



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

June 1, 2025 – Seventh 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 33:1-5

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

People: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. .

People: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

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.

Grace Alone

Reading of the Law: Lamentations 3:19-26

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.

19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!
20 My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. 21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. 26 It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of 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: Ephesians 2:4-9

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

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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 So Loved
Abide

Senior Recognition: Class of 2025

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 136

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.

Isaiah 43

Mercy Offering: Give online at redeemerwh.org/give

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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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; 4 to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; 5 to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; 6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; 7 to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; 8 the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; 9 the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; 11 and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; 12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever; 13 to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; 14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever; 15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; 16 to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever;

17 to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; 18 and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever; 20 and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever; 21 and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever; 22 a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever.

23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; 24 and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; 25 he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pg. 520 (Psalm 136 ESV)

Resources for Daily Worship

Jonathan Gibson, *Be Thou My Vision*

Trevin Wax, *Psalms in 30 Days*

Resources

Christopher Ash, *Psalms*

Paul Miller, *A Loving Life*

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

Sermon Series: The Psalms of Praise
Sermon Title: The Enduring Love of God
Date: June 1, 2025

Question: *How often do you sing your "ABCs?"*

I. THE ARGUMENT

"Every action of God in the world is the outflow of his flawless goodness." - Christopher Ash

II. THE OBJECTION

"The fall in Genesis 3 entrenched in our minds dark thoughts of God, thoughts that are only dug out over multiple exposures to the gospel over many years." - Dane Ortlund

III. THE FOREVER OF HESED

"God shows mercy constantly, and never ceases doing so, even if he exercises it in many and varied ways." - John Chrysostom

Takeaway: *Learn hesed, so you can live hesed.*



THE GOSPEL IN

Philippians

If there ever was a clarion call to rejoice because of the gospel, it is Paul's epistle to the Philippians. Writing from his jail cell in Rome, Paul calls the Philippian readers to turn their gaze back to the power and joy of the gospel—and particularly their deep fellowship in it—and away from outward circumstances. By outward appearances, as Paul writes, there is little reason for the Philippian believers to rejoice. Their beloved leader Paul is in jail; they face tremendous opposition from enemies; their church is experiencing rivalry and disunity; one of their key leaders, Epaphroditus, has nearly died twice; and some are subtly teaching confidence in the flesh rather than the cross of Christ. How can they rejoice?

Despite all these circumstances, Paul calls the Philippians to remember the power and joy of the gospel and their secure citizenship in heaven. What matters more than any earthly event is what God is doing as a result of his good news. Because of the gospel, and their unity with Christ in it, the Philippians can stand firm in the face of opposition. Paul himself, remembering his longstanding gospel partnership with the Philippians, rejoices. Seen through the lens of the gospel, his imprisonment and their suffering are actually, counterintuitively, reasons to rejoice. For such hardships, painful as they are, serve to advance the gospel.

Furthermore, the key to retaining proper gospel perspective and avoiding getting caught up in petty conceit and rivalry is to look to Christ himself. If he humbled himself and made himself nothing, and if God has now exalted him above all, how much more should we be willing to humble ourselves as well? Jesus' example sets the model for servant-humility as a normal part of the Christian life. Paul's own life, as well as the lives of Timothy and Epaphroditus, follow Christ's servant-model of prioritizing the gospel above all else. This prizing of the heavenly includes discounting the emphasis on "the flesh" and pressing on to the heavenly prize. Two prime marks of standing firm in the gospel are unity and joy. Paul concludes his letter with further rejoicing and thankfulness for the Philippians' partnership in the gospel.

Several sets of keywords help us trace the emphases in Philippians. The most obvious are words related to joy, which occur twenty times. A second key term in Philippians is fellowship (Greek *koinonia*), translated as "partnership" or "participation", which can relate either to other believers, the gospel of grace, or Christ himself. A third key term is citizenship, which occurs only twice but is strategically placed. A fourth key expression, "in Christ," occurs in some form at least nine times, reflecting the spiritual union that gives us status and resources from the Savior in all of life's circumstances. Finally, of course, are the words for the good news itself: grace, which appears three times and gospel, which occurs nine times. Our union with and unity in Christ are the basis for joyful, humble service—no matter what the circumstances. Paul calls us to stand firm, rejoice, and humbly serve others even as Christ humbly served us through his redemptive work. May we "strain forward" for the prize of citizenship with Christ—whom God has exalted for universal praise!

Announcements

Senior Recognition Sunday: Next Sunday, June 1 we'll be recognizing the seniors from the class of 2025, and the youth band will be leading worship. If your senior would like to participate, please contact [Austin Snively](#).

Get Connected Lunch: Are you new to Redeemer or would you simply like to know more about how to connect to our church? Please join us for our Get Connected Lunch on **June 8 in Covenant Hall following the service!** For food planning & childcare purposes, please let us know you plan to attend by providing a quick RSVP: redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Water Day (Rescheduled): We're excited for **Water Day, Saturday June 21, 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
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