



REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

*"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*

Psalm 46:10 (ESV)



September 6, 2026 — Fifteenth 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: Micah 7:18-19

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

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression?

People: He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

Leader: You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness and steadfast love to your people.

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.

God Is For Us

Reading of the Law: Colossians 3:12-14

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.

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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: 1 John 2:1-2

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

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

His Mercy Is More
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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 first 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught this prayer to guide His people in how to pray (Gospel of Matthew 6:9–13). When we pray it together, we address God as our Father, ask for His kingdom to come, depend on Him for daily provision, seek forgiveness, and look to Him for strength to walk in faithfulness.

Proclamation of God's Word

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

John 7:53–8:11

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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Heart For Winter Haven

Song of Response & Sending

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

Before The Throne Of God Above

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.

Sermon Series: We Have Seen His Glory

Sermon Title: The Advocate

Date: September 6, 2026

Hook: *How immune are you to "cancel culture"?*

I. THE PERSON OF JESUS

"The sins of those who belong to God open the floodgates of his heart of compassion for us. The dam breaks. It is not our loveliness that wins his love. It is our unloveliness." – Dane Ortlund

II. THE POWER OF JESUS

"Compassion is a spirituality of meat, not milk; of adults, not children; of love, not masochism; of justice, not philanthropy. It requires maturity, a big heart, a willingness to risk, and imagination." – Matthew Fox

Takeaway: *Sin no more!*

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7:53 They went each to his own house,

8:1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

John 7:53-8:11 (ESV)

Resources

D.A. Carson, ***The Intolerance of Tolerance***

Jonathan Edwards, ***Charity and Its Fruits***

Brennan Manning, ***The Relentless Tenderness of Jesus***

Dane Ortland, ***Gentle and Lowly***

Discussion Questions

1. How does Jesus' response to the woman challenge the way we often think about justice, mercy, shame, and accountability?
2. Where do you see "canceling" instincts in your own heart—toward public figures, people in your community, family members, or even yourself? How does the compassion of Jesus confront that instinct?
3. Micah 7:18–19 says God "delights in steadfast love" and casts our sins into the depths of the sea. How does that image deepen your understanding of Jesus' words, "Neither do I condemn you"? What makes this hard to believe personally?
4. Colossians 3:12–14 calls Christians to put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love. Which of these qualities do you most need Jesus to grow in you right now? How might practicing it change the way you respond to someone caught in sin?
5. Jesus ends by saying, "Go, and from now on sin no more." Why is it important that this command comes after his mercy, not before it? How does grace empower real repentance rather than excuse sin?

Announcements

Growing Deep for Greater Reach: We've entered the public phase of our campaign, and we're asking everyone to prayerfully consider making a gift or three-year commitment. Remember to return your commitment cards so we can wisely discern our next steps; commitment cards are available Sundays, or you can complete the commitment form online. redeemerwh.org/campaign

BUILD: BUILD is a time to gather as a church family, share a meal, and get trained in our gospel tools. **BUILD concludes this Wednesday, September 9.** Dinner begins at 5:30pm, classes begin at 6:30pm.

Women's Bible Study: Ladies, this fall we will meet **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am (September 3 through November 19)** in the Lakes Room. The study is based on *Colossians: Fullness of Life in Christ* by Lydia Brownback. Childcare is available.

The study will also be available **via Zoom on Monday nights (beginning September 7).** Contact Sally Goodwill to be included: sallyg1110@aol.com.

MOTS: MOTS is a welcoming, faith-filled community for moms with children from birth through kindergarten to find connection, encouragement, and purpose through motherhood. **MOTS meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9:30-11:30am (September through May)** in the Lakes Room.

Hearing Assistance: If you are in need of hearing assistance during the service, please join our "Redeemer Guest" Wifi and download the Listen Wifi App at redeemerwh.org/listen.

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 | Mandate

Sending leaders for a Gospel Movement in the City

Our Values | Motives

Gospel centrality | *calling sinners and the "righteous" to repentance*

Gracious community | *making Redeemer a safe place for sinners*

Earnest spirituality | *grace is opposed to earning but not effort*

Institutional integrity | *building trust for formative belonging through excellence*

Side-by-side ministry | *equipping the saints for the works of ministry*

Sending capacity | *growing through multiplication*

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