



# 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 24, 2026 – Pentecost*

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### **Season of the Cross:** Red for Pentecost

Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel.

## **Call to Worship:** Psalm 86:4-5, 10-11

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

Leader: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

**People: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**People: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear 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.*

Behold Our God

## **Reading of the Law:** Psalm 130

*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.*

130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! 2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

## **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:** 1 John 1:5-2:2

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

1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...

6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## 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*

What A Beautiful Name  
It Was Finished Upon the Cross

## 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 32

## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

O Come to the Altar

## **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.*

32:1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. 7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. 10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. 11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Psalm 32 (ESV)

## Resources

Christopher Ash, *Psalms*

Barbara Duguid, *Extravagant Grace*

Tim Keller, *Forgiveness*

**Sermon Series:** Wellness  
**Sermon Title:** Grace & Forgiveness  
**Date:** May 24, 2026

**Hook:** *When is the last time you heard another person say, "I forgive you..."?*

## I. BLESSING

*"The happiness of men consists only in the free forgiveness of sins, for nothing can be more terrible than to have God for our enemy...we don't perceive how great a happiness it is to enjoy the favor of God, until we have thoroughly felt from grievous conflicts with inward temptations, how terrible the anger of God is." - John Calvin*

## II. MISERY

*"Joy will never come by denying our deep sinfulness; rather, it must come by seeing how huge our sin really is and how completely it has been dealt with in Christ." - Barbara Duguid*

## III. SAFETY

*"He only has his sins covered, who does not himself cover them." - E.W. Hengstenberg*

**Take-away:** *"A Christian is someone who believes and feels his own weakness and unworthiness, and lives upon the grace and pardoning love of his Lord. **This gives him a habitual tenderness and gentleness of spirit.**" - John Newton*



## 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:** \$7,570

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