



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent



Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

Grace Alone

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 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: 6 sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:1-10 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: *"Paradoxes"* from the Valley of Vision

Leader: O Changeless God, under the conviction of Your Spirit I learn that the more I do, the worse I am; the more I know, the less I know; the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am...O wretched man that I am.

Congregation: O Lord, I have a wild heart...How little I love Your truth and ways.

Leader: Of all hypocrites, grant that I might not be a (gospel) hypocrite, who sins more safely because grace abounds, who tells his lusts that Christ's blood cleanses them, who loves gospel preaching, churches, Christians, but lives unholily.

Congregation: My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding, no desire for the Lord's Day, always at the gospel-well but never holding water.

Leader: My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with nothing to repent of. My will is without power of decision or resolution. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. My memory has no retention, so I forget easily the lessons learned, and your truths seep away.

Congregation: Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

All: AMEN.

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

As Long As You Are Glorified

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.

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
(Ephesians 2:1-10 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

Upon a Life
No Longer Slaves

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 6:1-11 *(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.

She Must and Shall Go Free

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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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.

Redeemer 101: If you're wanting to learn more about the beliefs, values and practices of Redeemer, or are interested in becoming a member, 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: We have begun the process of nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Nominations will last for 3 weeks, **ending on Sunday, March 11**. While you think and pray about nominations, take some time to re-listen to our series on *Leadership in the Church* (redeemerwh.org/officers). You can also submit an online nomination at: redeemerwh.org/nominations. You can place your nomination slips in the marked box in the foyer.

Men's Breakfast: Guys, join us **NEXT Saturday, March 3 at 7:30am** in Covenant Hall for a Men's Breakfast. This is a quarterly gathering where we will enjoy a meal, read and interact with the CBR passage for the day, and hopefully foster deeper friendships among the men of Redeemer. Please make plans to attend this breakfast and invite some friends!

Day of Service: Elbert Elementary is one of our neighbors whom we love and serve! Join us on **Saturday, March 17, from 8:30-Noon** for a day of service. We will be working outside helping to take care of the school grounds. If you can't stay for the full time, come while you can. Please bring any extra tools you have on hand: gloves, rakes, shovels, etc. Contact Brandon Lutz at brandon@redeemerwinterhaven.org if you have any questions.

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@redeemerwinterhaven.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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