



January 13, 2019 – First Sunday After Epiphany

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.

EXODUS

THE WONDER OF GRACE



Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time

Ordinary time runs between Epiphany and Lent. 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.

Song of Gathering and Preparation

We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

You Are the Living Word

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30 & Psalm 16:12

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

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Congregation: You are our Lord. Apart from You we have no good thing.

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

Rescue
No Longer Slaves

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:6-7

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.

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...You shall have no other gods before me."

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).

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:15-17

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

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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.

Song 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

There is Power in the Blood
You Made a Way

Announcements & 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.

Proclamation of God's Word

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

Exodus 1:1-11, 13-14; 2:23-25 (see insert)

Song of Response

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

Sovereign Over Us

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. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. 6 Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. 7 But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them...

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them... 13 So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 God saw the people of Israel--and God knew.

Exodus 1:1-11, 13-14; 2:23-25 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. Where does God seem most hidden to you right now?
2. Do you believe that God sees you? Do you believe that your sadness prevails upon His heart? If that is a struggle for you, how does the gospel help you believe that God saves?
3. We said in the sermon that salvation is rescue from serving anything in your life as more important than God. What are you most tempted to serve? How has serving that idol turned you into a slave? How are your idols failing you?
4. Serving anything other than God is slavery. But serving God is freedom. What is true freedom? How does the Bible's definition of freedom collide with our culture's definition of freedom?

Sermon Series: Exodus: The Wonder of Grace

Sermon Title: The Exodus: Our Story

Date: January 13, 2019

I. POWERFUL ABSENCE

God is most active when he is most hidden.

II. POWERFUL DELIVERANCE

Sin is slavery. Salvation is rescue from making anything more important than God.

III. POWERFUL GRACE

There is an ultimate Moses and an ultimate Exodus.

Announcements

Greeting this morning is the **Beatty** Community Group.

Reconciliation Service: We will be joining with Redeemer Southwest for a reconciliation service **at Living Word of Faith Assembly TONIGHT at 5:30pm (122 Avenue Q NW).**

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 20, following the second worship service we will have a congregational meeting for the presentation of the 2019 budget.

Vision Dinner: Vision Dinner is a quarterly event where we share a meal together and reorient ourselves towards our mission. Join us **THIS Wednesday, January 16, at 5:30pm** for our next Vision Dinner. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly: redeemerwh.org/vd.

Renew Polk Worship Service: Sunday, January 27, 5p, Branscomb Auditorium at Florida Southern College, Redeemer and all of our sister churches and core groups in the Renew Polk Network will come together for a joint worship service. Everyone is welcome!

Men's Retreat: Guys, join us **March 1-3** for our Redeemer Men's Retreat. We'll be staying at the FFA Leadership Training Center on Lake Pierce in Haines City. The cost to attend is \$150. Register at redeemerwh.org/mensretreat.

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 Set List: 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/RCCmusic.



GOAL: \$940,000
PLEGGED: \$610,000
RECEIVED: \$150,888.04

Projects Completed: Covenant Hall Roof
Projects in Design: Covenant Hall Restrooms

Grace Abounding is Redeemer's campaign to raise funds for repairs and maintenance to the existing facility. Campaign information is available at graceabounding.org. Print material, including a commitment card, can be found in the foyer. If you have any questions contact the office at **863-298-9849** or terry@redeemerwinterhaven.org. If you haven't had a chance to return your commitment card you can place it in the offering box, send it by mail or fill one out online.

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