

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.



June 15, 2025 – Trinity Sunday

# Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

### Call to Worship: Psalm 24

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

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

People: For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

# **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.

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

#### Reading of the Law: Colossians 3:16-17

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.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

#### **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.

A Thousand Hallelujahs

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Colossians 2:10-15

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

10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands...

...by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

## **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

Great Things 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.

Denver and Tomi Taylor (communing)

# 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 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.

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

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

Psalm 147

## **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. Amen.

#### **Proclamation of God's Word**

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

1 Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. 6 The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! 8 He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. 9 He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! 13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. 14 He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. 15 He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. 16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. 17 He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? 18 He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow. 19 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules. Praise the Lord!

Pg. 525 (Psalm 147 ESV)

**Resources for Daily Worship**Jonathan Gibson, *Be Thou My Vision*Trevin Wax, *Psalms in 30 Days* 

#### Resources

James M. Boice, *Psalms*John Calvin, *Calvin's Commentaries*Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Spiritual Depression*W. David O. Taylor, *Open and Unafraid* 

**Sermon Series:** The Psalms of Praise **Sermon Title:** The Call to Worship

**Date:** June 15, 2025

**Hook:** What's the difference between an invocation and a call to

worship?

#### I. PRAISE IS GOOD

"It is good to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1)

#### II. PRAISE IS PLEASANT

"Great is the Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the humble" (Psalm 147:5-6)

#### III. PRAISE IS FITTING

"His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." (Psalm 146:10-11)

**Takeaway:** Worship is education (Colossians 3:16).



#### 1 Thessalonians

Paul's letters to the Thessalonians bear witness to the glorious reality that the gospel is "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (see Rom. 1:16). In 1 Thessalonians, Paul cannot stop rejoicing that the gospel came to the Thessalonians in word, in power, and with full conviction by the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 1:5). Paul and his companions labored diligently among the Thessalonians (Acts 17), and by God's grace they could glorify God as they witnessed the steadfast faithfulness of the body of Christ in Thessalonica. The Thessalonians were a congregation who genuinely loved one another as they followed the example of Christ and his apostles, and they lived each day in light of the promised return of Jesus Christ.

As the Thessalonian believers waited, Paul urged them to be steadfast in their faith in Christ, to continue to grow in love for one another, and to remain sexually pure according to God's holy calling. Such living, Paul explained, must be grounded in the daily heart-application of the gospel itself. In this way the Thessalonians would continue to manifest their genuine faith in the resurrected and returning Jesus Christ—living gratefully, prayerfully, and expectantly. The gospel promise is that we who are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in the sinless life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ can eagerly look forward to his return that will come "like a thief in the night" to rescue us and unite us with his loved ones from all the world and from all ages (1 Thess. 4:13–5:11)

#### 2 Thessalonians

Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians is a letter of comfort to those eagerly awaiting the promised return of Jesus Christ. Since receiving Paul's first letter, the Thessalonians' faith in Christ and their love for one another had continued to grow abundantly while they endured affliction for the sake of the gospel. Paul writes to encourage them to remain steadfast in their commitment to the gospel and the doctrine they had learned from the apostles. False prophets had been spreading rumors suggesting that the "day of the Lord" (2 Thess. 2:2; cf. 2 Thess. 1:10) had already come, and Paul writes to set the record straight by providing further details about the events surrounding the second coming of Christ.

Paul also deals with misbehavior that has been a consequence of the Thessalonians' misunderstanding. While awaiting the coming day of the Lord, some of the believers at Thessalonica had become unwilling to work. Paul urges the believers to continue to work and not to grow weary in doing good while waiting in hope for God's impending vengeance against the wicked and his salvation of his chosen people. Just as God called us through the gospel, so he is faithful to his promise to guard us and establish us in every good work until Jesus returns.

#### **Announcements**

Water Day: 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 school students, please mark your calendars for **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.** 

A Praying Church: Join us Friday, September 5, and Saturday, September 6 at Venue 650 to hear Paul E. Miller, author of A Praying Life and A Praying Church, give us a vision for and practical experience in praying as a community. Together, we'll look at praying communities through the ages and into today and discover what—or who—makes them work. The cost is \$25, and you can register at rebrand.ly/apc\_wh.

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.



**2025 GOAL:** \$50,000 **RECEIVED:** \$5,685