



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 18, 2026 — Twenty-first 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: Isaiah 25:7-9

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

Leader: On this mountain, he will swallow up the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ... It will be said on that day,

People: Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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 Amazing Grace

Reading of the Law: Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 5:12

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.

2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."...

5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

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.

Just As I Am (I Come Broken)

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 4:6-18

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

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us...

...8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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 Still My Soul
In Christ Alone

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 11:1-44

Song of Response & Sending

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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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 Resurrection & the Life
Date: October 18, 2026

Hook: *How has death touched your life?*

I. THE SIGN

"Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing." – Frederick Buechner

II. THE GLORY

"What John does for us in this particular statement is to uncover to us the heart of Jesus, as he wins for us our salvation. Not in cold unconcern, but in flaming wrath against the foe, Jesus smites on our behalf. He not only saved us from the evils which oppress us; he has felt for and with us in our oppression, and under the impulse of these feelings has wrought out our redemption." – B.B. Warfield

Takeaway: *Do you believe this?*

Proclamation of God's Word

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15 and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

John 11:1-44 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. How does the reality of death shape the way you think about God, suffering, hope, and the promises of Scripture?
2. Why is it important to see death not as "natural" or "normal," but as an enemy and intruder in God's good creation?
3. In John 11, Jesus delays before going to Lazarus, yet says the sickness is "for the glory of God." How does this challenge or deepen the way we think about God's timing when he does not act as quickly as we want?
4. Jesus weeps at Lazarus's tomb and is also deeply moved with anger. What does this reveal about Jesus' heart toward our grief, suffering, and death? How does it comfort you that Jesus meets death not with indifference, but with tears and wrath?
5. How does the resurrection of Jesus help us believe that "the worst thing is never the last thing"?

Resources

Tim Keller, ***"Truth, Tears, Anger, and Grace" sermon***

Dane Ortlund, ***Finally Home***

N.T. Wright, ***Surprised by Hope***

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 have TWO weekly Person of Jesus studies on **Wednesday nights at 6:30pm (through Nov 18) and Sunday mornings at 9am (through Nov 22) in the Ridge Room**. These are co-ed groups, open to anyone.

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.

Calling all Kickballers! Redeemer is entering the 4th Annual PBA Kickball Tournament on **Saturday, November 7, at the Diamondplex (999 Ave H NE)**. We're sponsoring two teams and need 20-30 players, ages 13+. Come play or cheer from the stands as we go for another 1st Place Trophy! Contact Brad Scholten at **863-207-7350** or bradley.scholten@gmail.com.

Fall Fest: Please join us for Fall fest & Chili Cook off **Saturday, November 14, at 3pm in the Twelve oaks Neighborhood (879 Twin Oaks Ln)**. We'll have inflatables, face painting, and a hayride for the kids. We'll also have yard games, and of course, lots of chili! To sign up please visit redeemerwh.org/chili

The Commons: Our young singles group is going to the Harvest Holler Corn Maze on **Saturday, October 24 (carpool/caravan from Redeemer at 4:30pm)**. The cost to attend is \$17.

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).

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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