



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!"*

Psalms 46:10 (ESV)



WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

The gospel of John

September 27, 2026 — Eighteenth 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 Psalm 118:24-29

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

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

People: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

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.

Only A Holy God

Reading of the Law: Romans 13:11-14

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.

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.

Sing to Jesus

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 1:67-79

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

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying...

...68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, 70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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

King Of Kings
Help Us See Christ

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.

Carl & Joyce McCollum
Rob & Dawn McCollum
Morgan McCollum
Mia McCollum
Margo McCollum

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 9:1-17, 24-25, 34-41

Song of Response & Sending

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

Is He Worthy?

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.

Communion Sunday

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

Sermon Series: We Have Seen His Glory

Sermon Title: The Dayspring

Date: September 27, 2026

Hook: *If God is good, why is there so much suffering in the world?*

I. MORNING LIGHT

"This is the storm before the calm. This is the pain before the balm. It's the cold before the warm. These are the tears before the song. This is the dark- and sometimes all I see is darkness. Can't you feel the darkness? It is the dark before the dawn." – Andrew Peterson

II. SPIRITUAL SIGHT

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." – C.S. Lewis

Takeaway: *The question to ask of suffering is not, "Why?" It is, "How long?"*

Proclamation of God's Word

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

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

34 They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

Discussion Questions

1. John 9 begins with a man born blind and the disciples asking, "Who sinned?" Where do you see a tendency in yourself to interpret suffering mainly through a) guilt (it's your fault) or b) anger (it's someone else's fault)? How does Jesus redirect our understanding of suffering in this passage?
2. Romans 13:11-14 calls us to "wake from sleep" and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." What are some signs of spiritual sleepiness or darkness in your own life? What would it look like this week to walk more fully in the light of Christ?
3. In John 9, the blind man gains physical and spiritual sight, while the Pharisees remain spiritually blind. What makes spiritual blindness so dangerous, especially for religious people? How can we remain humble and open to the work of Jesus?
4. C.S. Lewis said, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." How has faith in Christ changed the way you see yourself, suffering, sin, other people, or God? Where do you need Jesus to help you "see" more clearly?

Resources

D.A. Carson, *John*

Kelly Kapic, *Embodied Hope*

Tim Keller, *Walking with God through Suffering*

Tim Keller, *"The Problem of Pain" sermon*

Announcements

Growing Deep for Greater Reach: Thank you for your incredible generosity and continued prayers! Commitments and gifts are still being received as we look toward our **November 15th dedication**. 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 (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 available **via Zoom on Monday nights**. Contact Sally Goodwill to be included: sallyg1110@aol.com.

Smart Giving Workshop: At this workshop, Tim Townsend, President of the PCA Foundation will provide an introduction to estate planning concepts and tools, and show participants how to maximize how much they can give for Kingdom impact by employing tax efficient giving strategies. **Thursday, October 1, 6-8pm.** redeemerwh.org/workshop

Women's Event: Art for the Heart, Thursday October 8, from 6-8pm in the Lakes Room. Join us for a night of friendship and working side by side in an interactive, simple, relaxing art workshop. We'll connect with our hearts, to each other, and our Savior as we make a collage project together. Drinks and snacks included. redeemerwh.org/art

Men's Night: Back by popular demand...BBQ Competition! Saturday, **October 17, from 5-8pm at Jack Brown's Seaplane Base**. Bring your best BBQ dish for a friendly - yet serious! - competition. There will be plenty to go around, so you don't need to bring anything. And don't worry, college football will be on TV. redeemerwh.org/bbq

Lake Room Setup Volunteers Needed: We are looking for a few volunteers to help prepare the Lakes Room on Sunday mornings. Setup takes about 5-10 minutes and includes a few basic technology and room setup tasks. A checklist and training will be provided. Contact Brad Scholten: bradleyscholten@gmail.com

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

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