



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent



Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

Behold Our God

Call to Worship

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

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. 2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, 5 like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 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. 9 It will be said on that day, "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."

Isaiah 25:1-9 (ESV)

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).

Confession of Sin: "A Cry for Deliverance" from the Valley of Vision

Leader: Heavenly Father, save me entirely from my sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine for likeness to thyself. I am Your child and should bear Your image.

Congregation: Enable me to recognize my death unto sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf unto its voice. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of life.

Leader: Forgive and kill these vices, have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart.

Congregation: When Your blessings come I begin to idolize them, and set my affection on some beloved object – children, friends, wealth, honor; Cleanse this spiritual adultery and give me chastity; close my heart to all but You.

Leader: Let Your victory be apparent to my consciousness, and displayed in my life.

Congregation: Help me to be always devoted, confident, obedient, childlike in my trust of You, to love You with soul, body, mind, and strength; and to love my fellow man as I love myself.

All: Fill me with grace daily. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

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

11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:11-14 (ESV)

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

Come As You Are
Broken Vessels

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.

Romans 5:17-21 *(see insert)*

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.

The Glory of the Cross

Song of Response & Sending

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

Jesus Messiah

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.

Season of the Cross: Purple for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days through Holy Week. It is a reminder of Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of preparation and penitence, as we look ahead with anticipation to His death and resurrection.

Announcements

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

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Our student ministry is hosting a spaghetti lunch & dessert auction following today's service to raise money for camp. A to-go option will be available if you are unable to stay.

Family Fest: Today, we are having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, face painting, and ice cream sundaes. You won't want to miss this!

TEDtalks: Ted Sinn, Directory of The CBR Journal and Training Coordinator for Acts 29 will join us for a four-part *Community Bible Reading* workshop throughout 2018. The first date will be **Thursday, February 22, 6p dinner & 6:30-8:30p workshop**. Mark your calendars for remaining dates: May 17, Aug. 16, & Nov. 15.

Redeemer 101: If you're wanting to learn more about the beliefs, values and practices of Redeemer, join us for this two-part class on **March 11 & 18** following the worship service. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Visit redeemerwh.org/101 if you'd like to sign-up.

Officer Nominations: Next **Sunday, February 25**, we will begin nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Members will be receiving a packet explaining the nomination process and nomination slips. Nominations will last for 3 weeks, ending on **Sunday, March 11**.

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).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We are proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org), a missional partnership of churches, that exists to catalyze funds and resources for PCA church planting in Polk County. The aim of Renew Polk is to see 20 new churches planted in Polk County over the next 20 years.

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemewinterhaven.org or visit our website.

"The purpose of Community Groups is to create a community where Jesus Christ is experienced and mutual ministry is enjoyed."

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