



# REDEEMER

## CITY CHURCH



*April 8, 2018 – Second Sunday of Eastertide*

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### **Season of the Cross:** White & Gold for Eastertide

*All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making Easter the most celebrative day of the church year. Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide – the season leading up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.*

## Songs of Gathering and Preparation

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

O Help My Unbelief  
The Lion and the Lamb

## Call to Worship

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

### **Congregation: 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? (Jeremiah 17:9 ESV)**

Leader: [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. [28] You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:25-27 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).*

## Song of Repentance

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

Thank You, Jesus

## 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.*

[15] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, [17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. [18] "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. [21] Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." (John 14:15-21 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*

Reckless Love  
Good and Gracious King

## **Resurrection Story**

*The resurrection of Christ is not just something to believe in; it's something to be lived*

## **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 8:12-17 (see insert)

## **Song of Response & Sending**

*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.*

No Longer Slaves  
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

## **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.

*(There is no offering taken during the service. An offering box is located at the front and the back of the sanctuary.)*

## Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **Lutz/Pruitt** and **Portlock** Community Groups.

**Vision Dinner:** Our next Vision Dinner will be **THIS Wednesday, April 11 at 5:30pm.** As always, childcare and dinner will be provided. You can quickly RSVP online at [redeemerwh.org/vd](http://redeemerwh.org/vd).

**Heart for Winter Haven Golf Tournament:** There is still time to sign up for the 3rd annual H4WH Golf Tournament on **Monday, April 16,** at the Country Club of Winter Haven. All tournament participants are also invited to a pre-tournament party at the Grove Roots' Packing House on **Friday, April 13 at 6p.** There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available. We're also looking for donations towards prizes and raffle items. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like more information on how to help, please contact **Joe Ragsdale or Brad Beatty.** Visit [heart4wh.org/golf](http://heart4wh.org/golf) for more details and registration.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](http://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](http://redeemerwh.org/app)).

## Our Mission

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

## Church Planting

Church Planting One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk ([renewpolk.org](http://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](mailto:jonathan@redeemerwinterhaven.org) or visit our website.

*Redeemer City is looped for the hearing impaired. For anyone using a hearing device and desiring information about this technology please contact Connie in the church office.*