



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)



October 4, 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 100

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 43:1-5

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 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with 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: John 3:16-18

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

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son 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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
His Glory And My Good

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

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John 10:1-10

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 Pontus 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 God 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.

Jesus Thank You

Mercy Offering: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

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Song of Response & Sending

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

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

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 Door

Date: October 4, 2026

Hook: *Why do we decorate our front doors?*

I. BEING OUTSIDE

"Our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation." - C.S. Lewis

II. THE WAY IN

"The door to the ark was wide enough to admit the largest beasts as well as the tiniest animals, and the door into God's mercy is wide enough to let in the greatest sinner as well as the more refined moralist." - Charles Spurgeon

III. THE PASTURE

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." - John 10:10

Takeaway: *Make hearing His voice a habit!*

Proclamation of God's Word

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

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:1-10 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. C.S. Lewis says our desire to be “inside” is “the truest index of our real situation.” What are some “doors” people try to enter through in order to find belonging, safety, or meaning? How are those different from entering through Christ?
2. Which is harder for you to believe: that Jesus welcomes truly sinful people, or that moral/religious people still need to enter through Him? Why?
3. What voices compete most strongly with Jesus’ voice in your daily life? What habits help you recognize and trust His voice more clearly?
4. What is one practical step you could take this week to listen to Jesus more intentionally—through Scripture, prayer, worship, community, or obedience?

Resources

Thomas Wilcox, *Honey From the Rock*

David Gibson, *The Lord of Psalm 23*

Dane Ortland, *Gentle and Lowly*

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

Person of Jesus Study: We're excited to begin TWO weekly Person of Jesus studies on **Wednesday nights at 6:30pm (Oct 7 through Nov 18) and Sunday mornings at 9am (Oct 11 through Nov 22) in the Ridge Room**. This will be a co-ed study open to anyone.

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

Get Connected Lunch: Are you new to Redeemer or would you simply like to know more about how to connect to our church? Please join us after the service for our **Get Connected Lunch next Sunday, October 11, in the Cypress Room!** Food & childcare are provided; please let us know if you plan to attend. redeemerwh.org/rsvp

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

Renew Polk: Renew Polk will gather for a combined worship service on **Sunday, October 25, at 5:30pm at The King's Church, located on the campus of Geneva Classical Academy (1736 New Jersey Rd)**. This evening is an opportunity to hear updates on how God is moving in and through our church network and church plants while also praying for the gospel to continue to bear fruit in our area.

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.

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.

Newsletter: 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).

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