



# 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)*



## WELLNESS

*May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Eastertide*

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### **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 66:1-3

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

Leader: Shout for joy to the God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; we sing praises to your name.**

## **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.*

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

## **Reading of the Law:** Psalm 119:1-5, 97, 103-104

*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.*

119:1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! 2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, 3 who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! 4 You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. 5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! ... 97 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day... 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

## **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.*

Gentle and Lowly

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 6:13-23

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

6:13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 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*

The Solid Rock  
Build My Life

## 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.*

Ronnie & Cecilee Withrow, Myles Withrow

## 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).*

Myles Withrow

## 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.*

Psalm 1

## Song of Response & Sending

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

Abide

## 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.*

1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1 (ESV)

## Resources

Christopher Ash, *Psalms*

J. Budziszewski, *How and How Not to Be Happy*

Alan Noble, *To Live Well*

Mark Sayers, *Reappearing Church*

James K.A. Smith, *You are What You Love*

**Sermon Series:** Wellness

**Sermon Title:** Happiness

**Date:** May 10, 2026

**Hook:** *What makes for a happy life?*

## **I. THE PRESCRIPTION**

*"We are drowning in freedom but thirsting for meaning." - Mark Sayers*

## **II. THE PICTURE**

*"From roots in God's life grows fruit to bless the world." - Christopher Ash*

## **III. THE POSSIBILITY**

*"Nothing that is here today and gone tomorrow deserves to be called supreme happiness; we use the term more for a property of life than of a moment. ... if I was happy on Tuesday but not on Wednesday, then the 'happiness' I enjoyed on Tuesday was not the sort of happiness we are seeking." - J. Budziszewski*

**Take-away:** *You are what you love!*



## THE GOSPEL IN

### *2 Corinthians*

## The Paradox of the Cross

Even though this book is called 2 Corinthians in our Bibles, there are multiple clues within this letter that it's not the second letter Paul ever wrote to the church in ancient Corinth. Paul had started this Jesus community some time ago on one of his missionary journeys (Acts 18), and, after moving on, he heard a report that things were not going well. The letter he wrote to them in response to this news is commonly known as 1 Corinthians, but it appears that many in the church had rejected Paul's teachings within that letter and had rebelled against his authority.

We learn that Paul followed up in person with what he calls a "painful visit" (2 Cor. 2:1) and that he later sent another letter, which was written with "anguish and tears" (2 Cor. 2:3-4; 7:8-12). After all these measures, most but not all of the Corinthians realized their arrogance and apologized to Paul, hoping to reconcile with him. So finally Paul wrote this letter, 2 Corinthians, to assure them of his love and commitment.

This book has been designed with three main sections, each addressing a distinct topic. In chapters 1-7, Paul finalizes his reconciliation with the Corinthians. In chapters 8-9, he addresses the topic of forgotten generosity. And in chapters 10-13, Paul challenges the remaining Corinthians who still reject him.

### The Big Idea:

Jesus' willingness to humbly endure death by crucifixion should challenge our values and worldview. The elevation of humility, weakness, and service is the paradox of the Kingdom of God.

From *The Bible Project*, "2 Corinthians"

## Announcements

**Student Ministry Fundraiser:** Make plans to join us on **Saturday, May 30** for our annual Youth Fundraiser. This event is an opportunity for students to raise scholarship money to attend summer camp. The wild game lunch will begin at 11:30am followed by a silent dessert auction at 12:30pm. If you'd like to bring a dessert, please contact Austin Snively, [austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org](mailto:austin@redeemerwinterhaven.org).

**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! Kids' activities begin at 11am.

**Friends & Flowers:** Ladies, let's kick off summer with a fun night of flower arranging (beginner friendly, promise!) and visiting with friends! We'll provide the flowers, snacks, and sips. Bring your own small vase! (But if you forget, we've got you covered). **June 4, 6-8pm**. Sign up at [redeemerwh.org/flowers](http://redeemerwh.org/flowers).

**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 **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](http://redeemerwh.org/rsvp).

**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](http://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](http://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](http://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](http://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](http://renewpolk.org)) and the Florida Church Planting Network ([flchurchplanting.org](http://flchurchplanting.org)).

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

**RECEIVED:** \$6,955

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