



REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH



GOSPEL CITY MOVEMENT

April 29, 2018 – Fifth 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.

God is Able

Call to Worship

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

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:13-26 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.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15 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

The Church's One Foundation
Broken Vessels

Resurrection Story – Wade & Aly Savant

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

Commissioning

We will pray for Wade & Aly Savant, as we send them to Prague, Czech Republic. We are so excited for the work God is calling the Savants to in Prague.

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.

1 Corinthians 9:1-7, 15-23 (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.

This I Believe (The Creed)
Let Your Kingdom Come

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 **TODAY** 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.*

TEDtalks: 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.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 6, immediately following the worship service in the sanctuary there will be a congregational meeting. Members please make arrangements to attend this meeting.

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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