



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH



April 22, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

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.

This is Amazing Grace

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 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you--you are my God. 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me. 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. 11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. (Psalm 86:1-11 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.

Be Thou My Vision

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.

12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. 13 For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. 14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant. 17 Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me. (Psalm 86:12-17 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

Rescue
Lord, I Need You

Resurrection Story – Sebastian & Janet Turley

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 8:22-30 *(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.

By Thy Mercy
Come Thou Fount

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.

Announcements

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

Send Off for the Savants: Our Mission Team invites you to make plans to stay after the service on **Sunday, April 29**, as we have a dessert shower "Send Off" for Wade and Aly Savant. The Savants will be moving to Prague, Czech Republic, where Wade will serve as Assistant Pastor at Faith Community Church, assisting in areas of preaching, discipleship, counseling, outreach and evangelism. Aly hopes to counsel and disciple Czech and expatriate women and serve the community at Faith as they seek to share the Gospel of Jesus to the people in Prague. *If you were thinking of giving a gift, to help them on their way, a gift of cash towards a car, would really make their day.*

TEDtalk: Ted Sinn, Director of the CBR Journal, will be joining us again on **Thursday, May 17**, for another CBR Workshop. The theme for this meeting is "Expectation" -- *to the extent we believe the New Testament understanding for the Old Testament, we experience expectation instead of trepidation and delight instead of discouragement when reading the OT.* We will have **dinner at 6p with the workshop following from 6:30-8:30p.** You can listen to our first workshop "Surrender" on our website and app, redeemerwh.org/surrender.

Quarterly Contribution Reports: First quarter contribution reports were mailed on Friday, April 13. If you have given to Redeemer in 2018, you should have received your report in the mail. If you did not receive your report, please contact **Connie Lear** at **863-298-9849** or connie@redeemerwinterhaven.org.

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

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), 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.

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