



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.



July 6, 2025 – Fourth 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: Psalm 139

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

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!...For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb....Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it very well.

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.

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Reading of the Law: Numbers 15:37-41

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.

37 The Lord said to Moses, 38 "Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. 39 And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. 40 So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. 41 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord your God."

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: Philippians 3:7-11

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

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
There Is One Gospel

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.

Matthew 10:38-39; Mark 8:34-37;
Luke 9:23-24; John 12:24-33

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q.1

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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.

Nothing But The Blood of Jesus

Mercy Offering: Give online at redeemerwh.org/give

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Jeff Skipper, Air Force Chaplain

Song of Response & Sending

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

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

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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38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Pg. 815 (Matthew 10:38-39 ESV)

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul?

Pg. 844 (Mark 8:34-37 ESV)

23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Pg. 867 (Luke 9:23-24 ESV)

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

Pg. 899 (John 12:24-33 ESV)

Resources

Tara Isabella Burton, ***Self-Made***

Alan Noble, ***You Are Not Your Own***

Carl Trueman, ***Strange New World***

Brian Rosner, ***How To Find Yourself: Why Looking Inward is Not the Answer***

Sermon Series: You Are Not Your Own
Sermon Title: The Myth of the Self-Made Self
Date: July 6, 2025

Hook: *Friday was July 4th. ... What is true freedom?*

I. LOSING YOURSELF

"People today believe that when you are figuring out how to lead your life, the most important answers are found deep within." – David Brooks

II. FINDING YOURSELF

"Christianity restores an excellent enlargement, extensiveness and liberality (freedom) to the soul." – Jonathan Edwards

Takeaway: *You are not your own!*

MISSION FUND

Missions Moment: Jeff Skipper, Air Force Chaplain



Jeff Skipper is a former pastor and church planter at Redeemer. He served here from 2013 until 2021 when he became a chaplain in the United States Air Force.

He's married to Marissa and they have 3 boys: Jonathan, Isaac, & Brooks. They currently live in North Carolina and are stationed at Pope AAF.

The Missions Fund also supports the following groups:

Global Missionaries:

- Scruggs Family (London - Serge)
- Neal W. (Central Asia - Mission to the World)

National & Community Support:

- Reformed University Fellowship (FSU) - Kelly Jackson - Campus Minister
- Reformed University Fellowship (FSU) - Victoria Wallenstein - Campus Staff
- Reformed University Fellowship (USF) - Aldo Mondin - Campus Minister
- Chaplain Jeff Skipper
- Southland Student Camps
- LifeChoice Pregnancy Center
- Heart for Winter Haven
- Faith Xtreme
- Habitat for Humanity (Faith Build)
- Elbert Elementary School
- Eagle Lake Community Baseball
- Optimist Annual Santa Fun Run
- RWH: Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child
- RWH: Foster Care & Adoption Fund
- RWH: Youth/College Missions Fund

To give to the Mission Fund, please write "Mission Fund" in check memo or give online at: redeemerwh.org/mission

Announcements

Kid's Bowling: Our children's ministry is having a Bowling Day, **Saturday, July 12, from 12:30-2pm at Incredibowl (formerly Cypress Lanes)**. Pizza and drinks will be provided, but please bring socks. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please RSVP at redeemer.org/bowl.

BUILD: BUILD is a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and get trained in our gospel tools. We will meet weekly on Wednesday nights **August 6th through 27th**. **Dinner begins at 5:30pm, classes begin at 6:30pm.**

- 0-3 yrs | Childcare
- Infants-PreK | Catechism
- K-5th Grade | Catechism
- Youth | Youth Group
- Adults | Gospel Tools & Membership Course

Membership Course: Redeemer's membership course is divided into four parts, corresponding to the parts of our theological vision – Gospel, City, Movement – and our membership vows. The classes will be **Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm (Aug 6 through 27) as a part of BUILD**. If you are unable to attend every class there will be an opportunity to makeup the missed material. Please sign up online if you are interested in participating- the class is capped at 14 people. redeemerwh.org/membership.

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
RECEIVED: \$5,940

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