



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 20, 2025 – Sixth 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: Isaiah 61:1-4

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

Leader: Hear the good news! The binding up of broken hearts. Freedom for captives. The opening of prison doors to those who are bound. The year of the Lord's favor. Comfort for those who mourn. Beauty for ashes. Praise instead of a faint spirit.

People: O Lord, make us oaks of righteousness. The planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified... And we shall build up the ancient ruins. Raise up the former devastations. Repair the ruined cities.

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 Ye Sinners

Reading of the Law: Ephesians 4:1-8

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.

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

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.

Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 4:32-5:2

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

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

The Church's One Foundation
Reign In Us

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.

Evan & Sara Scott
Levi, Gage, & Madeline Scott

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).

Gage Scott
Madeline Scott

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.

Ephesians 2:19-22
Romans 12:3-8
1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13

Song of Response & Sending

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

Gentle and Lowly
O Church Arise

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

Proclamation of God's Word

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

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Pg. 976 (Ephesians 2:19-22 ESV)

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Pg. 948 (Romans 12:3-8 ESV)

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Pg. 959 (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13 ESV)

Resources

David Brooks, *The Second Mountain*

Brad Edwards, *The Reason for Church*

Yuval Levin, *Time to Build*

Mark Sayers, *Platforms to Pillars*

Sermon Series: You Are Not Your Own
Sermon Title: The Tyranny of the Individual Self
Date: July 20, 2025

Hook: *What are you committed to?*

I. THE TEMPLE

"Institutions are the durable forms of our common life. They are the frameworks and structures of what we do together... The notions that we are formed by institutions runs against the grain of how we think about personal freedom, justice, choice, and many other things we care about. They form us by mediating between each of us and all of us, so our need for them suggests we need formation and mediation – and we would prefer to think we do not." – Yuval Levin

II. THE BODY

"A worldview that focuses on self-interest doesn't account for the full amplitude of the human person. ... Individualism says, the main activities of life are buying and selling. But you say, No, the main activity of life is giving. Human being at their best are givers of gifts." – David Brooks

Takeaway: *Church is a mold, not a platform.*



THE GOSPEL IN

John

John's Gospel is written not just to inform our minds but to inflame our hearts. Think of John's Gospel not so much as a book but as a destination. John is a tour guide of the gospel. He says to us, his readers, "You've got to see Jesus for yourself. There's so much more to Jesus, and what he's done for you, than you can possibly imagine or even hope."

Indeed, John didn't write merely to communicate trustworthy data (which he did), but to generate transforming doxology (which he does). As we meet Jesus in the text, John anticipates we will respond like the Samaritan woman whose story he shares with us: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" To see Jesus in John's Gospel is to discover Christ and, consequently, to be changed forever.

John speaks from a firsthand encounter with Jesus. He doesn't just tell about the One who came from "the Father's side" he writes as one who felt close enough to Jesus to rest his own head against Jesus' side. This beloved disciple wants us to discover what he discovered—that from Jesus' fullness we receive "grace upon grace".

From his prologue to his epilogue, John sets out to answer two primary questions: "Who is Jesus?" and "What has Jesus come into this world to accomplish?" John fixes our eyes on Jesus himself, the very embodiment of the gospel. John begins his Gospel heralding the advent of the new creation story—positioning Jesus as the principal character and carrier of the whole narrative.

Who is Jesus? He is the promised Messiah. Why did he come? Jesus has come to give us life—abundant life, eternal life, the life of "the age to come." The gospel of God's grace is so much more than a story about life after death. It is also a story about life before death—how through Jesus' death and resurrection the kingdom of God has already arrived and has restored fallen creatures, and the fallen creation, to their right relationship with the Lord of life. And one day this kingdom will arrive in fullness, eradicating all remaining sin and sadness. With John, we will discover that there's not more than the gospel to bring fulfillment to our lives, just more of the gospel.

From *The Gospel Transformation Bible*,
"The Gospel in John"

Announcements

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 | Childcare
- 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- **capacity is limited to 14 people.** redeemerwh.org/membership.

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.

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.

MISSION
FUND

2025 GOAL: \$50,000
RECEIVED: \$6,150

redeemerwinterhaven.org | (863) 298-9849
Mobile App: redeemerwh.org/app | facebook.com/redeemerwh