



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 13, 2026 — Sixteenth 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 56:10-13

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

Leader: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise.

People: In God I trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Leader: I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

People: For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression?

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.

Doxology (Romans 11)

Reading of the Law: Ephesians 5:8-14

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.

8 For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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 1:5-9

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

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Be Thou My Vision
His Glory and My Good

Campaign Update

Matte Diaz & Drew Bennett

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.

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 8.12–20, 25–30

Song of Response & Sending

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

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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 Light of the World

Date: September 13, 2026

Hook: *Fill in the blank: "Nothing good happens after _____ (an hour of the day)."*

I. LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"He is the radiance of the glory of God..." (Hebrews 1:3)

II. GROPING IN THE DARK

"This is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light..." (John 3:19)

III. THE LIGHT OF LIFE

"Jesus walks with us even into and through the shadow of death, where no other companion can go. He is a Light for us when all other lights go out." - Tim Keller, "Hidden Christmas"

Takeaway: *Walk in the Light!*

Proclamation of God's Word

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

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." 19 They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." 20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

25 So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. 26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." 27 They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

John 8:12-20, 25-30 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. There's a popular saying: "Nothing good happens after ____." Why do you think darkness is so often associated with danger, secrecy, fear, or foolishness? Where do you see that connection in Scripture?
2. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" in John 8:12. What does this title reveal about who Jesus is? How does Hebrews 1:3 deepen our understanding of Jesus as the "radiance of the glory of God"?
3. John 3:19 says that people "loved the darkness rather than the light." Why do we sometimes prefer hiding in darkness rather than coming into the light? What are some ways this shows up in everyday life?
4. Read 1 John 1:5-9. What does it mean to "walk in the light"? How is walking in the light different from pretending we have no sin?
5. Tim Keller says Jesus is "a Light for us when all other lights go out." Where do you need the light of Christ right now- guidance, comfort, conviction, hope, or courage? What would it look like this week to "walk in the Light"?

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

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 is also be available **via Zoom on Monday nights**. 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. Contact Debbi Crosby: **863-604-4091**

Groups Sign-up: Take the next step in growing in faith and building meaningful relationships at Redeemer. Find a place to grow, connect with others, and walk together in the life of faith. redeemerwh.org/groups

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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2026 GOAL: \$50,000

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