

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 22, 2025 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

# 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: Revelation 5

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

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

People: For you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom, and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Leader: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might. Forever and ever. Amen.

# **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.

Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

## Reading of the Law: Exodus 19:4-6; 1 Peter 2:9

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.

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

# **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:** Hebrews 3:1; 4:14-16; 7:26-27

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 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession...

...14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

## **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

All Creatures Of Our God And King Before The Throne Of God Above

### **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).

Walton Douglas Fowler

## 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 148-150

## **Song of Response & Sending**

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

### Behold Our God

### **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

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

## Resources

Christopher Ash, **Psalms**James M. Boice, **Psalms**Reggie Kidd, **With One Voice**Stefan Paas, **Pilgrims and Priests** 

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

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#### 148:1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! 3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. 6 And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, 8 fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the Lord!

### 149:1 Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! 3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, 8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, 9 to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the Lord!

#### 150:1 Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Sermon Series: The Psalms of Praise

Sermon Title: All Creatures of our God and King

**Date:** June 22, 2025

**Hook:** The Bible describes God's people as a "kingdom of priests" (Exod. 19:6; cf. 1 Pet. 2:9). ... When you hear the word priest, what comes to mind?

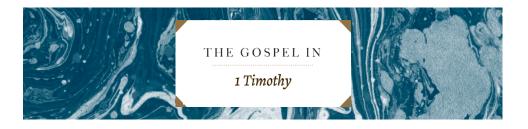
### I. THE HORN

"Psalm 148:14 is the climax of the psalm, for only when a King in David's line is raised up to become the federal head of a new humanity will the whole creation come back into order and sing the glory of God as it ought." – Christoper Ash

### II. THE GODLY

"The church praises God on behalf of a world that does not know God. ... And it will invite others to join in this praise: to offer themselves as a sacrifice to God and glorify him. Before anything else mission is doxological; it is aimed at paying gratitude to God and glorifying him. This is how priests fulfill their task." – Stefan Paas

Takeaway: Sing a NEW song (Ps 149:1).



### Godliness and the Gospel

The thrust of 1 Timothy is that godliness is central to the Christian's continuing in the gospel and the church's proclamation of the gospel. Words relating to "godliness" occur ten times in this short book (1 Tim. 2:2, 10; 3:16; 4:7, 8; 5:4; 6:3, 5, 6, 11), and throughout the letter Paul grounds godly behavior in Christ's gospel. Sadly, those whose behavior is contrary to the gospel of Christ deny the reality of their faith (1 Tim. 1:6, 19–20; 4:1; 5:6, 8, 11–12; 6:9–10). Indeed, personal godliness (Christ-infused godliness) is not only indispensable to perseverance in faithfulness, but absolutely essential to the proclamation of the gospel to the lost world. In a nutshell, the theme of 1 Timothy is Christ-centered godliness for the sake of the gospel.

This gospel theme is explicit in 1 Tim. 2:1–7, where Paul urges that prayers be made for all people so that believers may lead godly lives. He comments, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3–4). Paul follows this declaration of God's gospel heart with consecutive detailed directives for godliness to three groups: women (1 Tim. 2:9–15), overseers (1 Tim. 3:1–7), and deacons (1 Tim. 3:8–13). These instructions are followed by what are the universally acknowledged key verses of the letter (1 Tim. 3:14–16), calling the church to conduct that is radically Christ-centered and Christ-generated—which is to say, gospel-centered godliness.

Chapter 4 begins with a warning against pursuing godliness through man-centered asceticism, which Paul terms the "teaching of demons" (1 Tim. 4:1–5). This is followed by the famous non-ascetic command to Timothy to "train yourself for godliness" and its accompanying array of applications and benefits (1 Tim. 4:7–16). Chapter 5 flows into chapter 6 with directives regarding how the treatment of various groups in the church must be shaped by godliness: older men and women, younger men and women (1 Tim. 5:1–2), widows (1 Tim. 5:3–16), elders (1 Tim. 5:17–25), and masters (1 Tim. 6:1–2). In chapter 6 Paul warns against those who teach a different doctrine that "does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness" (1 Tim. 6:3–5). Godliness and greed are juxtaposed (1 Tim. 6:6–10). Paul closes by exhorting Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." And, in this Christlike spirit, "Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Tim. 6:11–16).

So we see that 1 Timothy is not simply a moralistic manual for church conduct. It is rather a call to Christ-centered, gospel-centered godliness for the sake of the church—and a lost world.

### **Announcements**

**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:** \$5,889