



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 27, 2025 – Seventh 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 95:1-7

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

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

This Is My Father's World

Reading of the Law: Hebrews 10:19-25

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 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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 2:12-19

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

12 Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 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.

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

Help Us See Christ
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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.

Cody & Autumn Moyer (*communing*)
Jack & Reed Moyer (*communing*)
Sofia Moyer (*non-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.

Genesis 1:26-27; 3:2-6
Romans 12:1-2

Song of Response & Sending

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

Living Hope

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

There is a prayer team available following the worship service for anyone in need of prayer.

Proclamation of God's Word

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26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Pg. 1 (Genesis 1:26-27 ESV)

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Pg. 2 (Genesis 3:2-7 ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Pg. 947 (Romans 12:1-2 ESV)

Resources

Jonathan Haidt, *The Anxious Generation*

Felicia Wu Song, *Restless Devices*

Samuel James, *Digital Liturgies*

Justin W. Earley, *The Common Rule*

Sermon Series: You Are Not Your Own

Sermon Title: The Technological Self

Date: July 27, 2025

I. TECHNOLOGICAL FLOURISHING?

"The digital liturgies of the web and social media train us to invest ultimate authority in our own stories and experiences as they separate us from the objective givenness of the world." - Samuel James

II. TRUE HUMAN FLOURISHING

True Human flourishing is only available through communion with God [and is] only experienced through faithful, whole person discipleship to Jesus, which situates us into God's community. - Chad Pennington

III. TECH-WISE LIVING

"We were made for presence, but so often our phones are the cause of our absence. To be two places at once, is to be no place at all." - Justin W. Earley



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

Communion Next Week: As we prepare our hearts for corporate worship next Sunday, be reminded that we will participate in the sacrament of Communion.

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 make up 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.

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