



# 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 17, 2026 – Seventh 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 115:3-11

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

Leader: Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. ... Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

Leader: O Israel, trust in the Lord!

**People: He is our help and our shield!**

Leader: O people of God, trust in the Lord!

**People: He is our help and our shield!**

Leader: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

**People: He is our help and our shield!**

## **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.*

Who Is Like the Lord? (Psalm 113)

## **Reading of the Law:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

*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.*

17:5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. 6 He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

## **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: Exodus 33:18-14; 34:5-7

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

33:18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

34:5 The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

## 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*

God Is For Us  
Firm Foundation

## 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 40:4; 84:4-7, 11-12; 89:15-18; Proverbs 18:10-11; 16:20

## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

## **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

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40:4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

Psalm 40:4 (ESV)

84:4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion... 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Psalm 84:4-7, 11-12 (ESV)

89:15 Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, 16 who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. 17 For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. 18 For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 89:15-18 (ESV)

18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe. 11 A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.

Proverbs 18:10-11 (ESV)

16:20 ... blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.

Proverbs 16:20b (ESV)

## Resources

Christopher Ash, ***Psalms***

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

Kelly Kapic, ***You Were Never Meant to Do it All***

Brennan Manning, ***Ruthless Trust***

**Sermon Series:** Wellness  
**Sermon Title:** God-Confidence  
**Date:** May 17, 2026

**Hook:** *What is your shield in battle?*

## I. FAITH

*"Religious faith surpasses reason, but it is not irrational." – J. Budziszewski*

## II. WORSHIP

*"In the day-to-day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship." – David Foster Wallace*

## III. TRUST

*"Living as Christian is not walking a tightrope without a safety net high above a breathless crowd, many of whom would like nothing better than the morbid thrill of seeing you fall; it is sitting secure in a fortress." – Eugene Peterson*

**Take-away:** *You cannot serve God and Mammon (Matthew 6:24).*



## THE GOSPEL IN

### *Galatians*

#### **Protecting the Truth**

Grace permeates Galatians. The letter is about protecting the truth of the gospel, which declares what God has done in Christ for sinners. The gospel cannot be supplemented by human effort or obedience. If human obedience is “dialed in” to any degree, salvation is impossible. Rescue from sin must be all of grace. And this is what God has done in Jesus.

Paul wrote the letter to a group of Christians whom false teachers had infiltrated. Among these newly established congregations, the false teachers (or “Judaizers”) were teaching “a different gospel” (Gal. 1:6) that required Gentiles to adopt Jewish works of the law in order to be justified before God. Paul reminds these congregations of the sufficiency of the gospel he preached among them. Any attempt to add to the gospel by human effort becomes a denial of grace and renders Christ’s death pointless (Gal. 2:21).

#### **The Spirit’s Work**

The Christian life from beginning to end is the result of God’s grace and is empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit. We begin by grace and move on by grace (Gal. 3:1–5). The supreme demonstration of God’s provision for sinful humanity is seen in the death and resurrection of Jesus. When people try to cooperate with God for their salvation, with works of the law being “their part” and the cross being “God’s part,” the cross is emptied of its significance. There is nothing a Christian can do to add to what Christ has done to rescue us from the eternal consequences of sin, and any effort to supplement his saving work demonstrates a lack of understanding of the gospel. Human effort will not transform the heart of the sinner. Such internal transformation through the work of the Holy Spirit results in a new life conforming to Christ’s character. The Spirit is given by God to indwell and enable the Christian to reflect more closely the moral character of our Savior (Gal. 5:22–23).

Galatians is a declaration of freedom from the condemnation of sin and from a performance mindset. Looking to Christ, the culmination of all the promises of the Old Testament, sinners can be freely counted righteous in him. Perhaps nowhere in the Bible is this clearer than in Paul’s letter to the Galatians.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,  
"Galatians"

# 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).

**Summer Women's Bible Study:** Ladies, we're excited to offer a Women's Bible Study this summer. We'll meet **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am (June 4 — August 13) in the Lakes Room**. The study is based on "*Esther: The Hidden Hand of God*" by Lydia Brownback.

**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:** \$7,315

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