett1013@gmail.com.

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2025 GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$5,516

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