



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH

March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday of Lent



Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

King of Love

Call to Worship

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

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:31-36 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: *"Crucifixion & Resurrection"* from the Valley of Vision

Leader: O Lord, I marvel that You should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. The tomb calls for my adoring wonder, for it is empty and You are risen.

Congregation: Give me to die with You that I might rise to newness of life; for I wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world.

Leader: O Lord, there is much ill about me – crucify it, much flesh within me – mortify it.

Congregation: Let me reckon my old life dead because of crucifixion, and never feed it as a living thing...Never let me wander from the path of obedience to Your will.

Leader: Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to Your mind.

Congregation: Grant me more and more of the resurrected life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power and be strengthened by its influence.

All: AMEN.

Song of Repentance

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

Upon a Life

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.

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36:25-27 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

No Longer Slaves
Once for All

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

Children through kindergarten 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 6:12-23 *(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 are the **Hassett and Daniel/Reynolds** Community Groups.

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 **end 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.

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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